

APPENDIX I

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Title of the Topic:- "An Inquiry into Reading Interests of
Pupils of Stds. VIII to X in Relation
to Intelligence, S.E.S. and Academic
Achievement"

Bio-data of Pupils:

Name of the School:

Name of the Pupil:

Age: Sex: Date: Std.

Dear Pupils,

Given inside are some questions regarding your interest in reading various kinds of reading materials, and you are requested to give your opinions on them sincerely and honestly, so that your actual reading interest can be measured properly. This may help you, your parents, teachers and school librarian to acquire books and magazine of your interest. Please note that this is not a "test" and in no way shall be considered by your teachers in internal assessment. Your name and answer will be kept strictly confidential and will be used for research purpose undertaken by the investigator.

Thanking you,

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PART I

Please give response to the following statements by tickmarking (✓) under any one of the three columns (Agree, Uncertain, Disagree) that best describes your feeling towards reading.

Statements	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree
1. Reading book is a good hobby.			
2. One should read only when one is compelled to read.			
3. Reading is for learning.			
4. Money spent on book is worth spent.			
5. Reading helps in language development.			
6. I dislike reading when it is forced upon me.			
7. Doing other work is more profitable than reading.			
8. I read very fast.			
9. One can get mental happiness through reading books.			
10. Reading broaden one's ideas.			
11. It is time wasting to just sit and read for several hours.			
12. Reading makes a person self-confident.			
13. There are very few interesting things to read.			
14. Reading is boring.			
15. Reading keeps one well-informed.			

Statements	Agree	Uncer- tain	Dis- agree
16. While reading I find it difficult to concentrate my mind on the subject matter.			
17. Reading is difficult because of the hard words used by the writers.			
18. Reading improves one's vocabulary.			
19. One seldom gets new ideas from reading.			
20. Reading is an exciting experiences.			
21. Once I start a book to read I always complete it.			
22. Books need not be read except for academic requirements.			
23. Reading stimulates thinking.			
24. I take long time to read anything.			
25. Nothing interest me like reading a book of my choice.			

PART II

- Q. 1 When you are free to spend your leisure time as you like, which of the following activities you will prefer to do? Please rank according to your preference by putting No. (1) in the margin to the first choice, (2) to the second, (3) to the third and so on.

Leisure Time Activities:

- () Games and Sports.
- () Outing.
- () Going to a movie.

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- () Reading a book of your choice.
- () Gossiping.
- () Playing cards and other indoor games.
- () Sitting idly and day dreaming.
- () Doing household work.
- () Gardening.
- () Sleeping or lying quietly.
- () Engaging in some hobby.
- () Listening to Radio.
- () Visiting friends or neighbours.
- () Enjoying T. V. programmes.
- () Doing creative work like writing articles, story, poems, etc.
- () Doing embroidery, knitting, sewing, etc.
- () Singing, dancing, etc.
- () Any other (Suggest any activity).

Q. 2 Please give your response by tickmarking (✓) under any one of the column that suits you best:

To a large extent	To some extent	Not at all
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To what extent would you like to read extra books other than text-books?

Q.3(a) Supposing you own a library what types of books from the following list would you like to have in it? (Put No. (1) to your first choice, No.(2) to the second, and so on.)

Types of Books:

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| () Story books | () General knowledge books |
| () Novels | () Books on poetry |
| () Comic books | () Books on religion |
| () Biography | () Books on Art and Music |
| () Autobiography | () Books on Astrology |
| () Drama | () Books on Astronomy |
| () Encyclopaedia | () Books on Palmistry |
| () Science books | () Books on Sex sciences |
| () Essays and letters | () Do it yourself series |
| () Career books | () Any other (Please suggest) |

Q.3(b) Tickmark (✓) under the column which best describes your feeling towards reading the kind of stories, novels, plays, biographies, poems, etc.

Types of Stories	Like very much	Like a little	Dislike
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Fairy tales

Animal stories

Air stories

Stories on home life

Detective stories

Fictions

Folk tales

Love stories

 Like very Like a Dis-
 much little like

Ghost stories

Crime stories

Travel stories

Any others -----

 Types of Novels Like very Like a Dis-
 much little like

Romantic novels

Action novels

Descriptive novels

Historical novels

Social novels

Satirical novels

Mythological novels

Any others

 Types of Plays

Historical

Social

Political

Romantic

Abstract

Action

 Types of Plays

Like very Like a Dis-
 much little like

Mythological

Poetic Drama

Satirical

One-act play

Monologue

Dialogue

Radio, T.V. plays

Any other ----

 Types of Biographies

Like very Like a Dis-
 much little like

Biographies of men

Biographies of women

Biographies of scientists

Biographies of writers

Biographies of social leader

Biographies of political leader

Biographies of sports men

Biographies of film stars

Biographies of great artist

Any other ----

Types of Poems	Like very much	Like a little	Dis- like
Modern's poems			
Mystic poems			
Patriotic poems			
Religious poems			
Rhythmic poems			
Mythological poems			
Any other -----			

Q.4(a) Answer by putting mark in any of the column that best describes your newspaper reading habit:-

Daily	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

I like to read news-
paper:

Q.4(b) While reading newspaper which of the following news items you enjoy more? (Put (X) by the items you enjoy more. Put (XX) by the one you enjoy the most.

News Items:

International news	()	Advertisements	()
National news	()	Cross-word puzzle	()
Local news	()	News of business	()
Current news	()	News on movie, art, plays	()
Adventure and crime news	()	Comic section	()

Sports news	()	Astrological section	()
Political news	()	Articles	()
Educational news	()	Letters to Editor	()
Editorial	()	Any other -----	()

Q.5(a) Please / mark under the column that best describes your habit of reading journal.

Regular- ly	Most of the time	Some- time	Never
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I would like to read
journals

Q.5(b) Please put a (X) against the types of journals you like to read at home or in school library. Put (XX) against the one you enjoy the most.

Sports journals	()	Religious magazines	()
Film journals	()	Women's magazines	()
Science journals	()	Hobby magazines	()
Children's journals	()	Magazines on literature	()
Comic and humorous journals	()	Magazines on Art and Music	()
Journals on Education	()	Journals on Astrology	()
		Any others:-----	()

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- Q. 6 Please give your reactions to the following questions as directed:
- (a) Do you like to read Comics? Yes/No
- (b) If yes, state at least three reasons to show "Why you like comics"?
- (i) _____
- (ii) _____
- (iii) _____
- Q. 7 (a) Do you have any most favourite series of books? Yes/No
- (b) If yes, state briefly what makes the series most interesting or favourite for you.
- Q. 8 Give some names of books that you have read within one or two months and state why you liked them.
- Q. 9 Please state in which language you like the most to read (✓) against the one you would like the best to read.
- (a) Mother-tongue.
- (b) Regional language.
- (c) Hindi.
- (d) English.
- Any other:

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Less than 1 hour	1 hour	2 hours	More than 2 hours
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Q.10 How much time you
spend every day
on extra-reading?

Q.11 From where do you get books or other reading materials
for extra-reading? Put ☐ against those that supply
most of your requirements.

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|--------------------|--------|
| (a) School library | () |
| (b) Public library | () |
| (c) Friends | () |
| (d) Neighbours | () |
| (e) Home library | () |
| (f) Buy yourself | () |

Any others:

Q.12 Who inspires you most to do extra-reading? (Please
put ☐ against the one who does the most).

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| (a) Teachers | () |
| (b) Parents | () |
| (c) Friends | () |
| (d) Neighbours | () |
| (e) Relatives | () |
| (f) Yourself | () |

Any others: