PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PISA 2015

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What is this questionnaire about?

<The student who brought this questionnaire home> was selected to participate in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), a research study which mainly focuses on the scientific literacy of students who are 15 years old, but which also includes an assessment of mathematics and reading. The study is organised by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and it surveys students from about 70 different countries.

In the PISA study, students are asked to answer questions concerning scientific, mathematical, reading, and problem solving literacy, and to provide information on their background, beliefs and opinions on issues that generally relate to science, schooling and their careers. As part of the study, we are also surveying students' parents on a number of similar topics including:

- Information about the student and the family
- Your child's school
- Your child's educational pathway
- Your views on science and the environment
- Background information

The information you provide will be extremely valuable in building up a picture of how scientific literacy develops in students and what influences its development.

When I am asked about <science>, what should I think about?

For the purpose of this questionnaire, science refers to the skills and knowledge acquired in subjects like <physics, chemistry and biology>.

Who should complete this questionnaire?

This questionnaire should be completed by a parent (or jointly by both parents) or other cregiver> of the student. To make the wording of the questions simple, <the student who brought this questionnaire home> is often referred to as 'your child'.

We ask you to respond to all the questions you feel comfortable answering. There are no right or wrong answers and we assure you that your responses to this questionnaire will be kept confidential.

More information on the PISA study can be found on the Internet at http://www.pisa.oecd.org/

SECTION A: YOUR FAMILY

PA001 Who will complete this questionnaire? (Please tick all that apply.) PA001Q01TA Mother or other female guardian \Box_1 PA001Q02TA Father or other male guardian \Box_1 PA001Q03TA Other \Box_1

Please answer this question with reference to <the student who brought this questionnaire home>.

PA002 Thinking back to when your child was about 10 years old, how often would your child have done these things?

		Very often	Regularly	Sometimes	Never
PA002Q01TA	Watched TV programmes about science		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA002Q02TA	Read books on scientific discoveries	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA002Q03TA	Watched, read or listened to science fiction		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA002Q04TA	Visited web sites about science topics	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA002Q05TA	Attended a science club	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA002Q06NA	Construction play, e.g. <lego bricks=""></lego>	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA002Q07NA	Took apart technical devices	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA002Q08NA	Fixed broken objects or items, e.g. broken electronic toys	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA002Q09NA	Experimented with a science kit, electronics kit, or chemistry set, used a microscope or telescope		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA002Q10NA	Played computer games with a science content	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4

PA003 How often do you or someone else in your home do the following things with your child?

		Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	day or almost every day	
PA003Q01TA	Discuss how well my child is doing at school.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4	\square_5	
PA003Q02TA	Eat <the main="" meal=""> with my child around a table.</the>	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4	\square_5	
PA003Q03TA	Spend time just talking to my child.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4	\square_5	
PA003Q04NA	Help my child with his/her science homework.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4	\square_5	
PA003Q05NA	Ask how my child is performing in science class.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4	\square_5	
PA003Q06NA	Obtain science-related materials (e.g., applications, software, study guides etc.) for my child.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4	\square_5	
PA003Q07NA	Discuss with my child how science is used in everyday life.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4	\square_5	
PA003Q08NA	Discuss <science career="" related=""> options with my child.</science>	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4	\square_5	

PA004 Thinking about <the last academic year>, to what extent do you agree with the following statements?

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
PA004Q01NA	I am interested in my child's school activities.	\square_{i}	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA004Q02NA	I am supportive of my child's efforts at school and his/her achievements.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA004Q03NA	I support my child when he/she is facing difficulties at school.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA004Q04NA	I encourage my child to be confident.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4

SECTION B: YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

We are interested in the options you had as parents when choosing the school your child is currently attending.

PA005

PA005Q01TA

Which of the following statements best describes the schooling available to students in your location?

There are two or more other schools in this area that compete with the school my child is currently attending.	\square_1
There is one other school in this area that competes with the school my child is currently attending.	\square_2
There are no other schools in this area that compete with the school my child is currently attending.	\square_3

PA006 How important are the following reasons for choosing a school for your child?

		Not important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important
PA006Q01TA	The school is at a short distance to home.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA006Q02TA	The school has a good reputation.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA006Q03TA	The school offers particular courses or school subjects.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA006Q04TA	The school adheres to a particular <religious philosophy="">.</religious>	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA006Q05TA	The school has a particular approach to <pedagogy didactics,="" e.g.="" example="">.</pedagogy>		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA006Q06TA	Other family members attended the school.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA006Q07TA	<expenses are="" low=""> (e.g. tuition, books, room and board).</expenses>		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA006Q08TA	The school has < financial aid> available, such as a school loan, scholarship, or grant.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA006Q09TA	The school has an active and pleasant school climate.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA006Q10TA	The academic achievements of students in the school are high.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA006Q11TA	There is a safe school environment.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4

We are interested in what you think about your child's school.

PA007 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
PA007Q01TA	Most of my child's school teachers seem competent and dedicated.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA007Q02TA	Standards of achievement are high in my child's school.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA007Q03TA	I am happy with the content taught and the instructional methods used in my child's school.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA007Q04TA	I am satisfied with the disciplinary atmosphere in my child's school.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA007Q05TA	My child's progress is carefully monitored by the school.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA007Q06TA	My child's school provides regular and useful information on my child's progress.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA007Q07TA	My child's school does a good job in educating students.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA007Q09NA	My child's school provides an inviting atmosphere for parents to get involved.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA007Q11NA	My child's school provides effective communication between the school and families.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA007Q12NA	My child's school involves parents in the school's decision-making process.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA007Q13NA	My child's school offers parent education (e.g. <courses family="" literacy="" on="">) or family support programmes (e.g. <to assist="" health,="" nutrition="" with="">).</to></courses>		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4

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PA007Q14NA	My child's school informs families about how to help students with homework and other school-related activities.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA007Q15NA	My child's school cooperates with <community services="">to strengthen school programmes and student development.</community>		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4

PA008 During <the last academic year>, have you participated in any of the following school-related activities?

		Yes	No	Not supported by school
PA008Q01TA	Discussed my child's behaviour with a teacher on my own initiative.		\square_2	\square_3
PA008Q02TA	Discussed my child's behaviour on the initiative of one of his/her teachers.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3
PA008Q03TA	Discussed my child's progress with a teacher on my own initiative.		\square_2	\square_3
PA008Q04TA	Discussed my child's progress on the initiative of one of their teachers.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3
PA008Q05TA	Participated in local school government, e.g. parent council or school management committee.		\square_2	\square_3
PA008Q06NA	Volunteered in physical or extra- curricular activities (e.g. building maintenance, carpentry, gardening or yard work, school play, sports, field trip).	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3
PA008Q07NA	Volunteered to support school activities (volunteered in the school library, media centre, or canteen, assisted a teacher, appeared as a guest speaker).		\square_2	\square_3
PA008Q08NA	Attended a scheduled meeting or conferences for parents.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3
PA008Q09NA	Talked about how to support learning at home and homework with my child's teachers.		\square_2	\square_3
PA008Q10NA	Exchanged ideas on parenting, family support, or the child's development with my child's teachers.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3

PA009 During <the last academic year>, has your participation in activities at your child's school been hindered by any of the following issues?

		Yes	No
PA009Q01NA	The meeting times were inconvenient.	\square_1	\square_2
PA009Q02NA	I was not able to get off from work.	\square_1	\square_2
PA009Q03NA	I had no one to take care of my child/ children.	\square_1	\square_2
PA009Q04NA	The way to school is unsafe.	\square_1	\square_2
PA009Q05NA	I had problems with transportation.	\square_1	\square_2
PA009Q06NA	I felt unwelcome at my child's school.	\square_1	\square_2
PA009Q08NA	My <language skills=""> were not sufficient.</language>	\square_1	\square_2
PA009Q09NA	I think participation is not relevant for my child's development.	\square_1	\square_2
PA009Q10NA	I do not know how I could participate in school activities.	\square_1	\square_2
PA009Q11NA	My child does not want me to participate.		

PA011 We are interested in parents' interaction with the child's school friends and school staff.

		0	1-2	3-5	6 or more
PA011Q01NA	How many parents of your child's friends at this school do you know?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA011Q02NA	How many friends of your child at school do you know by name?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA011Q03NA	How many of the school staff would you feel comfortable talking to if you had a question about your child?		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4

SECTION C: EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

PA014	At what age did your child start attending <isced 1="">?</isced>
PA014Q01NA	Years:

PA018 Did your child regularly attend an arrangement with one of the following main purposes prior to <grade 1 in ISCED 1>?

(Please tick only one box in each row.)

		Yes	No	
PA018Q01NA	Supervision and care (e.g. <national examples="">)</national>		\square_2	If yes, please answer questions 19–22.
PA018Q02NA	Early childhood educational development (e.g. <national examples="">)</national>	\square_1	\square_2	If yes, please answer questions 23 and 26.
PA018Q03NA	Pre-primary education (e.g. <national examples="">)</national>	\square_1	\square_2	If yes, please answer questions 27–30.

In case your child did not visit any <early childhood education and care arrangement> prior to <grade 1 in ISCED 1> please proceed to Q32.

PA019 At what ages did your child attend a <supervision and care arrangement> prior to <grade 1 in ISCED 1>?

PA019Q01NA	Up to age 1	\square_1
PA019Q02NA	Age 1	\square_1
PA019Q03NA	Age 2	\square_1
PA019Q04NA	Age 3	\square_1
PA019Q05NA	Age 4	\square_1
PA019Q06NA	Age 5	\square_1
PA019Q07NA	Age 6	\square_1
PA019Q08NA	Age 7	

PA020 Who took care of or educated your child in a supervision and care arrangement>?

PA020Q01NA	An underage sibling of the child	\square_1
PA020Q02NA	An adult relative of the child (e. g. grandparents)	\square_1
PA020Q03NA	An adult untrained in child care, not a relative (e. g. baby-sitter, friend, neighbour)	
PA020Q04NA	A trained adult (e. g. <teacher>, nurse)</teacher>	\square_1

PA021 Where was your child cared for or educated in a supervision and care arrangement>?

PA021Q01NA	The child's own home	\square_1
PA021Q02NA	Another person's private home	\square_1
PA021Q03NA	An institutional setting (e.g. <national example="">)</national>	\square_1
PA021Q04NA	Another place	

PA022 What was the most important reason why your child attended a <supervision and care arrangement>?

Attendance was mandatory.	\square_1
We/I could not care for the child (e.g. work, illness).	\square_2
We/I wanted additional learning stimulation for the child (e.g. social, academic).	\square_3
Most other children attended a < supervision and care arrangement>.	\square_4

PA023 At what ages did your child attend an <early childhood educational development arrangement> prior to <grade 1 in ISCED 1>?

PA023Q01NA	Up to age 1	\square_1
PA023Q02NA	Age 1	\square_1
PA023Q03NA	Age 2	\square_1
PA023Q04NA	Age 3	\square_1
PA023Q05NA	Age 4	\square_1
PA023Q06NA	Age 5	\square_1
PA023Q07NA	Age 6	\square_1
PA023Q08NA	Age 7	\square_1

PA026

What was the most important reason why your child attended an <early childhood educational development arrangement>?

PA026Q01NA

Attendance was mandatory.	\square_1
We/I could not care for the child (e.g. work, illness).	\square_2
We/I wanted additional learning stimulation for the child (e.g. social, academic).	\square_3
Most other children attended a <early arrangement="" childhood="" development="" educational="">.</early>	\square_4

PA027 At what ages did your child attend a <pre-primary education arrangement> prior to <grade 1 in ISCED 1>?

PA027Q01NA	Up to age 1	\square_1
PA027Q02NA	Age 1	\square_1
PA027Q03NA	Age 2	\square_1
PA027Q04NA	Age 3	\square_1
PA027Q05NA	Age 4	\square_1
PA027Q06NA	Age 5	\square_1
PA027Q07NA	Age 6	\square_1
PA027Q08NA	Age 7	\square_1

Please consider now the last <pre-primary education arrangement> which your child attended prior to <grade 1</pre> in ISCED 1>.

PA028 What type of provider offered this pre-primary education arrangement>?

Public management and mainly public funding (e.g. <national example="">)</national>	
Private management and mainly public funding (e.g. <national example="">)</national>	\square_2
Private management and mainly private funding (e.g. <national example="">)</national>	\square_3

PA029

PA029Q01NA

How many hours per week did your child attend a <preprimary education arrangement> at the age of three years?

0 hours per week	\square_1
up to 10 hours per week	\square_2
11-20 hours per week	\square_3
21-30 hours per week	\square_4
31-40 hours per week	\square_5
41-50 hours per week	\square_6
51 hours per week or more	\square_7

PA030 PA030Q01NA

What was the most important reason why your child attended a <pre-primary education arrangement>?

Attendance was mandatory.	\square_1
We/I could not care for the child (e.g. work, illness).	\square_2
We/I wanted additional learning stimulation for the child (e.g. social, academic).	\square_3
Most other children attended a <pre-primary arrangement="" education="">.</pre-primary>	\square_4

SECTION D: YOUR VIEWS ON SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The following questions refer to <science-related careers>. A <science-related career> is one that requires studying science at tertiary level (e.g. university). So, careers like engineer (involving physics), weather forecaster (involving Earth science), optician (involving biology and physics), and medical doctors (involving the medical sciences) are all examples of <science-related careers>.

PA032 Please answer the questions below.

		Yes	No
PA032Q01TA	Does anybody in your family (including you) work in a <science-related career="">?</science-related>	\square_1	\square_2
PA032Q02TA	Does your child show an interest in working in a <science-related career="">?</science-related>	\square_1	\square_2
PA032Q03TA	Do you expect your child will go into a < science-related career>?		\square_2
PA032Q04TA	Has your child shown interest in studying science after completing <secondary school="">?</secondary>	\square_1	\square_2
PA032Q05TA	Do you expect your child will study science after completing <secondary school="">?</secondary>	\square_1	\square_2

Science is an important part of the PISA study. We are interested in parents' opinions on science and on environmental issues. The following question asks about your views towards science.

PA033 How much do you agree with the following statements?

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
PA033Q02TA	<broad science=""> is important to help us to understand the natural world.</broad>	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA033Q06TA	<broad science=""> is valuable to society.</broad>	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA033Q07TA	<broad science=""> is very relevant to me.</broad>	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA033Q08TA	I find that broad science> helps me to understand the things around me.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA033Q09TA	Advances in broad science> usually bring social benefits.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4

PA035 Do you see the environmental issues below as a serious concern for yourself and/or others?

		This is a serious concern for me personally as well as others	This is a serious concern for other people in my country but not for me personally	This is a serious concern only for people in other countries	This is not a serious concern for anyone
PA035Q01TA	Air pollution	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA035Q03TA	Extinction of plants and animals	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA035Q04TA	Clearing of forests for other land use	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA035Q05TA	Water shortages	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA035Q06TA	Nuclear waste	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA035Q07NA	Extreme weather conditions	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
PA035Q08NA	Human contact with animal diseases		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4

PA036 Do you think problems associated with the environmental issues below will improve or get worse over the next 20 years?

		Improve	Stay about the same	Get worse
PA036Q01TA	Air pollution	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3
PA036Q03TA	Extinction of plants and animals	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3
PA036Q04TA	Clearing of forests for other land use	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3
PA036Q05TA	Water shortages	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3
PA036Q06TA	Nuclear waste	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3
PA036Q07NA	Extreme weather conditions	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3
PA036Q08NA	Human contact with animal diseases		\square_2	\square_3

SECTION E: YOUR BACKGROUND

PA039 In what country were the following people in the child's family born?

(Please tick only one answer per column.)

	Mother	Father	Maternal Grand- mother	Maternal Grand- father	Paternal Grand- mother	Paternal Grand- father
	PA039Q01TA	PA039Q02TA	PA039Q03TA	PA039Q04TA	PA039Q05TA	PA039Q06TA
<country of="" test=""></country>	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1	
<country a=""></country>	\square_2	\square_2	\square_2	\square_2	\square_2	\square_2
<country b=""></country>	\square_3	\square_3	\square_3	\square_3	\square_3	\square_3
<country c=""></country>	\square_4	\square_4	\square_4	\square_4	\square_4	\square_4
<country d=""></country>	\square_5	\square_5	\square_5	\square_5	\square_5	\square_5
<country e=""></country>	\Box_6	\square_6	\Box_6	\square_6	\square_6	\Box_6
<country f=""></country>	\square_7	\square_7	\square_7	\square_7	\square_7	\square_7

Please answer the following question thinking just of expenses related to <the student who brought this questionnaire home>.

PA041PA041Q01TA

In the last twelve months, about how much would you have paid to educational providers for <u>services</u>?

In determining this, please include any tuition fees you pay to your child's school, any other fees paid to individual teachers in the school or to other teachers for any tutoring your child receives, as well as any fees for cram school.

Do **not** include the costs of <u>goods</u> like sports equipment, school uniforms, computers or textbooks if they are not included in a general fee (that is, if you have to buy these things separately).

Nothing	\square_1
<more \$0="" \$w="" but="" less="" than=""></more>	\square_2
<\$W or more but less than \$X>	\square_3
<\$X or more but less than \$Y>	\square_4
<\$Y or more but less than \$Z>	\square_5
<\$Z> or more	

<\$E> or more

PA042 What is your annual household income?

Please add together the total income, before tax, from all members of your household.

Please remember we ask you to answer questions only if you feel comfortable doing so, and that all responses are kept strictly confidential.

(Please tick only one box.)	
Less than <\$A>	\square_1
<\$A> or more but less than <\$B>	\square_2
<\$B> or more but less than <\$C>	\square_3
<\$C> or more but less than <\$D>	\square_4
<\$D> or more but less than <\$E>	\square_5

Thank you very much for your co-operation in completing this questionnaire!