

Date: _____ (of assessment or appointment)

Biographical Questionnaire for Learners or Students

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, COMMENTING AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE TESTING SESSION.

NAME:

AGE:

SCHOOL:

GRADE:

SUBJECT

MOST RECENT MARK

LIKE / DISLIKE /

NEUTRAL

ABOUT SUBJECT

(STATE)

1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____
5) _____
6) _____
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YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT AND WHY

YOUR SECOND FAVOURITE SUBJECT

IF YOU ARE A STUDENT:

(FILL IN THE NEXT SIX QUESTIONS IF YOU ARE ALREADY ENGAGED IN POST-SCHOOL STUDY)

***WHERE ARE YOU STUDYING?**

***WHAT YEAR ARE YOU DOING?**

***HOW SUCCESSFUL HAVE YOU BEEN (I.E. WHAT PROPORTION HAVE YOU PASSED?)**

***WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR COURSE?**

***WHAT DO YOU DISLIKE ABOUT YOUR COURSE?**

***WHAT LED YOU TO CHOOSE THE COURSE THAT YOU ARE DOING?**

NUMBER OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS

POSITION IN THE FAMILY (EG ELDEST)

SOCIAL INTERACTIONS:

Do prefer to interact with many people or a few?

When you go out, where do you choose to go? (eg movies, restaurants, parties, clubs, theatre)

Would you be comfortable introducing yourself to someone that you did not know?

RELIGION: Are you committedly religious?

Would this affect your career choice?

PARENTS: Name of mother:

Name of father:

What occupations do your parents have?

Father:

Mother:

What particular aspirations do they have for you, if any?

SPORT: What sports do you play?

For which team do you play?

Would you describe yourself as competitive?

CULTURAL: Do you belong to any societies / clubs eg Drama, Christian Union, Interact?
Name them:

ALTRUISM Are you involved in any service clubs like Habitat for Humanity or Interact?
Name them:

If yes, do you do it to add to your cv or because you really enjoy it?

ARTISTIC: Do you enjoy drawing, drama, sculpture, music, handwork, decorating, computer graphics, writing?

Do you believe that you possess above average artistic / creative ability?

**MECHANICAL
APTITUDE:**

Do you enjoy fixing things?

What sort of things? (eg wooden, electrical, electronic)

Do you like building things?

What sort of things?

LEADERSHIP: Do you (or did you previously) hold any formal leadership positions?
Name them:

Do you prefer to be in a leadership role or to be a loyal member of a team?

How often are you the person in your group of friends who comes up with good ideas and plans:

COMPUTERS:

How computer literate are you?

Would you like to work with computers in an IT environment?

Would you like to work with computers just as a tool in your work?

PART-TIME WORK:

Give details of any part-time work experience and highlight what you enjoyed.

JOB SHADOWING:

Give details of any job shadowing experience that you have had and whether you enjoyed it:

NATURE:

On a scale of 1-3 (3 being high), how much do you enjoy:

Nature

Animals

Plants

Would you be open to working outdoors as a key part of your daily work?

Would you be open to working away from the city if your work required it?

TV:

How many hours of TV / DVDs do you watch each week?

What are your favourite programmes?

READING:

How much do you read?

What sort of material do you read?

Do you read the newspaper regularly?

COOKING:

How good a cook are you?

Do you have any interest in the food industry?

CHILDREN:

Would you like to work with children? What age?

Do children like you and respond positively to you?

STRESS:

Are you aware of experiencing much stress in your life?

What causes it and how do you handle it?

Do you have any conditions that would affect the sort of work that you might choose? e.g. reading difficulties, weak eyesight etc.

CRITICISM:

How do you handle being criticised?

Does it make you work harder to prove them wrong or does it demotivate you?

How do you respond to pressure?

ACHIEVEMENTS

Describe any personal achievements that have been memorable for you.

These do not have to be school-related. They can relate to any area of your life.

TEN-YEAR VISION:

How would you like your life to be in ten years' time

(eg married? In SA? Living standards? etc)

DEFINITES:

Things that you definitely DO want in your job:

Things that you definitely DON'T want in your job:

DRESS:

When you imagine yourself going to work, how do you imagine yourself to

be dressed (funky, corporate, uniform, casual, etc)

**DO YOU PLAN TO
TAKE A GAP YEAR?**

If yes, what do you plan to do?

**IF ALREADY TAKEN
WHAT DID YOU DO?**

**AT WHAT INSTITUTION
WOULD YOU PARTICULARLY
LIKE TO STUDY?**

ROLE MODELS: Who is, or has been, your role model? It can be anyone, or even a cartoon character.

**DESCRIBE YOUR
"HAPPY PLACE"** What are you doing when time just seems to pass without your realizing it because you are so engaged in what you are doing?

FANTASY: If you could do absolutely anything you wanted, what would your dream job be?

**TICK THE ONE
THAT APPLIES TO
YOU BEST**

I am only now starting to think about career choices
I have done a fair bit of research and have some ideas
I am pretty sure that I know what I want to do

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT:.... Tell me anything that you would like me to know eg. 'I am hugely money driven', 'I am allergic to dust', 'I don't handle being under authority well'. Every input is valuable