Grade 11 NECAP Student Questionnaire – October 2008

Writing Questions

1. How difficult was the writing test?

- A. harder than my regular writing work
- B. about the same as my regular writing work
- C. easier than my regular writing work

2. How hard did you try on the writing test?

- A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular work.
- B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular work.
- C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular work.

3. Did you have enough time to complete the prompts on the writing test?

- A. I had enough time to complete the prompts and check my work.
- B. I had enough time to complete the prompts, but I did not have time to check my work.
- C. I felt rushed, but I was able to complete the prompts.
- D. I did not have enough time to complete the prompts.

4. How often are you asked to write at least one paragraph in English class?

- A. more than once a day
- B. once a day
- C. a few times a week
- D. less than once a week

5. How often are you asked to use writing to explain your mathematical ideas?

- A. more than once a day
- B. once a day
- C. a few times a week
- D. less than once a week

6. How often are you asked to write at least one paragraph in Science class?

- A. more than once a day
- B. once a day
- C. a few times a week
- D. less than once a week

7. I choose my own topics for writing

- A. almost always.
- B. more than half the time.
- C. about half the time.
- D. less than half the time.

8. I know how to revise my writing to improve it

- A. on my own.
- B. with my teacher's help.
- C. with help from my family or friends.
- D. by using all of the above.
- E. but I rarely revise my writing.

9. I write more than one draft

- A. almost always.
- B. more than half the time.
- C. about half the time.
- D. less than half the time.

10. I discuss my rough drafts with the teacher

- A. almost always.
- B. more than half the time.
- C. about half the time.
- D. less than half the time.

11. I discuss my rough drafts with other students

- A. almost always.
- B. more than half the time.
- C. about half the time.
- D. less than half the time.

12. What kinds of writing do you do most in school?

- A. I mostly write narratives/poems.
- B. I mostly write reports/persuasive pieces.
- C. I mostly write about things I've read.
- D. I do all kinds of writing.

Reading Questions

13. How difficult was the reading test?

- A. harder than my regular reading work
- B. about the same as my regular reading work
- C. easier than my regular reading work

14. How interesting were the reading passages?

- A. All of the passages were interesting to me.
- B. Most of the passages were interesting to me.
- C. Most of the passages were not interesting to me.
- D. None of the passages were interesting to me.

15. How hard did you try on the reading test?

- A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular reading work.
- B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular reading work.
- C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular reading work.

16. How difficult were the reading passages on the test?

- A. Most of the passages were more difficult than what I normally read for school.
- B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I normally read for school.
- C. Most of the passages were easier than what I normally read for school.

17. Did you have enough time to answer all of the questions on the reading test?

- A. I had enough time to answer all of the questions and check my work.
- B. I had enough time to answer all of the questions, but I did not have time to check my work.
- C. I felt rushed, but I was able to answer all of the questions.
- D. I did not have enough time to answer all of the questions.

18. How often do you have reading homework in English class?

- A. almost every day
- B. a few times a week
- C. a few times a month
- D. I usually don't have reading homework in English class.

19. How often do you have reading homework in other subject areas?

- A. almost every day
- B. a few times a week
- C. a few times a month
- D. I usually don't have reading homework in other subject areas.

20. How do you most often learn new vocabulary words?

- A. I am taught new vocabulary words in most of my courses.
- B. I am taught new vocabulary words mostly in my English class.
- C. I learn new vocabulary words on my own using a dictionary or computer.
- D. I rarely learn new vocabulary words.

21. How often do you choose to read in your free time?

- A. almost every day
- B. a few times a week
- C. a few times a month
- D. I almost never read.

22. How do you most often find information about things that interest you?

- A. I use a computer.
- B. I look in books, magazines, or newspapers.
- C. I ask someone.
- D. I watch TV or videos.

23. What grade did you receive in the last English course you completed?

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. lower than C

Mathematics Questions

24. What best describes the last mathematics course you completed?

- A. General Math or pre-Algebra
- B. Algebra I or Integrated Mathematics I
- C. Geometry or Integrated Mathematics II
- D. Algebra II or Integrated Mathematics III
- E. Pre-Calculus/Advanced Mathematics or Higher

25. What best describes the mathematics course you are currently taking or will be taking this year?

- A. General Math or pre-Algebra
- B. Algebra I or Integrated Mathematics I
- C. Geometry or Integrated Mathematics II
- D. Algebra II or Integrated Mathematics III
- E. Pre-Calculus/Advanced Mathematics or Higher

26. How difficult was the mathematics test compared to your current or most recent mathematics class?

- A. more difficult
- B. about the same
- C. less difficult

27. How hard did you try on the mathematics test compared to your current or most recent mathematics class?

- A. I tried harder on this test.
- B. I tried about the same.
- C. I did not try as hard on this test.

28. How much did you use a calculator on the test?

- A. When it was allowed, I used it on most questions.
- B. When it was allowed, I used it on some questions.
- C. I didn't use it on very many questions.
- D. I didn't have a calculator.

29. Did you have enough time to answer all of the questions on the non-calculator session of the mathematics test?

- A. I had enough time to answer all of the questions and check my work.
- B. I had enough time to answer all of the questions, but I did not have time to check my work.
- C. I felt rushed, but I was able to answer all of the questions.
- D. I did not have enough time to answer all of the questions.

30. Did you have enough time to answer all of the questions on the calculator session of the mathematics test?

- A. I had enough time to answer all of the questions and check my work.
- B. I had enough time to answer all of the questions, but I did not have time to check my work.
- C. I felt rushed, but I was able to answer all of the questions.
- D. I did not have enough time to answer all of the questions.

31. How often do you work in groups with other students on problem-solving tasks in mathematics?

- A. almost every day
- B. a few times a week
- C. a few times a month
- D. never or almost never

32. How often do you have mathematics homework assignments?

- A. almost every day
- B. a few times a week
- C. a few times a month
- D. I usually don't have homework in mathematics.

33. How often do you use a calculator in mathematics class?

- A. almost every day
- B. a few times a week
- C. a few times a month
- D. a few times a year or less

34. In mathematics class, how often are you asked to explain how you solved a problem?

- A. almost every day
- B. a few times a week
- C. a few times a month
- D. a few times a year or less

35. If you left any questions blank on the mathematics test, which statement best describes the reason?

- A. I didn't know the mathematics needed to answer the questions.
- B. I knew the mathematics, but have never been given questions like these before.
- C. Answering the questions would take too much effort.
- D. I didn't have enough time to answer the questions.

36. What grade did you receive in the last mathematics course you completed?

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. lower than C

Thank you very much for all of your hard work during testing and for answering these questions.