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SURVEY OF LIVING CONDITIONS

EDUCATION MODULE

TEACHER QUESTIONNAIRE  
1990

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please complete the following questionnaire. Answer  
all questions; your name is optional.

PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF  
SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL  
CODE:

DATE:     DAY     MONTH     YEAR

1. What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Optional)

2. When were you born?

Day

Month

Year

3. Are you: Male.....1  
Female.....2

4. What is the highest level of general education  
you have completed?

Less than secondary school.....1  
Secondary school certificate.....2  
CXC.....3  
GCE O-level.....4  
GCE A-level.....5  
Other.....6

5. Do you have a teaching certificate or diploma?

Yes.....1 (Title: \_\_\_\_\_)  
No.....2

6. What other academic degrees do you hold?

None.....1 [Go to 10]  
Certificate.....2  
Bachelor's.....3  
Master's.....4  
Doctorate.....5  
Other.....6

What was your major field of study for your academic degrees? (Circle one for each degree.)

7. Certificate    8. Master's    9. Doctorate

Education.....	1.....	1.....	1.....
English.....	2.....	2.....	2.....
French.....	3.....	3.....	3.....
Social sciences (history, geography, etc.).....	4.....	4.....	4.....
Mathematics.....	5.....	5.....	5.....
Natural/Physical Sciences.....	6.....	6.....	6.....
Other foreign language.....	7.....	7.....	7.....
Local language(s) (specify: _____).....	8.....	8.....	8.....
Other (specify: _____).....	9.....	9.....	9.....

10. Counting this year, how many years in total have you taught school?

Years teaching primary:

Years teaching secondary:

11. Counting this year, how many years have you taught in this school?

Years in this school:

12. What is your employment status in this school or school system?

Regular full-time position.....	1
Regular part-time position.....	2
Other (specify: _____).....	3

13. How many shifts do you work in this school or school system?

One shift.....1  
Two shifts.....2  
Three shifts.....3

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14. What grade levels do you teach? (Circle all that apply.)

Grade 1.....1  
Grade 2.....2  
Grade 3.....3  
Grade 4.....4  
Grade 5.....5  
Grade 6.....6  
Grade 7 (Form 1).....7  
Grade 8 (Form 2).....8  
Grade 9 (Form 3).....9  
Grade 10 (Form 4).....10  
Grade 11 (Form 5).....11  
Grade 12 (Form 6).....12

15. How many periods per week do you teach?

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16. Do you teach mathematics?

Yes.....1  
No.....2 [Go to question 23]

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17. How often do you use textbooks when you teach mathematics?

- In every lesson of the week.....1
- In most lessons.....2
- Occasionally.....3
- Rarely or never.....4

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18. How physically durable are mathematics textbooks? That is, how long do they last?

- Less than one year.....1
- About one year.....2
- About two years.....3
- More than two years.....4

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Please rate the instructional quality of the mathematics textbooks you use.

- 19. Print quality (size, clarity).....Excellent - 5    4    3    2    1 - Poor
- 20. Content accuracy.....Excellent - 5    4    3    2    1 - Poor
- 21. Organization of information.....Excellent - 5    4    3    2    1 - Poor
- 22. Appropriate level of difficulty for students.....Excellent - 5    4    3    2    1 - Poor

23. Do you teach English/reading/language arts?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2    [Go to question 30]

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24. How often do you use textbooks when you teach English/reading/language arts?

- In every lesson of the week.....1
- In most lessons.....2
- Occasionally.....3
- Rarely or never.....4

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25. How physically durable are English/reading/language arts textbooks? That is, how long do they last?

Less than one year.....1  
About one year.....2  
About two years.....3  
More than two years.....4

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Please rate the instructional quality of the English/reading/language arts textbooks you use.

26. Print quality (size, clarity).....Excellent - 5 4 3 2 1 - Poor  
27. Content accuracy.....Excellent - 5 4 3 2 1 - Poor  
28. Organization of information.....Excellent - 5 4 3 2 1 - Poor  
29. Appropriate level of difficulty for students.....Excellent - 5 4 3 2 1 - Poor

30. Do you teach science?

Yes.....1  
No.....2 [Go to question 37]

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31. How often do you use textbooks when you teach science?

In every lesson of the week.....1  
In most lessons.....2  
Occasionally.....3  
Rarely or never.....4

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32. How physically durable are science textbooks? That is, how long do they last?

Less than one year.....1  
About one year.....2  
About two years.....3  
More than two years.....4

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Please rate the instructional quality of the science textbooks you use.

33. Print quality (size, clarity).....Excellent - 5    4    3    2    1 - Poor
34. Content accuracy.....Excellent - 5    4    3    2    1 - Poor
35. Organization of information.....Excellent - 5    4    3    2    1 - Poor
36. Appropriate level of difficulty for  
students.....Excellent - 5    4    3    2    1 - Poor

37. Do you teach social studies/social science?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2    [Go to question 44]

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38. How often do you use textbooks when you teach  
social studies/social science?

- In every less of the week.....1
- In most lessons.....2
- Occasionally.....3
- Rarely or never.....4

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39. How physically durable are social studies/social science  
textbooks? That is, how long do they last?

- Less than one year.....1
- About one year.....2
- About two years.....3
- More than two years.....4

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Please rate the instructional quality of the social studies/  
social science textbooks you use.

40. Print quality (size, clarity).....Excellent - 5    4    3    2    1 - Poor
41. Content accuracy.....Excellent - 5    4    3    2    1 - Poor
42. Organization of information.....Excellent - 5    4    3    2    1 - Poor
43. Appropriate level of difficulty for  
students.....Excellent - 5    4    3    2    1 - Poor

For the last week, please indicate about how many periods you spent during the school day on each of the following. If last week was not a full week, estimate your time based on the last full week.

44. Planning and preparation for class

Periods:

45. Grading tests and homework

Periods:

46. Supervising students doing academic work

Periods:

47. Supervising students doing non-academic work  
(field work, sports, extra-curricula activities)

Periods:

48. How many hours of homework do you usually assign to your students per week?

Number of hours:

49. Did you have any in-service training during the last three years?

Yes.....1 [Go to 50]

No.....2 [Go to 53]

50. How much in-service training have you received during the past three years (Complete one box only.)

Hours:

or

Days:

or

Weeks:



51. What was the most frequent topic of the in-service training? (Circle one.)

In-service training on main subject you teach.....1

In-service training on teaching methods.....2

In-service training on testing and grading methods.....3

In-service training on administrative procedures.....4

52. What was the format of the in-service training? (Circle one.)

Distance in-service, principally through interactive radio.....1

Distance in-service, principally through programmed materials.....2

Residential in-service training.....3

Other types (specify: \_\_\_\_\_).....4

53. During the last full term you taught, how many days of teaching did you miss?

Number of days:

54. What were your main reasons for being absent? (Circle all that apply.)

Travel to pick up salary.....1

Travel on official business  
(pick up supplies, in-service).....2

Teacher illness.....3

Family responsibilities (illness, childcare).....4

Second job.....5

Bad weather conditions.....6

Teacher strike.....7

Home being too far from school.....8

Family occasions (births, deaths).....9

Other (specify: \_\_\_\_\_).....10

55. During last term, how many days were you late for school?

Number of days:

56. What were the main reasons that you were late? (Circle all that apply.)

Travel to pick up salary.....1

Travel on official business  
(pick up supplies, in-service).....2

Teacher illness.....3

Family responsibilities (illness, childcare).....4

Second job.....5

Bad weather conditions.....6

Teacher strike.....7

Home being too far from school.....8

Family occasions (births, deaths).....9

Other (specify: \_\_\_\_\_).....10

How often do you receive help from the following people to improve your teaching and classroom management skills?

(Circle one on each line)

	1-3	1-3	2-3	
	times	times	Once	times
	per	per	per	per
	term	month	week	week
Never				Daily
0	1	2	3	4
				5

57. Principal/headmaster/mistress.....0.....1.....2.....3.....4.....5

58. Inspector or education official...0.....1.....2.....3.....4.....5

59. Resource teacher/department head..0.....1.....2.....3.....4.....5

60. Other teachers.....0.....1.....2.....3.....4.....5

About what percent of your class time is spent each week doing each of the following? (The results should add up to 100%)

61. Providing instruction to the class as a whole?	Percent:	<input type="text"/>
62. Providing instruction to small groups of students?	Percent:	<input type="text"/>
63. Providing instruction to individual students?	Percent:	<input type="text"/>
64. Copying notes on to the blackboard, or dictating notes?	Percent:	<input type="text"/>
65. Maintaining order/disciplining students?	Percent:	<input type="text"/>
66. Administering tests/quizzes?	Percent:	<input type="text"/>
67. Performing routine administrative tasks (e.g. taking attendance, making announcements, etc.)	Percent:	<input type="text"/>
Total -		100%

How often do you use the following teaching methods?

( Circle one on each line )

	1-3 times per term 0	1-3 times per month 1	Once per week 2	2-3 times per week 3	Almost every lesson 4	5
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68. Lecture to the whole class.....0.....1.....2.....3.....4.....5

69. Have students copy notes  
from blackboard.....0.....1.....2.....3.....4.....5

70. Ask students questions about  
the subject matter.....0.....1.....2.....3.....4.....5

71. Show a film.....0.....1.....2.....3.....4.....5

72. Have students work together  
in small groups.....0.....1.....2.....3.....4.....5

73. Review students' homework  
in class.....0.....1.....2.....3.....4.....5

74. Have students complete  
individual written  
assignments in class.....0.....1.....2.....3.....4.....5

75. Administer tests or quizzes....0.....1.....2.....3.....4.....5

76. Other (describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_).....0.....1.....2.....3.....4.....5

77. During the last full term or semester, how many staff  
meetings were held?

Number of meetings:

78. What is the most frequent subject of staff meetings?  
(Circle one.)

- New administrative procedures.....1  
Curriculum content.....2  
Specific pedagogical practices.....3  
Student discipline.....4  
Other (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)....5

79. Do you live in housing provided for teachers by the  
school or government?

Yes.....1

No.....2 [END]

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80. Which best describes your housing? (Circle one.)

You have your own house.....1

You share a house with other teachers, but  
you have your own room.....2

You share a room with other teachers.....3

Thank you. Please return this questionnaire to \_\_\_\_\_