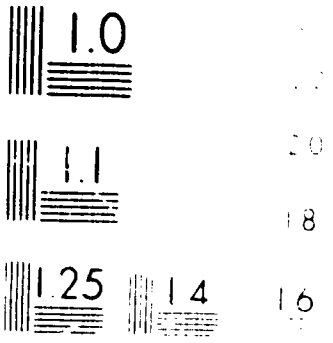
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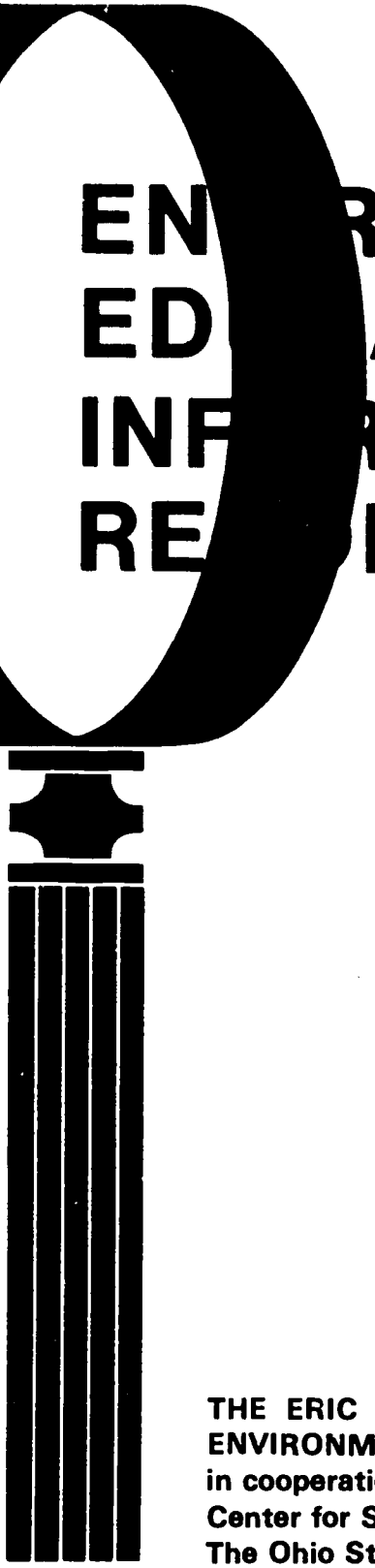

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PREFACE

The primary purposes of this study were to establish baseline data relating to the environmental knowledge and beliefs of 5th year secondary pupils in England and to examine relationships that might be of interest to teachers and curriculum developers in environmental education.

The survey, which involved a total of 383 schools and over 11,000 pupils, could not have been successfully completed without the cooperation of many people. The authors are particularly indebted to the Chief Education Officers and headteachers who gave permission to conduct the survey in schools under their authority, to the theachers who administered the survey, to the pupils who responded to the questionnaires, and to Mr. K. G. Forecast of the Department of Education and Science who provided pre-publication data necessary for the sample selection. Those deserving special mention for their contributions to various aspects of this research are: Dr. Robert W. Howe, Dr. Robert L. Steiner, Dr. Robert E. Roth, Aaron Supowit, Maxine Weingarth, Dr. Ben Bohl, Dr. Cordell Perkes, Dr. Vivian Eyers, Dr. Brian Wallis and Keith Robinson. Thanks are also due to Bettye Vicent and Gillian Richmond for typing the final document.

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> Richmond, James M. "A Survey of the Environmental Knowledge and Attitudes of Fifth Year Students in England". Doctoral dissertation, The Ohio State University, 1976.

This document provides a more extensive discussion of related literature, copies of all letters sent to the Chief Education Officers and headteachers, instructions for the cooperating teachers, a listing of panel members and instructions to the critics of the instrument.

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INTRODUCTION

Perspective

In recent years there has been a growing world-wide concern for the future of mankind in the face of a rapidly deteriorating human environment. Attention has been focused on the effects of pollution, the exponential growth of populations in many countries, shortage of food and widespread famines, and the serious depletion of natural resources resulting from spiralling demands for energy and consumer products. These well-publicized environmental problems have produced an increasing awareness that our survival and prosperity are dependent upon the finite resources and delicate life-support systems of "space-ship earth". The United Nations reflected the global nature of this awareness and concern when, in 1972, it called the international Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm and charged its members to "define what should be done to maintain the earth as a place suitable for human life not only now, but also for future generations." (138, p. 25)

Britain, as a highly industrialized and densely populated country, has not been spared the deleterious environmental effects that commonly accompany "progress". The beautiful countryside has been encroached upon by motorways, airports, pylons, mining operations, and the continuous spread of cities and towns. The people have been subjected to crowding and urban blight, the discomfort and health hazards of air pollution, excessive noise, traffic congestion and the unsightliness of derelict land and litter. In addition, the population has outstripped the supportive capacity of domestic agriculture with the result that Britain is dependent upon other countries for about one-half of its food supply as well as many industrial raw materials.

But these unfortunate side-effects tend to creep upon people slowly and for the most part are reluctantly accepted as the price to be paid for prosperity. More dramatic occurrences are often necessary to stimulate widespread concern and action. Perhaps events such as the notorious London smog that was responsible for about 4000 deaths in 1952, the tragedy of Aberfan on 21st October, 1966, in which 20 adults and 116 children died under an avalanche of coal sludge from a mining tip, and the wreck near the Cornwall coast of the Torrey Canyon with its 117,000 tons of crude oil in March, 1967, were the catalysts required to generate a general public awareness of the disasterous environmental consequences that can result from inadequate stewardship.

Growing public interest in environmental matters during the 1960s gave rise to a variety of institutions and bodies whose prime concern was environmental conservation. These included the Countryside in 1970 movement which was instigated by the Duke of Edinburgh in 1963, the Conservation Society (1966), the Countryside Commission set up under the Countryside Act of 1968, the Committee for Environmental Conservation (1969), Friends

of the Earth (1971) whose objective was to restore environmental quality through political and legislative action, The Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution (1971), and the Department of the Environment which was created by the government in 1971 to assume responsibility for all functions which affect the physical environment.

Public statements also began to stress the need for action to reverse the trend of environmental degradation. In its first report in February 1971, The Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution stated that

> Failing deliberate measures to control pollution and to repair past damage, there is likely to be a substantial deterioration of the environment in the years ahead and the quality of life in Britain will be correspondingly impoverished, despite an appearance of greater affluence...
>
> (Quoted by R. W. Colton et al., 36, p. 7)

And Prime Minister Edward Heath is reported as saying in September 1969,

> The protection of our lovely countryside and our glorious coast, the prevention of pollution of our rivers and of the air we breathe, must be one of the highest priorities of the seventies. It is essential for any decent sort of living, it is vital for proper recreation.
>
> (Quoted by R. W. Colton et al., 36, p. 6)

It is now generally accepted that environmental education can, and should, play an important role in developing a sense of environmental concern and responsibility. Ideally, environmental education should aim "at producing a citizenry that is knowledgeable concerning the biophysical environment and its associated problems, aware of how to solve these problems, and motivated to work toward their solution." (122, p. 10) At the international level, the importance of world-wide environmental education was recognized in the Final Report of the International Working Meeting on Environmental Education in the School Curriculum, organized in 1970 by IUCN in cooperation with UNESCO. In its recommendations it stated that

> The Working Meeting,
>
> Considering the appropriate [illegible]tion being a necessary prerequisite for improvement [illegible] the total critical environmental situation,
>
> Being aware of the u[illegible] need for environmental teaching and adequate training of [illegible]ersonnel,
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> Suggests to the Governments and their responsible educational authorities as well as to the national education organizations:
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> 1) that through a reform of the total curriculum, the environmental education be introduced as an obligatory and integrated component of the school educational system at all levels;

2) that appropriate pre- and in-service teachers training be organized through obligatory environmental conservation courses in teacher training colleges, universities and other educational establishments involved in teacher training...

(quoted by R. W. Colton *et al.*, 36, p. 12)

Similarly at the national level, much sentiment has recently been expressed for effective environmental education in the schools. Terence Gregory, the City Architect and Planning Officer of Coventry, said

> There is a continuing and deepening need to emphasize the importance of education in relation to conservation and the environment. People must be encouraged to have a real understanding of the causes and implications of environmental change, and an understanding of the likely effects of an inadequate or negative policy towards conservation. Education will assist in enabling people to understand the consequences of the actions of individuals and of society as a whole, and should generate a keen respect for the environment. (41, p. 163)

The Recent Growth of Environmental Education in England

The use of the local environment for teaching children about their surroundings and for specific learning activities has long been the practice in British schools. Such activities have usually been associated with recognized school subjects such as biology and geography; with occasional excursions, such as "nature walks" and visits to historical or industrial sites, being organized as a relief from classroom confinement. However environmental education as it is now commonly viewed, involving analytical and evaluative activities on topics and concerns ranging from rural to urban and local to global, is a relatively recent phenomenon.

It is difficult to pinpoint when school environmental activities with declared affective aims began. As early as 1934 the government, through its Board of Education, expressed the view that countryside education was not concerned with vocational training of those who would earn their living in the countryside but with "the various ways in which schools were making the local environment contribute to the fashioning of a good general education." (17) However, it is probable that it was not until the late 1940s and the 1950s, when teachers in the new secondary modern schools (established by the 1944 Education Act) were exploring new curricula for these schools, that affective aims about environmental education outcomes were first stated. Personal recollection of rural studies syllabuses at this time by one of the authors includes such aims as "to develop an appreciation of the interdependence of living things" and "to promote an understanding of man's relationship to the natural environment".

However as with most educational innovation in England, environmental education became firmly establisned in response to public interest and social demand. Paralleling the changing public attitudes of the late

1960's, educators became increasingly aware of the need to deal with environmental concerns in the school curriculum. The emergence of professional organizations such as The Society for Environmental Education (1968) and The National Association for Environmental Education in 1971 (formerly The National Rural Studies Association), reflected the rapid increase in interest and activity in this field.

It should be noted that the results of a survey conducted in 1973 by The Conservation Society indicated that by that time 25% of the secondary schools in the United Kingdom had established definite courses in Environmental Studies (13, p. 4). Of the remaining schools, the majority claimed that they included environmental topics within the traditional subject areas such as geography, biology and rural studies. However the recent development of public examination syllabuses at both "O" and "A" levels of the General Certificate of Education should be an additional incentive for schools to offer specific environmental courses.

Need for the Study

The demand for school courses and examination syllabuses in this potentially new field of study has brought with it the need for extensive efforts in curriculum development. This in turn has raised such basic questions as "What topics should be included in the course syllabus?" and "What do the students at this level already know, and what are their attitudes toward environmental issues?" This latter question, which is important in establishing the starting point and scope of the course, for the most part has not been answered objectively by testing students in the target population. Rather, educators involved in environmental curriculum development have tended to be subjective in deciding the content and methods most suitable for their programmes.

Gerald F. Morgan, Deputy Director of Project Environment, commented on the somewhat intuitive approach employed in developing this ambitious national programme:

> Project Environment saw the answer to the problem of motivation as one of selecting examples in which pupils could see how the issues affected their personal position so that they understood what they had to gain or lose. Great emphasis was placed on this approach, and this may be seen as an attempt to pragmatically begin studies at a baseline appropriate to the pupils' pattern of past ideas and experiences. At best this was achieved by trial and error whereby baselines were arrived at subjectively, their accuracy being tested on the basis of success at motivating or failure to motivate the pupils. However this was probably the first time a major programme of curriculum development in environmental education had sought, directly or incidentally, a baseline of previous experience.
>
> (Personal communication to James M. Richmond, April, 1976)

In this communication he expressed the need for establishing "baseline information" for developing future national and regional curricula.

Information about students' knowledge of and attitudes toward environmental matters will offer a starting point for devising programmes towards achieving the aims so well documented in philosophical explorations."

A number of other researchers in the field of environmental education have expressed similar sentiments regarding the need for establishing baseline data as a prerequisite to curriculum development. For example, Fowler and Swan wrote that

> As a first step toward creating such an environmental education program we must know what base we can build upon, what is the status of students' knowledge and attitudes about the environment. (sic) Unfortunately this question has not received much attention from researchers. (130, p. 245)

And Myers stated that

> Prior information about general environmental knowledge and attitude structures seems of special importance, especially in a situation in which coordinated or national curriculum planning is contemplated. (53, p. 10)

Following from the preceding discussion, there is clearly a need for baseline data that will be useful in developing effective regional and/or national environmental education programmes in England. Providing this information is a primary objective of the present study.

It is also anticipated that the information gathered in the survey might be beneficial in other ways. Having established the baseline, any changes in knowledge and/or attitudes may be measured by using the same instrument at some later time, thus providing an indication of the effectiveness of new environmental education programmes. In addition, an analysis of the data might well establish correlations between environmental knowledge and attitudes that have programme implications.

Looking beyond the scope of this report, the survey data may well be of value in follow-up studies. By using items from similar instruments already applied in the United States and Australia, it will be possible to compare the relative environmental knowledge and attitudes of American, Australian and English students. As other countries are surveyed, more extensive cross-cultural comparisons can be made. This may then provide some insight into the "exportability" of existing environmental education curricula.

Also, in looking to the future, the data generated by this study and by similar surveys in a number of other countries could provide the basis for developing models for an international environmental education curriculum. Such a curriculum would be in keeping with the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment

> ...that the Secretary-General, the organizations of the United Nations system, especially the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and other international agencies concerned, should, after consultation and agreement,

take the necessary steps to establish an international programme in environmental education... (133, p. 9)

Statement of the Problem

The purposes of this study were to establish baseline data relating to the environmental knowledge and beliefs of 5th year secondary pupils in England, and to ascertain whether significant relationships exist

(a) between the environmental knowledge of pupils and selected variables,

(b) between the environmental attitudes of pupils and selected variables, and

(c) between the environmental knowledge level of pupils and their attitude toward the environment.

More specifically, the study was designed to collect data that might assist in providing answers to the following questions:

1. What is the current environmental knowledge level of 5th year pupils in England?

2. What is the current affective position of 5th year pupils in England toward environmental concerns?

3. What do 5th year pupils currently perceive as the most serious local and national environmental problems?

4. Are there significant relationships between environmental knowledge and sex of pupil, type of school attended, sex composition of school, school size and region of school attendance?

5. Are there significant relationships between attitude toward the environment and sex of pupil, type of school attended, sex composition of school, school size and region of school attendance?

6. Are there significant relationships between pupil perception of environmental problems (both local and national) and sex of pupil, type of school attended, sex composition of school, school size and region of school attendance?

7. Are there significant relationships between pupil perception of "source of environmental knowledge" and the level of environmental knowledge or attitude toward the environment?

8. Is there a significant relationship between the level of environmental knowledge and attitude toward the environment?

Null Hypotheses[1]

The following null nypotheses were posited for testing:

1. There are no significant relationships between the level of environmental knowledge and

   (a) sex;
   (b) type of school attended;
   (c) sex composition of the school;
   (d) school size; and
   (e) region of school attendance.

2. There are no significant relationships between expressed attitudes toward the environment and

   (a) sex;
   (b) type of school attended;
   (c) sex composition of the school;
   (d) school size; and
   (e) region of school attendance.

3. There are no significant relationships between pupil perception of environmental problems (both local and national) and

   (a) sex;
   (b) type of school attended;
   (c) sex composition of the school;
   (d) school size; and
   (e) region of school attendance.

4. There are no significant relationships between pupil perception of "source of environmental knowledge" and level of environmental knowledge or attitude toward the environment.

5. There is no significant relationship between the level of factual environmental knowledge and expressed attitude toward the environment.

6. There is no significant relationship between the level of conceptual environmental knowledge and expressed attitude toward the environment.

Definition of Terms

Environment

Although the environment may be defined as all the conditions and influences that affect the life and development of an individual, this study focuses upon some of those aspects of the human environment that

[1]Results of testing the null hypotheses may be found on p. 85.

are commonly called "environmental concerns". These have been identified and categorized under the headings of pollution, population, natural resources, land use, energy, environmental health/safety, ecological relationships and social/political/economic influences.

Environmental knowledge

This term refers to a knowledge, awareness or understanding of facts and concepts that relate to the "environmental concerns" discussed above. "Factual knowledge" is used to indicate a knowledge of events that have occurred or conditions that exist that can be readily verified. "Conceptual knowledge" refers to a knowledge or understanding of concepts, generalizations or "big ideas" involving relationships that have authoritative support in the literature.

Environmental beliefs and attitudes

For the purposes of this study the definitions of belief and attitude presented by Shaw and Wright are acceptable. The term "belief" is defined as "some level of acceptance of a proposition regarding the characteristics of an object or event" (118, p. 4), while an "attitude" is a "relatively enduring system of evaluative, affective reactions based upon and reflecting the evaluative concepts or beliefs which have been learned about the characteristics of a social object or class of social objects." (118, p. 3)

All belief statements presented in the instrument relate to the "environmental concern" categories described above. The beliefs expressed by the individual about these environmental concerns are seen as indicative of his or her attitude toward the environment. As stated by Shaw and Wright:

> The set of beliefs that the individual holds about the object and the associated evaluations determine the individual's attitude toward that object. They lead to an enduring system of affective reactions regarding that object. The nature and strength of this system is determined by the number and strength of the evaluative concepts or beliefs formed. (118, p. 12)

Environmental Education

Environmental education is the process which develops knowledge, understanding, attitudes and the formation of personal responsibility with regard to man's relationship with his socio-cultural and biophysical surroundings.

This definition is based upon ideas which include those set out in the Belgrade Charter (134, p. 1), those adopted by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (13, p. 21), and those contained in the Environmental Education Act passed by the Congress of the United States (52).

Local Education Authority (LEA)

Local Education Authorities form part of the metropolitan and non-metropolitan county units of local government administration. They have

responsibility for providing education, within the broad principles laid down by central government, at the primary, secondary and higher levels.

> The education authorities plan the arrangement of schooling in their areas, subject to the Secretary of State's approval, and decide how children should be allocated between schools. They build most of the schools, pay teachers and provide equipment and materials. (26, p. 12)

There are 97 LEAs in England (see listing on p. 24-25).

Maintained and Non-maintained Schools

"Maintained" schools refer to those schools that are maintained by local education authorities from public funds. Although a variety of school types are maintained by LEAs, the majority of secondary schools may be categorized as "comprehensive", with non-selective admission, and "grammar" and "secondary modern" with selection by ability.

"Non-maintained" refers to schools that are not financially supported or controlled by the local education authorities. These include the "direct grant" schools which are supported by the Department of Education and Science (and are schools with selective admission), and "independent" schools which receive no public funds.

Design of the Study : An Outline

The Instrument

The instrument developed for the survey consisted of three questionnaires, Forms A, B and C. Part 1 of each form contained factual knowledge and perceptual questions, Part 2 dealt with conceptual knowledge, and Part 3 presented 15 statements of belief for pupil reaction. There were a total of 45 items on each form, with 14 common items providing the means for comparing response patterns on the three questionnaires. The instrument was thoroughly tested in a pilot study in English secondary schools, and test/retest procedures were used to establish the instrument's reliability.

The Population

The target population consisted of all 5th year pupils enroled in the secondary schools of England. The 5th year was chosen since it represents the last year of formal schooling for a large proportion of secondary pupils.

The Sample

A sampling procedure was used that would ensure proportional representation of the major types of school (viz. comprehensive, secondary modern, grammar, direct grant, independent, and "other secondary") in every region of the country. A total of 500 secondary schools was selected in the sample, and within each participating school the instrument was administered to a sub-sample of about 30 pupils in the 5th year.

Administrative and Data Collecting Procedures

It was decided that the most effective method for collecting data would be to post the testing materials directly to schools selected in the sample, with a carefully worded letter of explanation to the headteacher. In the case of maintained schools, permission was received from the respective Chief Education Officers before approaching schools with a request to participate in the survey.

Each package contained a personal letter to the headteacher, 30 questionnaires with answer sheets enclosed inside, 30 sharpened pencils, a set of instructions for the cooperating teacher, a form requesting brief information about the school, and a stamped, addressed envelope for the return of completed answer sheets.

The majority of schools were prompt in responding to the request, and two follow-up letters helped in eliciting the cooperation of many of the remainder. Completed answer sheets returned in the mail were checked for accuracy, coded, and machine scored. The data were automatically punched onto computer cards and later transferred to magnetic tape.

Analysis of Data

A number of standard computer programmes were employed to analyze the data. The programme STATPACK was used in the item analysis of pilot data, and BMD03D provided test/retest correlations for establishing the reliability of the instrument. The remaining analyses utilized various subprogrammes from the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (100). Subprogramme FREQUENCIES provided frequency distributions and descriptive statistics, while CROSSTABS presented the number of responses (and percent response) on the alternatives to each item. Relationships between variables were examined by means of the subprogrammes CROSSTABS (for chi-square analyses), ONEWAY (for analysis of variance), PEARSON CORR (for Pearson product-moment correlations between all items) and SCATTERGRAM (for correlations between scores on different parts of the instrument). Regression analyses were performed using subprogramme REGRESSION.

CHAPTER II

A SUMMARY OF RELATED LITERATURE

Overview

The purpose of this chapter is to list some research and literature relating to the present study and to summarize the generalizations which arise. The summary is organized under the headings of: (1) Studies Relating to attitudes, Attitude Change and Behaviour; (2) Studies Relating to Environmental Knowledge and Attitudes; and (3) Literature Relating to Environmental Education in England.

Studies Relating to Attitudes, Attitude Change and Behaviour

The literature in the social sciences abounds with research dealing with attitudes, attitude change and the relationship between attitudes and behaviour. In previous large-scale surveys of environmental knowledge and attitudes, Perkes (104), Bohl (18) and Eyers (53) presented extensive and thorough literature reviews of these topics. To avoid unnecessary repetition, the research described by these authors will not be presented in detail. Instead, some of the more relevant studies that they examined are listed below:

Atman (8), Brown, J. M. (22), Brown, R. E. (23), Eaton (49), Fitzsimmons (57), George (63), Green (66), Hemmer (69), Infante (74), Irle (76), Kleg (79), Leslie and Berry (86), Lyons (88), Madden (89), Kender (110), Rosenberg (112), Rosenberg and Oltman (113), Semmel (116), Schock (120) and Swan (127).

Summary

A relationship clearly exists between attitudes and knowledge, with greater knowledge usually associated with more positive attitudes. Further, attitudes appear to be more closely correlated with conceptual rather than factual knowledge. Although relationships have been demonstrated between attitudes and behaviour, stated attitudes are by no means consistently predictive of overt behaviour.

Studies Relating to Environmental Knowledge and Attitudes

A review of the literature indicates that, prior to the present survey, the only existing large-scale baseline studies relating to environmental knowledge and attitudes of secondary students were those conducted by Perkes (104) and Bohl (18) in the United States in 1973 and by Eyers (53) in Australia in 1974. Other studies relating to environmental knowledge and attitudes include Cohen (29), Hounshell and Liggett (71), and Kleinke and Gardner (80).

Although relatively few studies have been conducted relating to environmental knowledge and attitudes, some patterns appear to be evident. For the most part knowledge about environmental problems and issues is rather limited, while expressed attitudes tend to be quite positive. Although it does not hold true in all cases, most studies indicate that boys have greater environmental knowledge than girls; however sex differences in attitude toward the environment are not readily apparent. Significant correlations between environmental knowledge and attitudes have also been reported, with conceptual knowledge correlating with the affective component more strongly than factual knowledge.

Literature Relating to Environmental Education in England

With the recent upsurge of interest in environmental matters and the development of environmental education courses in England, one might expect to find a wealth of literature and research reports having direct bearing and impact upon environmental education programmes. However, British literature in this area is still somewhat limited, particularly in the field of experimental research. The main emphasis has been upon the production of resource materials aimed at helping teachers to devise and implement courses. Much of this material has arisen from the national curriculum development programmes set up by the Schools Council. The Council has listed 23 national projects which contribute to studies of the environment, however only two ("Environmental Studies" and "Project Environment") are solely concerned with environmental education. "Environmental Studies" (68) was developed between 1967 and 1971, and was designed to help teachers systematically to use the environment in developing skills and concepts in primary school children. "Project Environment" (1970-73) explored multidisciplinary approaches to environmental education for the age range of eight to eighteen years. The project team placed a major emphasis on "education _for_ the environment" and upon chiefly affective objectives. Published materials include _Education for the Environment_ (32), _Learning from Trails_ (33), _The School Outdoor Resource Area_ (34), and _Ethics and Environment_ (35).

A number of organisations produce journals, course outlines, study guides on topics such as conservation and population, and other resource materials for teachers. Eminent among these are the Council for Environmental Education and the Conservation Society/Conservation Trust. The former produces a Directory of Environmental Literature and Teaching Aids (DELTA), which is updated with supplements from time to time, a periodical Review of Environmental Education Developments (REED), as well as newsletters and information sheets. The latter has established a resource bank to which schools may subscribe. Other organizations in this category include the National Association for Environmental Education, the Society for Environmental Education and the Town and Country Planning Association.

A small amount of literature exists which describes methods by which curriculum programmes have been devised. These include the description of an 'A' level Environmental Science syllabus for the Joint Matriculation Board (95) and a similar project in Environmental Studies for the University of London Examination Board (24).

The only previous large-scale survey, conducted by Peter S. Berry in 1973 for the Conservation Society, collected data from over 420 middle and secondary schools in an attempt to establish the current status of environmental education in the school curriculum (13). A study at the University of Sussex is similarly concerned with the scope and nature of environmental education in primary and secondary schools and has recently produced a draft document "A Handbook for Analysts" which offers a model for analyzing the aims, environmental orientation and pedagogy of any given course (140).

Summary

An examination of the literature reflects the fact that enthusiasm for environmental education in England has outrun supportive research. While considerable effort has been made in the field of environmental curriculum development at the national, regional and local levels, the dearth of survey and experimental research in environmental education should be a matter of concern to English educators. In particular, the absence of any baseline measures of the current environmental knowledge and attitudes of English pupils provides added justification for the present study.

CHAPTER III

DESIGN OF THE STUDY

Overview

The primary purposes of this study were to establish baseline data relating to the environmental knowledge and beliefs of 5th year secondary pupils in England and to examine relationships that might be of interest to teachers and curriculum developers in environmental education.

The design of the study is described in this chapter under the headings of: (1) Instrument Development; (2) The Population; (3) The Sample; (4) Administrative and Data Collecting Procedures; and (5) Analysis of Data.

Instrument Development

Initial Development

In devising an instrument to measure the environmental knowledge and beliefs of a group of pupils, it is necessary to define which aspects of the total human environment are to be included within the parameters of the study.

In the broadest sense, man's environment includes all the conditions and influences that affect his life and development and is determined by many complex interactions between the biophysical and sociocultural components. It might therefore legitimately be argued that research relating to the human environment should include such factors as the influence of television on the development of children, the psychological impact of various coloured walls in classrooms, or the sociological consequences of the common cold. However a multitude of environmental influences, such as those mentioned above, clearly cannot be examined within the scope of the present study. Rather the focus is upon those environmental factors that relate to the earth's life-supportive capacity and to the survival and well-being of man and his societies. Such factors are often referred to as "environmental concerns".

An examination of current environmental literature and consultation with persons involved in environmental education and research in England and the United States resulted in the identification of the following broad categories of environmental concern for inclusion in the study:

1. Pollution
2. Population
3. Natural Resources
4. Land Use
5. Energy
6. Environmental Health/Safety

7. Ecological Relationships
8. Social/Political/Economic Influences

Since an objective of this research was to measure environmental knowledge and attitudes, it was necessary to select or devise both cognitive and affective questions relating to each of the above "environmental concern" categories. To assist in this process a matrix was developed as shown in Figure 3.1. In selecting questions for the instrument care was taken to include items from every cell of the matrix.

An important early stage in developing the instrument was the creation of a pool of potentially useful items. Items were selected from a variety of inventories used in previous environmental studies. In particular, suitable questions from the American and Australian national surveys (104, 53) were added to the pool with the intent of providing the means for cross-country comparisons at a later time. Since this method did not adequately cover all of the cells in the matrix, a number of additional questions were devised by the principal author to ensure that all categories were well represented. Almost 400 items in the resulting pool were pasted onto 5" x 8" cards and coded according to the type of question (factual, conceptual, or belief) and the environmental concern to which they most closely related. Questions were then edited, simplifying the wording to an appropriate reading level and modifying terms and expressions that might not be understood by English pupils (e.g. the term "billion" was changed to "thousand million").

As a means of eliciting a maximum amount of information, it was decided to develop three questionnaires each containing 45 items. While any one pupil was asked to respond to only one questionnaire, the random distribution of three different forms (containing some common items for purposes of comparison) made it possible to collect data from the sample on over one hundred items. In other words, this technique provided information on more than twice the number of items that could reasonably be presented on a single questionnaire for completion during one class period.

Items in the pool that were deemed to be most appropriate were assigned to the three questionnaires (Forms A, B, and C). They were distributed so that Form A dealt primarily with the environmental concerns of pollution and population, Form B with natural resources and land use, and Form C with energy and environmental health/safety. Questions dealing with ecological relationships and social/political/economic influences were distributed across the three forms. In addition, three perceptual questions relating to the pupil's source of environmental knowledge and to serious environmental problems were included as items common to all forms.

It was recognized that not all of these initially selected items would prove to be acceptable on the pilot study, and that it would be desirable to have field-tested items that could be used as suitable replacements. Form D, consisting of 45 "spare" questions, was therefore developed for field testing along with the other three forms.

Because of the large number of subjects involved in this national survey, it would have been extremely time-consuming and inefficient to attempt to hand-score the pupils' responses. To avoid this an answer sheet suitable for optical scanning was designed and printed.

FIGURE 3.1

MATRIX DEFINING ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS AND TYPE OF QUESTIONS INCLUDED IN THE INSTRUMENT

Environmental Concerns	← COGNITIVE → Measure of Environmental Knowledge: Factual Questions	← COGNITIVE → Measure of Environmental Knowledge: Conceptual Questions	← AFFECTIVE → Measure of Attitude toward the environment: Belief Questions
Pollution			
Population			
Natural Resources			
Land Use			
Energy			
Env. Health/Safety			
Ecological Relationships			
Soc./Pol./Ec. Influences			
	17 Questions/Form Answer format: Multiple Choice	10 Questions/Form Answer format: True/False/Don't Know	15 Questions/Form Answer format: Agree/Disagree/No Opinion

The Pilot Study

The pilot instrument (consisting of Forms A, B, C and D) was field-tested in nine schools in the counties of Lancashire, Norfolk and Wiltshire during October, 1975. They included comprehensive, secondary modern, direct grant/grammar, and independent schools, and were therefore representative of the major school types to be included in the study. The instrument was administered to a total of 386 pupils in the 5th year. Of these pupils, 158 answered the same questions several days later in a test/retest procedure, thus providing data to measure the stability of the items.

In addition to answering the questions, pupils were directed to underline any words or phrases that they could not understand, and to write comments next to items that presented difficulties. In two schools pupils were personally interviewed by one of the authors after they had answered the questionnaires. From both the written and verbal responses, clear patterns emerged that identified the words that were too difficult for the majority and the items that were generally misunderstood. These problem areas were corrected by substituting simpler words, extensively rewriting the question, or by eliminating the item altogether.

It was evident from the pilot study that most pupils were able to complete the questionnaire within 30 minutes, and it therefore seemed reasonable to retain 45 items on each form of the final instrument.

The answer sheets completed during the field testing were returned to The Ohio State University where they were machine-scored, with the data being automatically punched onto computer cards. Computer analyses were then performed on the data. The programme BMD03D was used to determine correlations between the test and retest data (as a means of determining the reliability or coefficient of stability of items), and an item analysis was performed using the program STATPACK. This analysis provided the following measures on each item: percent correct, relative difficulty, phi coefficient, point biserial correlation coefficient, discrimination index, and efficiency. Only items that exhibited acceptable levels on these measures, and showed a test/retest correlation significant at the 0.05 level, were retained on the final instrument.

Copies of the pilot forms together with a set of instructions were sent to a total of 18 educators for critical examination. These critics included environmental and science educators working at the secondary and tertiary levels in England, Australia and the United States. Their written feedback was used to modify questions, and was valuable in deciding which items were inappropriate for inclusion in the survey. A smaller group of seven "experts", who were more intimately involved with the study, served as a panel to decide the correct answers on the conceptual items and the "environmentally positive" response on the belief items. Complete agreement by the panel was necessary for a pilot question to be retained. Items deleted as a result of the computer analyses and critical feedback were replaced with suitable alternatives from Form D.

Final Instrument

The final forms of the instrument and answer sheet were thus the product of thorough field-testing and critical analyses by pupils and "experts".

The reading level for the three questionnaires was determined to be at about the 9th grade level (approximately equivalent to the English 4th year), using both the Fry Graph for Estimating Readability (61) and the Flesch Scale of Readability (59).

Of the 107 items used in the final product, 50 were developed by the principal author, 27 were selected from inventories used in America (104) and Australia (53), while the remaining 30 items were drawn from a variety of sources such as Steiner (123), Roth (114), Cohen and Hollingsworth (31), Kleinke and Gardner (80), Bowman (20), and Tinsley (128). The questions selected from these previously-developed inventories were modified to make them appropriate for the English target population.

In constructing the factual knowledge questions presented in Part 1 of each form, care was taken to ensure that only one of the four alternative responses could reasonably be considered "correct". At least two authoritative sources were required to verify the correct response to each item, and these supportive references are listed in Appendix B. The acceptable answer to the conceptual questions in Part 2 of each form was determined by unanimous agreement of the panel. Although there are no "right" or "wrong" answers to the belief items (Part 3), the panel was asked to identify on each question the response reflecting "a viewpoint compatible with the maintenance of an environment that will promote the well-being and survival of Homo sapiens as a species, rather than one which is beneficial only to an individual or limited group of individuals". Using this criterion, the panel members were in complete agreement in selecting an "environmentally positive" response for each belief item used in the final inventory.

The distribution of questions (Figure 3.2) was similar to that on the pilot questionnaires. Items on Form A dealt primarily with the environmental concerns of pollution and population, those on Form B with natural resources and land use, while the emphasis on Form C was on energy and environmental health/safety. The other environmental concerns were distributed across the three forms. A total of 14 common items provided the means for comparing response patterns on the different questionnaires. It should be noted that some questions could reasonably be assigned to more than one category of environmental concern; e.g., C6, C9, and C41 have been assigned to "Environmental Health/Safety" although they might equally well have been placed under "Pollution". Since these categories are not meant to be mutually exclusive, some questions are bound to cut across boundaries; however the assignment of items as shown in Figure 3.2, is useful in providing a framework for discussing the results in Chapter IV.

Instrument Validity and Reliability

That the instrument has content validity can be argued from the procedures used in its development. A clearly defined rationale (see Figure 3.1) was used to select questions from a large pool of about 4[illegible] items that had been designated as relevant to the study. The final instrument was examined by the panel and it was agreed that the nature of the specific items, and the proportion of items devoted to each area, were appropriate to the rationale and objectives of the study.

FIGURE 3.2

DISTRIBUTION OF ITEMS ACCORDING TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN CATEGORIES

Form	Part	Pollution	Population	Natural Resources	Land Use	Energy	Env. H/S	Ec. Rel.	Soc/Pol/Ec
Form A	1	5,6,7,8,9 10,12,15 16	11,13,17					14	
	2	24,29	30					25,26 27,28	
	3	36,37,38 39,44	40,42,45					35	41,43
Form B	1		16	7,8,9,10 11,14,17	6,12,13 15			5	
	2			24,25,26 27,29,30	28				
	3			35,37,40 43,44,45	36,39 41,42				38
Form C	1	14,16				5,10 12	6,7,8 9,13	15	11,17
	2					26,28	24,25,29	30	27
	3	45				37,39 43,44	36,41		35,38,40 42
Forms A,B,C Common Items	1		1,2		3	4			
	2		22		21	23			
	3		31,33		34	32			

Common "perceptual" Items : ABC18 Source of environmental knowledge
ABC19 Most serious local problem
ABC20 Most serious national problem

It was decided that the most suitable method for determining the reliability of the instrument would be the test/retest procedure. Arrangements were therefore made in seven representative schools to administer the instrument to the same pupils on two occasions, several days apart. A total of 164 pupils provided test/retest data on the three forms. The computer programme BMD03D was used to generate correlation coefficients between the two sets of data for both individual items and total scores. The results of this analysis and the reliability coefficients are presented in Chapter IV (page 39).

The Population

The population examined in this study was defined as all the 5th year pupils enroled in the secondary schools of England.

The Choice of the 5th Year as the Target Population

The majority of pupils in the 5th year are 15 or 16 years old[2], and this grade represents the last year of formal education for a considerable proportion of the population. The rapid attrition in school enrolment after attaining the school leaving age of 16 years is clearly illustrated by the figures in Table 3.1.

TABLE 3.1

NUMBER OF PUPILS IN ALL SCHOOLS BY AGE. (1974)

Age at beginning of January:	14	15	16	17	18
No. enroled in school	731,323	721,219	354,036	140,388	44,553
Percent of age group	99.8	99.2	49.8	20.3	6.6

Reference: Statistics of Education (44) pp. 12-13

The choice of 15 year old pupils for the survey would have been disruptive to schools since pupils would have to be drawn from different classes for administration of the instrument. However, designating the 5th year as the target population enabled schools to use intact classes for testing with a minimum of inconvenience, and at the same time provided a group that was not yet biased by attrition toward the academically more competent. In addition, this level is comparable to the 10th year in American and Australian schools, making it possible to compare the results on some items with data collected in studies conducted in those countries.

[2]The average age of pupils involved in the survey was 15.4 years. However it should be noted that this average was computed from data in which pupils reported their ages in whole years only.

Source of Population Data

At the time that this survey was being planned, the most recent published data relating to school enrolment were to be found in Statistics of Education. 1973 Schools, Vol. 1. However this information proved to be inadequate for the purposes of drawing the sample, since the counties and Local Education Authorities had been reorganized with new boundaries after those data had been compiled. Fortunately, the Director of Statistics of the Department of Education and Science (Mr. K. G. Forecast) made available the pre-publication proofs of Statistics of Education. 1974 Schools, Vol. 1 (44) and a computerized listing of all maintained secondary schools in England. These materials, together with the List of Independent Schools in England and Wales Recognised as Efficient (45), provided the information necessary to draw a stratified, random sample from the population. The names and addresses of the headteachers of schools selected in the sample were elicited from the Education Committees Year Book. 1974-75 (132).

The Sample

Overview

The objective in drawing a sample was to select a smaller, manageable group of pupils that would be representative of the target population. The sample selection procedure was based upon the method used by Bohl (18) and Perkes (104) in the American environmental study.

Stage 1 in the sampling procedures involved the random selection of representative schools, while Stage 2 involved the further selection of pupils within those schools. It was decided that approximately 30 pupils from 500 schools, or almost 10% of all secondary schools in England, would more than adequately represent the target population.

The Stage 1 selection procedure, which will be described in detail in the next section, required knowledge of the distribution of pupils within the different types of school in each Local Education Authority (LEA) and region. For the purposes of this study, school types and regions were defined according to the following categories used by the Department of Education and Science (DES):

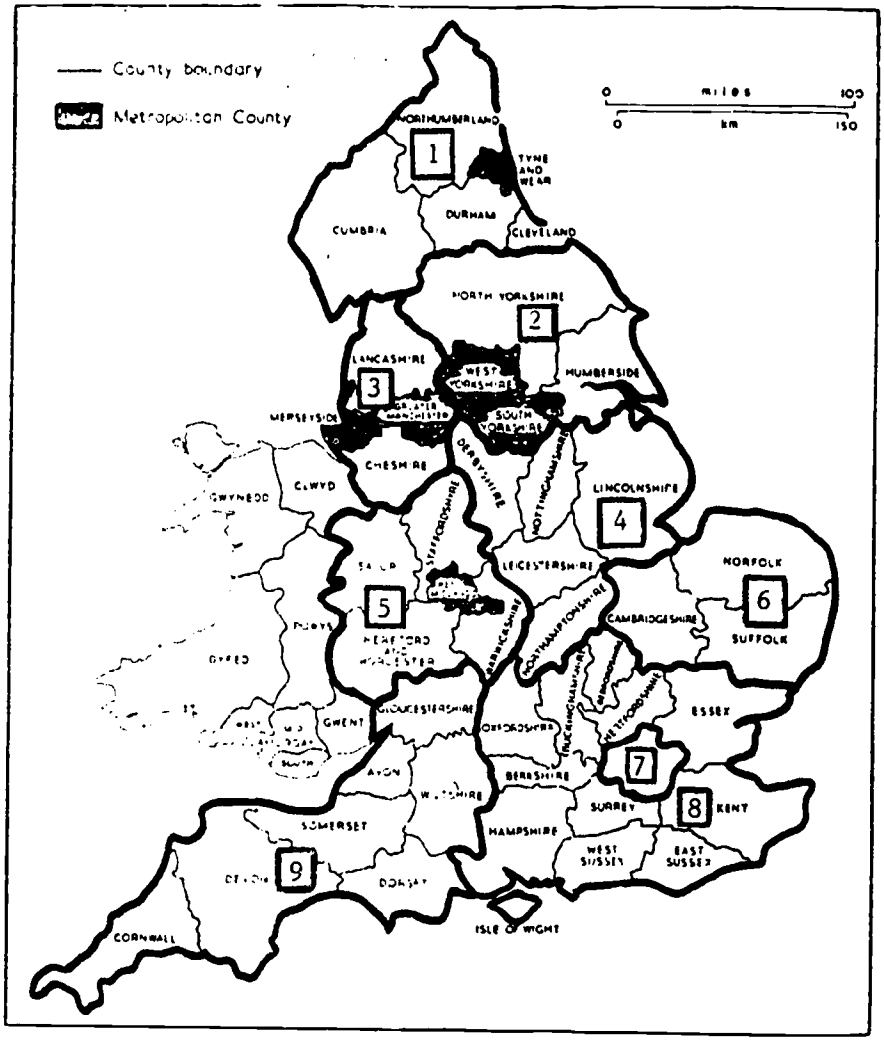
School Types	Comprehensive Secondary Modern Grammar Other (including technical)	Maintained by LEAs
	Direct Grant Independent	Non-maintained

Regions	1. North	5. West Midlands
	2. Yorkshire and Humberside	6. East Anglia
	3. North West	7. Greater London
	4. East Midlands	8. Other South East
		9. South West

(See Figure 3.3)

FIGURE 3.3

REGIONS OF ENGLAND



LEGEND

1. North
2. Yorkshire and Humberside
3. North West
4. East Midlands
5. West Midlands
6. East Anglia
7. Greater London
8. Other South East
9. South West

Letters were written to the Chief Education Officers[3] of all 97 LEAs in England asking their permission to approach the schools under their jurisdiction which were selected in the sample. As shown in Figure 3.4, 82 authorities agreed to cooperate in the survey, with only 15 being omitted from the sample as a result of their dissention or late response. In the cases of LEAs not participating in the survey, the schools initially assigned to them were reallocated to adjacent LEAs in the same region, thus causing minimal change in the representativeness of the sample.

Sample Selection

a. Sample selection of schools

Having decided upon a sample size of 500 secondary schools, it was necessary to determine the distribution of these schools in terms of school type and region (and LEAs within regions). The number of schools allocated to each region was calculated on the basis of the ratio of their secondary school enrolment to the total secondary enrolment of England. School enrolments, rather than the number of secondary schools in each region were used in these calculations to avoid introducing a bias due to variations in the enrolment pattern. For example, a region having a large number of secondary schools with low enrolments would not be allocated schools at the expense of a region having few schools with large enrolments.

The data on pupil enrolments and school distributions which were used in the sampling calculations are shown in Tables 3.2 and 3.3. The major steps used in these calculations were as follows:

(1) Determining the number of maintained versus non-maintained schools.

Of a total of 3,657,212 pupils in the secondary schools of England, a simple computation indicated that 91% were enroled in maintained schools while 9% were to be found in non-maintained schools. Based upon these proportions, the distribution of the 500 sample schools was as follows:

Number of maintained schools (91%) = 455
Number of non-maintained schools (9%) = 45

Of the 45 non-maintained schools, 16 (or 36%) were direct grant and 29 (or 64%) were independent.

(2) Determining the number of schools to be sampled in each region.

This calculation was based upon the formula:

[3]This title varies between LEAs. Other common titles for the chief officer are Director of Education and County Education Officer.

FIGURE 3.4

LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITIES PARTICIPATING IN SURVEY

Region		LEAs Participating	LEAs Not Participating
1.	North	Cleveland Cumbria Durham Northumberland Gateshead Newcastle-upon-Tyne North Tyneside South Tyneside Sunderland	
2.	Yorkshire and Humberside	Humberside North Yorkshire Barnsley Doncaster Rotherham Sheffield Bradford Calderdale Kirklees	Leeds Wakefield
3.	North West	Cheshire Lancashire Knowsley St. Helens Sefton Wirral Bolton Bury Manchester Oldham Rochdale Salford Stockport Tameside Trafford Wigan	Liverpool
4.	East Midlands	Derbyshire Leicestershire Lincolnshire Northamptonshire Nottinghamshire	
5.	West Midlands	Hereford and Worcester Salop Staffordshire Warwickshire Birmingham Coventry Dudley Sandwell Solihull Wolverhampton	Sandwell *Walsall

FIGURE 3.4 (CONT.)

Region	LEAs Participating	LEAs Not Participating
6. East Anglia	Cambridgeshire Suffolk	Norfolk
7. Greater London	Inner London Barnet Brent Bromley Haringey Havering Hillingdon Hounslow Kingston-upon-Thames Merton Newham Redbridge Richmond-upon-Thames Sutton Waltham Forest	Barking *Bexley Croydon Ealing Enfield Harrow
8. Other South East	Bedfordshire Berkshire Buckinghamshire East Sussex Essex Hampshire Hertfordshire Isle of Wight Kent Oxfordshire Surrey	West Sussex
9. South West	Avon Devon Gloucestershire Isles of Scilly Somerset Wiltshire	Cornwall Dorset

*These LEAs agreed to participate in the survey after the deadline and therefore could not be included in the sample.

TABLE 3.2

SECONDARY PUPILS IN ENGLAND (1 APRIL 1974)

School type / Region	Maintained					Non-Maintained			Grand Total
	Modern	Grammar	Compre-hensive	Other	All maintained Schools	Direct Grant	Independent (efficient)	All non-maintained	
North	50,555	23,751	165,633	12,384	252,323				
Yorks. and Humb.	51,647	25,664	259,576	5,114	342,001				
North West	179,493	68,658	242,734	5,784	496,669				
East Midlands	78,305	35,657	163,388	6,185	283,535	Distribution by			
West Midlands	115,689	57,464	203,690	11,735	388,578	region not appropriate			
East Anglia	49,215	14,547	43,722	2,397	109,881				
Greater London	73,524	61,574	326,355	28,907	490,360				
Other South East	160,807	78,107	380,235	58,146	677,295				
South West	77,733	34,584	160,130	13,624	286,071				
England	836,968	400,006	1,945,463	144,276	3,326,713	118,999	211,500	330,499	3,657,212

Adapted from Statistics of Education (44) pp. 6-7.

TABLE 3.3

SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN ENGLAND (1 APRIL 1974)

School type / Region	Maintained					Non-Maintained			Grand Total
	Modern	Grammar	Compre-hensive	Other	All maintained Schools	Direct Grant	Independent (efficient)	All non-maintained	
North	119	36	180	26	361				
Yorks. and Humb.	84	42	281	7	414				
North West	292	99	257	10	658				
East Midlands	152	63	185	10	410				
West Midlands	206	104	208	16	534	Distribution by region not appropriate			
East Anglia	88	26	51	2	167				
Greater London	126	105	335	45	611				
Other South East	262	123	414	79	878				
South West	140	57	164	21	382				
England	1469	655	2075	216	4415	171	620	791	5206

Adapted from Statistics of Education (44) pp. 6-7.

$$N_{region} = \frac{X_{region}}{X_{total}} \times N$$

Where

N_{region} = number of maintained secondary schools to be sampled in a region

X_{region} = enrolment in maintained secondary schools of a region

X_{total} = total enrolment in maintained secondary schools in England

N = model sample size = 455

As an example, the computation to determine the number of schools assigned to the North West region was carried out as follows:

$$N_{region} = \frac{X_{region}}{X_{total}} \times 455$$

$$N_{North\ West} = \frac{496,669}{3,326,713} \times 455$$

$$= 67.93$$

i.e. the number of maintained secondary schools to be sampled in the North West was 68.

(3) Determining the number of each type of school to be sampled in each region.

Having assigned the number of schools to be sampled to each region, their distribution according to school types was calculated by the formula:

$$N_{school\ type} = \frac{Y_{school\ type}}{Y_{total}} \times N_{region}$$

Where

$N_{school\ type}$ = number of schools of each type to be sampled for a region

$Y_{school\ type}$ = number of schools of each type in a region

Y_{total} = total number of maintained secondary schools in a region

N_{region} = number of maintained secondary schools to be sampled in a region

Using the North West once again as an example, the number of secondary modern schools to be sampled in this region was computed as:

$$N_{modern} = \frac{Y_{modern}}{Y_{total}} = N_{region}$$

$$= \frac{292}{658} \times 68$$

$$= 30.18$$

i.e. the number of secondary modern schools to be sampled in the North West was 30.

A summary of all computations to date, showing the distribution of sample schools by region and school type, is presented in Table 3.4.

(4) Determining the number of each type of school to be sampled in each LEA.

The first step in determining the assignment of schools to Local Education Authorities was to calculate a "unit population" for each schcol type in all regions. The unit population is the number of pupils represented by one sampled school of a given type in a given region.

These values were computed as follows:

$$\text{Unit Population} = \frac{Z_{\text{school type}}}{N_{\text{school type}}}$$

Where

$Z_{\text{school type}}$ = enrolment in a given school type for a given region

$N_{\text{school type}}$ = number of schools of a given school type to be sampled in a given region

Again, using the North West as an example, the unit population for secondary modern schools was calculated as shown:

$$\text{Unit Population} = \frac{Z_{modern}}{N_{modern}}$$

$$= \frac{179,493}{30}$$

$$= 5983$$

In the same way, the unit populations for all types of maintained secondary schools were computed. These values are presented in Table 3.5.

TABLE 3.4

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS IN SAMPLE BY SCHOOL TYPE AND REGION

School type / Region	Maintained Secondary					Non-maintained Secondary			Grand Total
	Modern	Grammar	Compre-hensive	Other	All maintained Schools	Direct Grant	Independent (efficient)	All Non-maintained	
North	11	3	17	3	34				
Yorks. and Humb.	10	5	31	1	47				
North West	30	10	27	1	68				
East Midlands	14	6	18	1	39				
West Midlands	20	10	21	2	53	Distribution by region not appropriate			
East Anglia	8	2	5	0	15				
Greater London	14	12	36	5	67				
Other South East	28	13	44	8	93				
South West	14	6	17	2	39				
England	149	67	216	23	455	16	29	45	500

TABLE 3.5

UNIT POPULATIONS FOR MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

	Modern	Grammar	Comprehensive	Other
North	4596	7917	9743	4128
Yorks and Humb.	5165	5133	8373	5114
North West	5983	6866	8990	5784
East Midlands	5593	5943	9077	6185
West Midlands	5784	5746	9700	5868
East Anglia	6152	7274	8744	--
Greater London	5252	5131	9065	5781
Other South East	5743	6008	8642	7268
South West	5552	5764	9419	6812

Using this information, the number of schools of each type to be sampled from an LEA was determined by dividing the total number enroled in a given school type for the LEA by the unit population. Table 3.6 illustrates this procedure for the LEA of Lancashire in the North West region.

TABLE 3.6

DETERMINATION OF SCHOOLS TO BE SAMPLED IN LANCASHIRE

	No. of pupils enroled	Unit population	Number of schools to be sampled	Actual number sampled
Modern	34,992	5983	5.85	6
Grammar	10,920	6866	1.59	2
Comprehensive	50,885	8990	5.66	6
Other	0	5784	0	0

The last two columns in Table 3.6 indicate that it was necessary to "round" fractions to the nearest whole number. When the value for a given school type was "rounded up", as far as possible the value for the same school type in an adjacent LEA was "rounded down". And as mentioned earlier, the schools assigned to LEAs that did not wish to participate were reallocated to adjacent LEAs in the same region. Thus every effort was made, within the restrictions imposed by practical considerations, to produce a sample of schools truly representative of the total school population.

Once the sampling calculations were completed the stage was set for randomly sampling schools from the total population. Computerized listings of all maintained secondary schools were arranged so that schools were ordered by size categories within their respective LEAs. The first school of a given type was identified by means of a random numbers table, and subsequent schools of the same type were selected at fixed intervals

down the list. The intervals were determined for each school type within each LEA from the ratio of the number of schools to be sampled to the total number of schools of that type in the LEA.

In the case of direct grant and independent schools, the sample was drawn from listings contained in the Education Committees Yearbook, 1974-75 (132) by means of a random numbers table and calculated fixed intervals.

b. Selection of pupils within schools.

As indicated earlier, Stage 2 of the sampling procedures involved the selection of pupils within the sample schools. Cooperating teachers were given the choice of two methods for identifying a group of about 30 pupils within the 5th year. Method A required an intact heterogeneous class representative of the whole ability range of the 5th year, while Method B involved a random selection procedure from an alphabetical listing of all pupils at that level.

Administrative and Data Collecting Procedures

Approach to the Schools

Since confidence in the results of the survey would be enhanced by a high response rate from sample schools, every effort was made to employ procedures and techniques that would encourage cooperation. Some of the factors that are believed to have contributed to the high level of cooperation may be considered under the following headings:

a. Timing

The time at which schools were approached during the school year was important. It was not possible to administer the survey before the New Year because of the time required to develop and print the instrument and answer sheets after the pilot study results had been analysed. By March, however, pupils in the 5th year throughout the country become preoccupied with preparation for the General Certificate of Education "O" level and Certificate of Secondary Education public examinations. Since the packages were posted to schools on 15th January, the majority were able to administer the task before examination preparation became a priority.

b. Permission of Chief Education Officers

As described earlier, the sample was only drawn from schools in the 82 LEAs in which the Chief Education Officers had indicated support of the survey. Requesting their permission to approach schools was not only a courtesy, but may have provided greater incentive for headteachers to cooperate. It must be recorded, however, that the majority of the Chief Education Officers made it clear that the final decision about cooperation rested with headteachers in the light of commitments within their schools.

c. Letters to Headteachers

It was recognized that a letter sent to headteachers requesting their participation in the survey would be very time consuming and would probably

result in a large percentage of refusals. Instead it was decided to send the package of materials together with a carefully constructed letter of explanation.

Each letter was personally addressed to the headmaster or headmistress and was signed by the authors. The letters briefly explained the importance of the survey, stressed that administration of the instrument was simple and could be completed within one class period, and indicated that participation would involve no expense to the school.

d. Packages of Materials.

The 500 packages were put together and addressed at The Ohio State University, then air-freighted to England where they were sealed and posted to headteachers of the selected schools. In addition to the personal letter described above, each package contained 30 instruments (10 of each form) with answer sheets enclosed inside, 30 sharpened pencils inscribed with the words ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY (which the pupils were able to keep), a set of instructions for the cooperating teacher, a form requesting brief information about the school, and a stamped, addressed envelope for the return of the completed answer sheets. Examples of instruments and answer sheets are presented in Appendix A (p. 95).

e. Follow-up Procedures

Within one month of sending out the packages, completed answer sheets had been returned by 64% of the sample while 6% responded that (for various reasons) they were unable to assist in the survey. Follow-up letters were posted on 16th February to headteachers of the schools which had not responded, providing additional information about the study and urging their cooperation. During the next two weeks replies were received from about one-half of these schools. On 27th February a second follow-up letter with a stamped, addressed card enclosed was sent to the remaining 15% of the sample that had not responded. The card made it possible for headteachers to indicate whether or not they intended to participate in the survey by simply ticking a box on the card and dropping it in the post. At the completion of the survey responses had been received from all but 16 schools or 3% of the total sample. Details of the response patterns are presented in the following chapter (p. 35).

Finally, a printed card was sent to the headteachers of all participating schools, thanking them for their cooperation and indicating that further information regarding the results of the study would be provided at a later date.

Data Collection and Preparation for Analysis

The completed answer sheets were returned in the post to Preston Polytechnic School of Education, Chorley Campus, where they were sorted and allocated a school code number. Schools that did not provide all of the requested information were contacted by telephone for clarification. The answer sheets were then packed into boxes and returned to The Ohio State University in the company of the principal author.

Each sheet was examined to make sure that the response marks in pencil were satisfactory for machine scoring. In addition, they were coded with

an identification number and with information relating to the type of school, school size, sex composition of the school, and sampling method used.

The answer sheets were then optically scanned and the data automatically punched onto computer cards. After checking for accuracy, the data were transferred from cards onto a computer tape for convenience.

Analysis of Data

The analysis of data was greatly facilitated by the use of standard computer programmes available at The Ohio State University. The programme STATPACK, developed by the Center for Measurement and Evaluation at The Ohio State University, was employed in the item analysis of the pilot data, and BMD03D from Biomedical Computer Programs (48) provided test/retest correlations for identifying reliable items on the pilot instrument and the reliability of the final inventory.

The remaining analyses untilized various subprogrammes from the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) by Nie et al (100). The subprogramme FREQUENCIES presented the frequency of responses on each form, and the frequency of responses by each region, school type, school size, school sex, pupil sex, age category, and sampling method. CROSSTABS tabulated the number of responses (and percent response) on the alternatives to each item.

To determine if significant relationships existed between pupil responses and the independent variables of region, school type, school size, school sex, pupil sex, age and sampling method, a number of chi-square analyses were performed using the subprogramme CROSSTABS. Chi-square was also used to demonstrate the similarity of response patterns on common items on the three forms. Relationships between total scores on the three parts of each questionnaire (factual, conceptual, and belief) and the independent variables mentioned above were examined by analysis of variance, using the subprogramme ONEWAY. Regression analyses, to investigate relationships between the independent demographic variables and criterion variables, were performed by means of subprogramme REGRESSION.

Correlations between total scores on the factual, conceptual and belief sections of each form were established by means of the subprogramme SCATTERGRAM, while the Pearson product-moment correlations between all items were provided by PEARSON CORR.

It should be noted that in all analyses involving "total belief scores", the score used was the number of responses in agreement with the panel. Since the panel used a criterion (previously described on page 18) to identify the "environmentally positive" response on each item, the composite belief score is seen as being indicative of the pupil's environmental attitude.

CHAPTER IV

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Overview

An analysis of the data obtained in the survey is presented in this chapter in both descriptive and tabular form. The results and discussion are organized under the following headings:

1. Response Rate and Distribution
2. Comparison of Sampling Techniques Used in Schools
3. Comparison of Forms A, B and C
4. Reliability of the Instrument
5. Analysis of Pupil Responses
6. Relationships Between Variables

Response Rate and Distribution

Table 4.1 summarizes the pattern of returns received by the cut-off date of 15th May, 1976. A total of 383 schools, or 76.6% of the sample, returned packages of completed answer sheets. Of the remaining schools, 98 (19.6%) replied that they were not able to participate in the survey, three (0.6%) indicated that the materials must have been lost in the post, while 16 (3.2%) failed to respond in any way. Five of the 98 schools listed as "refusals" were in fact no longer in existence as a result of the recent reorganization of the school system.

The cooperating schools returned a total of 11,009 usable answer sheets. These were distributed as follows:

3740 (34.0%) were in response to Form A
3669 (33.3%) were in response to Form B
3600 (32.7%) were in response to Form C

Table 4.2 shows the number of pupil responses received from each region, and also illustrates that the regional distribution of respondents corresponds closely to the regional distribution of schools allocated in the sampling procedure. Similarly, the percentage of returns received from each school type closely approximates the distribution of school types selected in the sample (Table 4.3). Variations may have resulted from different response rates among school types, and from the changed status of some schools through reorganization.

TABLE 4.1

SCHOOL RESPONSE RATES

		Number in sample	Refusals	No response	Materials lost in post	Number of returns	Returns as percent of sample
Maintained schools by region	North	34	8	1	-	25	73.5
	Yorks. and Humb.	47	7	-	1	39	83.0
	North West	68	9	3	-	56	82.4
	East Midlands	39	9	1	-	29	74.4
	West Midlands	53	7	1	-	45	84.9
	East Anglia	15	2	-	-	13	86.6
	Greater London	67	24	4	-	39	58.2
	Other South East	93	12	5	1	75	80.6
	South West	39	9	1	-	29	74.3
Non-maintained	Independent	29	10	-	-	19	65.5
	Direct Grant	16	1	-	1	14	87.5
	Total	500	98	16	3	383	76.6

TABLE 4.2

DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONDENTS BY REGION

	Number of answer sheets received from respondents	Distribution of respondents (percent)*	Distribution of sample schools (percent)*
North	731	6.6	6.8
Yorks. and Humb.	1,108	10.1	9.4
North West	1,606	14.6	13.6
East Midlands	827	7.5	7.8
West Midlands	1,350	12.3	10.6
East Anglia	370	3.4	3.0
Greater London	1,083	9.8	13.4
Other South East	2,117	19.2	18.6
South West	846	7.7	7.8
Ind. and Dir. Grant	971	8.8	9.0
Total	11,009	100.0	100.0

*Rounded to nearest tenth.

TABLE 4.3

DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONDENTS BY SCHOOL TYPE

	Number of answer sheets received from respondents	Distribution of respondents (percent)*	Distribution of sample school (percent)*
Comprehensive	4,710	42.8	43.2
Secondary Modern	3,650	33.2	29.8
Grammar	1,592	14.5	13.4
Ind. and Dir. Grant	971	8.8	9.0
Other	86	0.8	4.6
Total	11,009	100.0	100.0

*Rounded to nearest tenth.

Additional frequency counts indicated that 5,510 (50.0%) of the respondents were male and 5,446 (49.5%) were female. The remaining 53 (0.5%) pupils did not state their sex. As expected, the majority (67.5%) attended coeducational or "mixed" schools, while 15.3% were from "all-boy" and 17.2% attended "all-girl" schools. The second stage sampling conducted by cooperating teachers resulted in a mean class size of 28.7 pupils.

Comparison of Sampling Techniques Used in Schools

Of the two methods used for selecting pupils within the 5th year of the cooperating schools, 63.9% of the subjects were members of a "representative class" (Method A) while 36.1% were chosen by a random selection procedure from an alphabetical listing of the entire 5th year (Method B).

In order to ascertain whether the selection procedure influenced the pattern of responses, a chi-square analysis of sampling method versus pupil response was performed on all items (Appendix C, p. 131). The results of this analysis clearly indicate that the method of selecting subjects within schools had no significant influence upon pupil responses.

Comparison of Forms A, B and C

Responses to the 14 common items were subjected to a chi-square analysis to determine if there were significant differences in responses to the same items on different forms. An examination of the response distributions and chi-square values indicated no significant differences between forms on the common items. As an example, the distribution of pupil responses to item ABC1 is shown below in Table 4.4:

TABLE 4.4

DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSES ON ITEM ABC1 BY FORMS

	Response alternatives on Item 1			
	a	b	c	d
Form A	1,747 46.7%	1,115 29.8%	599 16.0%	278 7.4%
Form B	1,661 45.5%	1,087 29.7%	624 17.0%	290 7.9%
Form C	1,642 45.7%	1,094 30.4%	578 16.1%	279 7.8%
Total	5,050 45.9%	3,296 30.0%	1,801 16.4%	847 7.7%

N = 10,994 X^2 = 3.262 6 degrees of freedom Significance = 0.775

In this example, an examination of the row percentages shows a strikingly similar response pattern on the three forms, and the chi-square value indicates that any observed differences may be attributed to chance.

In the survey approximately one-third of the total sample responded to each of the three forms (A, B and C). The results of this comparative analysis of common items gives confidence in the assumption that the response pattern on every item would be essentially the same if they had been answered by all 11,009 subjects in the sample.

Reliability of the Instrument

As previously described on page 20, the reliability of the instrument was determined using the test/retest procedure in seven representative schools. Correlation coefficients between the test and retest data were computed for both individual items and total scores.

Of the 107 items in the instrument, 100 showed correlations beyond the 0.01 level of significance, and only one (B28) was not significant at the 0.05 level. This item, however, showed a significant correlation at the 0.02 level on the pilot study.

The test/retest reliability coefficients for the three forms were:

Form A = 0.84
Form B = 0.83
Form C = 0.89

Analysis of Pupil Responses

A statistical summary of the overall pupil performance, giving the mean score, standard deviation, and range of scores for each section of the three forms, is provided in Table 4.5. It should be noted that the scores reported on Belief Items (Part 3) in these tables, and throughout the following analyses, are based upon the number of responses "in agreement with the panel."

Responses to Factual Knowledge Items (Part I)

Table 4.6 shows the frequency of responses to each alternative on the factual knowledge items, and gives the number of pupils attempting each item. To facilitate the examination of response patterns, the percent selecting each alternative will be listed against the questions, with the correct answer indicated by an asterisk (*). This will be followed by a brief discussion of pupil responses to factual items in each of the categories of "environmental concern."

ABC1. The present population of Britain is about

45.9	*a)	57 million
30.0	b)	67 million
16.4	c)	77 million
7.7	d)	87 million

TABLE 4.5

SUMMARY OF SCORE STATISTICS ON FORMS A, B, AND C

	Max. Score	Range	Mean	S.D.
Factual Items (Part 1)				
Form A	17	16	7.54	2.66
Form B	17	16	7.81	2.49
Form C	17	15	8.12	2.85
Conceptual Items (Part 2)				
Form A	10	10	6.46	2.15
Form B	10	10	5.99	2.16
Form C	10	10	5.88	1.93
Belief Items (Part 3)				
Form A	15	15	9.04	2.66
Form B	15	15	9.39	2.75
Form C	15	15	8.45	2.91

ABC2. The population of Britain is growing at a rate which is

21.7	a)	more than that of the world average
42.1	b)	about the same as the world average
34.2	*c)	less than that of the world average
1.9	d)	zero

ABC3. At the present time Britain

6.2	a)	produces more food than it uses and exports the surplus
7.7	b)	produces just enough food to satisfy home needs
29.4	c)	must import about 5% of its food supply
56.7	*d)	must import about 50% of its food supply

ABC4. Which of the following is most likely to be an important world-wide source of energy for the future?

69.6	*a)	solar radiation
13.3	b)	tidal flow
12.2	c)	geothermal sources
4.9	d)	wind power

TABLE 4.6

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES (AS PERCENT) TO EACH ALTERNATIVE ON FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE ITEMS

Item	N	Alternative			
		a	b	c	d
ABC1	10994	45.9*	30.0	16.4	7.7
ABC2	11000	21.7	42.1	34.2*	1.9
ABC3	10979	6.2	7.7	29.4	56.7*
ABC4	109[illegible]	9.6*	13.3	12.2	4.9
A5	37[illegible]	9.3	14.9	47.4*	28.4
A6	3726	15.5	24.9*	3.1	56.4
A7	3729	8.9	10.8	33.4	46.8*
A8	3721	25.8*	27.3	27.7	19.2
A9	3728	44.8	29.2	16.3*	9.8
A10	3722	32.3	7.6	15.3	44.8*
A11	3731	6.8	19.8	47.1*	26.3
A12	3691	16.7	41.8*	26.9	14.6
A13	3737	19.9	3.0	4.7	72.5*
A14	3719	19.0	20.9	41.9*	18.2
A15	3730	24.1	20.2*	8.5	47.2
A16	3726	74.5*	11.8	7.5	6.3
A17	3735	20.3	44.0*	26.6	9.1
B5	3626	44.7*	37.9	11.1	6.3
B6	3659	9.8	16.0	57.9*	16.2
B7	3661	14.8	11.7	38.6	34.9*
B8	3665	46.6	40.2*	10.5	2.7
B9	3666	9.2	10.7	4.6	75.5*
B10	3666	14.9	42.9*	31.8	10.5
B11	3666	48.5*	28.9	19.4	3.2
B12	3662	8.6	45.0*	40.4	6.0
B13	3638	15.6	10.3	21.7	51.9*
B14	3658	3.8	40.2	47.8*	8.2
B15	3662	16.8	46.0	30.3	6.8*
B16	3662	2.6	20.7*	42.0	34.7
B17	3663	19.1	10.9	60.3*	9.7
C5	3593	21.8	50.1*	14.7	13.4
C6	3581	65.3*	13.3	12.3	9.1
C7	3588	16.9	16.8	33.4	32.9*
C8	3584	12.1	46.1	17.6	24.2*
C9	3587	27.1	12.8	35.6*	24.4
C10	3591	9.5	42.8*	41.1	6.7
C11	3587	5.2	7.4	20.1	67.3*
C12	3592	6.7	45.1*	26.7	21.5
C13	3592	10.7*	38.6	17.0	33.8
C14	3573	8.5	16.1	7.6	67.8*
C15	3578	12.7	4.9	67.5*	14.9
C16	3587	22.4	54.9*	14.9	7.9
C17	3591	26.7	17.0	45.8*	10.5

*Correct Response

A5. On several recent occasions in various parts of the world, the sale of fish has been stopped because the fish have been found to contain high levels of

1.3	a)	thalidomide
14.9	b)	chlorine
47.4	*c)	mercury
28.4	d)	lead

A6. Since about 1950 birds of prey (such as the peregrine falcon, golden eagle and sparrow hawk) have seriously declined in numbers. Evidence suggests that this is because the pesticide DDT causes

15.5	a)	the birds to lose their ability to breed
24.9	*b)	the birds to have eggs with shells that are thin and easily break
3.1	c)	baby birds to lose their appetite
56.4	d)	immediate death to these birds if they eat food with DDT in it

A7. As a result of burning coal and oil the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is

8.9	a)	decreasing, but will not affect the earth's environment
10.8	b)	decreasing, with possible serious effects on the earth's environment
33.4	c)	increasing, but will not affect the earth's environment
46.8	*d)	increasing, with possible serious effects on the earth's environment

A8. Some people object to the use of detergents and soap powders that contain phosphates. The main reason for this is because phosphates

25.8	*a)	cause the rapid growth of algae in lakes and rivers
27.3	b)	are poisonous to bacteria that help to break down sewage
27.7	c)	are harmful to the health of young children
19.2	d)	cause birth defects in fish and other aquatic animals

A9. Once DDT has been spread to kill insects, it usually

44.8	a)	remains toxic for a few weeks only
29.2	b)	remains toxic for about one year
16.3	*c)	remains toxic for many years
9.8	d)	remains toxic forever

A10. Torrey Canyon

32.3	a)	is the site of a large dam in the United States
7.6	b)	is an area of scenic beauty in Wales

15.3	c)	is the site of recent discoveries of vast oil reserves
44.8	*d)	is the name of an oil-tanker that ran aground

A11. The population of the world increased from 2 thousand million in 1930 to about

6.8	a)	2.5 thousand million in 1975
19.8	b)	3.0 thousand million in 1975
47.1	*c)	4.0 thousand million in 1975
26.3	d)	5.0 thousand million in 1975

A12. A temperature inversion can be harmful because it

16.7	a)	puts more carbon dioxide into the air
41.8	*b)	keeps air pollutants near the ground
15.9	c)	prevents horizontal air flow
25.6	d)	produces pollutant particles

A13. The size of a population is affected by

19.9	a)	the birth rate
3.0	b)	the death rate
4.7	c)	the rate of immigration and emigration
72.5	*d)	all of the above

A14. Many organic wastes are broken down in water. In the process, what substance is taken out of the water?

19.0	a)	carbon dioxide
20.9	b)	hydrogen
41.9	*c)	oxygen
13.2	d)	sulphur

A15. Solid particles that contribute to air pollution (such as soot and dust) tend to

24.1	a)	increase the earth's temperature
20.2	*b)	decrease the earth's temperature
8.5	c)	keep the earth's temperature steady
47.2	d)	have no effect on the temperature

A16. The major air pollutant (measured by weight) discharged by motor vehicles is

74.5	*a)	carbon monoxide
11.8	b)	nitrogen dioxide
7.5	c)	sulphur dioxide
6.3	d)	particulate matter

A17. At its present rate of growth, the population of the world will double in about

20.3	a)	15 years
44.4	*b)	35 years

26.6	c)	60 years
9.1	d)	100 years

B5. Basic chemical materials would be locked up and would not be available for reuse by plants and animals if it were not for the activities of

44.7	*a)	decomposer organisms
37.9	b)	photosynthetic organisms
11.1	c)	herbivores
6.3	d)	carnivores

B6. During the next 25 years the amount of good quality agricultural land in Britain is expected to

9.8	a)	increase as a result of better planning
16.0	b)	increase as a result of reclaiming waste land
57.9	*c)	decrease as a result of urban and industrial expansion
16.2	d)	remain about the same

B7. The highest average annual rainfall in Britain is recorded in

14.8	a)	the south-west of England
11.7	b)	the Midlands
38.6	c)	the Lake District
34.9	*d)	the north-west of Scotland

B8. The average amount of water used per person per day in British homes is about

46.6	a)	4 gallons
40.2	*b)	40 gallons
10.5	c)	80 gallons
2.7	d)	160 gallons

B9. Several species of whale have become endangered because of

9.2	a)	pollution of the oceans by industrial wastes
10.7	b)	oil spills from tankers and off-shore drilling
4.6	c)	a reduction in the amount of food available to them
75.5	*d)	over-hunting by man

B10. It is estimated that at today's rate of use, known world reserves of resources such as zinc, lead, tin, oil and copper will be used up, or will be at a very low level in about

14.9	a)	10 years
42.9	*b)	40 years
31.8	c)	80 years
10.5	d)	180 years

B11. It is estimated that Britain will be self-sufficient in oil from the North Sea by (or soon after) the year

48.5	*a)	1980
28.9	b)	1990
19.4	c)	2000
3.2	d)	2010

B12. Approximately what percentage of the land surface in the United Kingdom is covered with forests and woods?

8.6	a)	0.5 percent
45.0	*b)	7.5 percent
40.4	c)	27.5 percent
6.0	d)	47.5 percent

B13. The number of hedgerows in Britain is

15.6	a)	increasing, resulting in an improvement to the natural environment
10.8	b)	increasing, resulting in damage to the natural environment
21.7	c)	decreasing, resulting in an improvement to the natural environment
51.9	*d)	decreasing, resulting in damage to the natural environment

B14. Taking into account the increasing use of fossil fuels for energy, the known world supply of coal is estimated to be enough to last for

3.8	a)	about 5 years
40.2	b)	about 25 years
47.8	*c)	more than 100 years
8.2	d)	more than 1,000 years

B15. Approximately what percentage of the land surface in the United Kingdom is used for agriculture (crops, pasture, and rough grazing)?

16.8	a)	20 percent
46.0	b)	40 percent
30.3	c)	60 percent
6.8	*d)	80 percent

B16. At the present time, the world population is growing at a rate of

2.6	a)	less than one percent each year
20.7	*b)	about two percent each year
42.0	c)	about five percent each year
34.7	d)	about ten percent each year

B17. Which country currently consumes the largest amount of oil and natural gas?

19.1	a)	USSR
10.9	b)	Japan

60.3	*c)	USA
9.7	d)	United Kingdom

C5. Most of the electrical energy used in Britain is produced by

21.8	a)	nuclear power plants
50.1	*b)	coal-burning power plants
14.7	c)	oil-burning power plants
13.4	d)	natural gas power plants

C6. Carbon monoxide is a serious air pollutant because it

65.3	*a)	is poisonous to humans
13.3	b)	causes atmospheric haze
12.3	c)	is harmful to vegetation
9.1	d)	is corrosive to metals

C7. Most of the radiation to which people in this country are exposed is due to

16.9	a)	the normal hazards of work
16.8	b)	TV sets and luminous watches
33.4	c)	medical sources (X-rays, etc.)
32.9	*d)	natural sources

C8. The largest single source of man-made radiation to which the British are exposed is due to

12.1	a)	the fallout from bomb tests
46.1	b)	nuclear power-plant radiation
17.6	c)	TV sets and luminous watches
14.2	*d)	medical sources (X-rays, etc.)

C9. Studies have shown that the pesticide DDT is present in the body tissues of pople around the world. Most of this DDT in our bodies comes from

27.1	a)	the air we breathe
12.8	b)	the water we drink
35.6	*c)	the food we eat
24.4	d)	being directly exposed to aerosol sprays containing DDT

C10. About how much of the energy stored in coal is converted into electrical energy in modern power plants?

9.5	a)	10 - 20 percent
42.8	*b)	30 - 40 percent
41.1	c)	60 - 70 percent
6.7	d)	80 - 90 percent

C11. Since 1958 the smoke concentrations in Central London have decreased by 80%, and sulphur dioxide in the air has decreased by 40%. This improvement in air quality is mainly the result of

5.2	a)	a decline in the population of central London
7.4	b)	the voluntary action of citizens to reduce air pollution
20.1	c)	the voluntary action of industry to reduce air pollution
67.3	d)	legislative action taken by the government

C12. Nuclear power plants are built near bodies of water because the water is

6.7	a)	an added safety factor in case of fire
45.1	*b)	a coolant
26.7	c)	an alternative power source
21.5	d	a disposal place for radioactive waste

C13. Bronchitis is a common respiratory disease. The death rate from bronchitis in Britain is

10.7	*a)	about 4 times greater than the road accident death rate
38.6	b)	about 4 times less than the road accident death rate
17.0	c)	about the same as the road accident death rate
33.8	d)	zero, since it is not a fatal disease

C14. Which of the following materials is <u>not</u> biodegradable?

8.5	a)	leaves
16.1	b)	bread
7.6	c)	wood
67.8	*d)	glass

C15. Most of the oxygen found in the earth's atmosphere is the result of

11.7	a)	the slow decomposition of silica (SiO_2) in the earth's crust
4.9	b)	the action of volcanos
67.5	*c)	the photosynthetic action of plants
14.9	d)	the splitting of water molecules (H_2O) in the oceans

C16. Which of the following is <u>not</u> a potential problem with nuclear power plants?

22.4	a)	thermal pollution
54.9	*b)	smoke pollution
14.9	c)	waste disposal
7.9	d)	radiation pollution

C17. At present, the cheapest way to dispose of solid wastes collected from homes is by

26.7	a)	incineration
17.0	b)	recycling
45.8	*c)	dumping in pits and covering with soil
10.5	d)	composting

(1) Pollution (Items A5, A6, A7, A8, A9, A10, A12, A15, A16, C14 C16).

The level of factual knowledge relating to pollution appeared to be very variable. As many as three-quarters of the pupils correctly responded that carbon monoxide is the major air pollutant discharged by motor vehicles, and two-thirds understood the meaning of the term "biodegradable". The only other question correctly answered by a majority was C16, in which 54.9% indicated that smoke pollution is not a potential problem with nuclear power plants. Since the Torrey Canyon remains as one of the most serious examples of massive pollution in recent history, it is perhaps surprising that only 44.8% were able to recognize the name of this oil-tanker that ran aground off the southern coast of England. Of greater concern is the fact that only one-quarter of the respondents knew that phosphates contribute significantly to water pollution by increasing the growth rate of algae in lakes and rivers. The most poorly answered questions in this category related to the pesticide DDT. Fewer than one-quarter knew that DDT affects the proper development of eggs in birds of prey, while the vast majority underestimated the persistence of this chemical. Only 16.3% responded that DDT usually remains toxic for many years.

(2) Population (Items ABC1, ABC2, A11, A13, A17, B16).

A clear majority of pupils (72.5%) were aware that the factors affecting the size of populations include birth and death rates, and the rates of immigration and emigration. Less well known were some basic population statistics. The present world and British populations were correctly estimated by 47.1% and 45.9% of the pupils respectively, while 44.0% selected the most acceptable projection for the doubling time of the present world population. Knowledge relating to population growth rates appeared to be weak, with pupils tending to over-estimate the values. Only 20.7% knew that the world growth rate is about 2% each year, and 34.2% correctly responded that the British population is growing at a rate which is less than the world average.

(3) Natural Resources (Items B7, B8, B9, B10, B11, B14, B17).

It was well known that whales have become endangered by over-hunting by man (74.5%) and that the United States is the world's largest consumer of oil and natural gas (60.3%). The remaining questions in this category were answered correcly by less than one-half of the pupils. Between 40 and 50 percent were correct in their responses to known world reserves of minerals and coal, and in estimating that Britain will be self-sufficient in oil by 1980. A large proportion of the sample (46.6%) thought that British homes use only four gallons of water per day, while 40.2% selected the correct answer of about 40 gallons.

(4) Land Use (Items ABC3, B6, B12, B13, B15).

With one exception, these questions were answered with relatively greater success. The vast majority recognized that Britain must import food, with 56.7% aware that about one-half of the food supply comes from overseas. It was also generally understood that good agricultural land is diminishing (57.9%) and that hedgerows are being removed with detrimental effects on the environment (51.9%). The response pattern on B15, however, indicated a serious misconception about the amount of land devoted to agriculture in the United Kingdom. A majority of respondents were of the opinion that 40% or less of the land is used for agriculture, while only 6.8% knew the correct answer of approximately 80%.

(5) Energy (Items ABC4, C5, C10, C12).

The present importance of coal-burning power plants in Britain (50.1%) and the future likely importance of solar ratiation as a source of energy (69.6%) were quite well recognized. Pupils were less well informed regarding the efficiency of burning coal in modern power plants (42.8%) and the purpose of building nuclear plants near bodies of water (45.1%).

(6) Environmental Health/Safety (Items C6, C7, C8, C9, C13).

Questions relating to carbon monoxide and DDT were answered in a similar fashion to questions on the same topics in the pollution category. Over 65% knew that carbon monoxide is a pollution problem because it is poisonous to humans, while only 35.6% were aware that most of the DDT found in our body tissues is ingested in our food. Sources of radiation were not well known. Strangely enough, the most frequent response on item C7 incorrectly identified the source of radiation to which most people are exposed as "medical sources" (33.4%), whereas on item C8 pupils tended to avoid the correct answer of "medical sources" as the largest single man-made source of radiation affecting the public. On this question a misconception was evident, with 46.1% selecting nuclear power plants compared to only 24.2% who correctly recognized that we are more frequently exposed to medical sources of radiation. The serious nature of bronchitis was greatly under-estimated. Although item C13 was a difficult question with only 10.7% making the correct selection, it should be of concern that one-third of the respondents did not know that bronchitis can be a fatal disease.

(7) Ecological Relationships (Items A14, B5, C15).

Two-thirds knew that most of the oxygen in the earth's atmosphere is the result of the photosynthetic action of plants. However, the two questions relating to function of decomposer organisms, and the removal of oxygen from water during the decomposition of organic materials were less well understood, with a little over 40% choosing the correct answers.

(8) Social/Political/Economic Influences (Items C11, C17).

The importance of legislative action in curbing pollution, as opposed to voluntary measures, was recognized by two-thirds of the respondents. Fewer showed knowledge of the economics of disposing of solid waste.

Responses to Conceptual Knowledge Items (Part 2)

Frequencies of responses to conceptual knowledge items are presented in Table 4.7 and against the alternatives to each question. This is followed by a discussion of response patterns under each category of "environmental concern".

ABC21. If sufficient water were available, virtually all of the land surface of the world could be economically used to produce food.

31.0	a)	True
60.2	*b)	False
8.2	c)	Don't Know

ABC22. The interaction of environmental, biological and social factors determines the size of human populations.

51.0	*a)	True
20.6	b)	False
28.4	c)	Don't Know

ABC23. There is an unlimited supply of energy available to man from fossil fuels (such as coal and oil).

22.6	a)	True
72.0	*b)	False
5.3	c)	Don't Know

A24. Pollution caused by man may give rise to irreversible changes in the environment.

75.5	*a)	True
11.1	b)	False
13.4	c)	Don't Know

A25. In any environment, one component like water, air, or food may limit the type of life which can survive.

77.4	*a)	True
12.2	b)	False
10.4	c)	Don't Know

A26. A natural body of water (such as a river or lake) will always have sufficient dissolved oxygen to support aquatic animal life.

39.8	a)	True
47.2	*b)	False
12.9	c)	Don't Know

TABLE 4.7

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES (AS PERCENT) TO EACH ALTERNATIVE ON CONCEPTUAL KNOWLEDGE ITEMS

Item	N	Alternative		
		a	b	c
ABC21	11005	31.6	60.2*	8.2
ABC22	10995	51.0*	20.6	28.4
ABC23	10998	22.6	72.0*	5.3
A24	3738	75.5*	11.1	13.4
A25	3736	77.4*	12.2	10.4
A26	3740	39.8	47.2*	12.9
A27	3736	69.3*	17.6	13.1
A28	3735	20.9	49.1*	30.0
A29	3735	75.3*	11.6	13.0
A30	3736	71.0*	16.8	12.2
B24	3666	18.3	59.0*	22.7
B25	3667	77.5*	6.4	16.1
B26	3665	74.4*	10.4	15.3
B27	3661	37 6	36.8*	25.6
B28	3665	77.5*	13.1	9.4
B29	3658	42.0*	39.1	18.9
B30	3667	39.9	45.5*	14.6
C24	3594	21.2	62.3*	16.5
C25	3594	89.7*	4.5	5.8
C26	3594	49.8*	36.8	13.4
C27	3589	30.6	25.6*	43.8
C28	3592	76.8*	12.6	10.6
C29	3591	52.9*	23.4	23.7
C30	3589	50.9*	23.7	25.4

*Correct Response

A17. Living things are interdependent with one another and with their environment.

[illegible]	*a)	True
[illegible]	b)	False
13.1	c)	Don't Know

A18. The rate of adaptation in organisms always keeps pace with the rate of change in the environment.

20.9	a)	True
49.1	*b)	False
30.0	c)	Don't Know

A29. Increasing human populations and demands for greater industrial and agricultural productivity have resulted in increasing levels of environmental pollution.

75.3	*a)	True
11.6	b)	False
13.0	c)	Don't Know

A30. The social behavior of humans can be affected by population density.

71.0	*a)	True
16.8	b)	False
12.2	c)	Don't Know

B24. Natural resources are equally distributed with respect to land areas and political boundaries.

18.3	a)	True
59.0	*b)	False
22.7	c)	Don't Know

B25. Wildlife refuges and undisturbed natural areas may be of value in protecting endangered species and perpetuating gene pools.

77.5	*a)	True
[illegible]	b)	False
[illegible]	c)	Don't Know

B26. The management of natural resources to meet the needs of successive generations demands long range planning.

74.4	*a)	True
10.4	b)	False
15.3	c)	Don't Know

B27. Throughout history, cultures with little technological development have used more natural resources than those with advanced levels of technological development.

37.6	a)	True
36.8	*b)	False
25.6	c)	Don't Know

B28. Maintaining, improving, and in some cases restoring soil productivity is important to the welfare of people.

77.5	*a)	True
13.1	b)	False
9.4	c)	Don't Know

B29. Minerals are non-renewable resources.

42.0	*a)	True
39.1	b)	False
18.9	c)	Don't Know

B30. The oceans represent a limitless source of food and resources for the future.

39.9	a)	True
45.5	*b)	False
14.6	c)	Don't Know

C24. There is no relationship between the incidence of bronchitis and the level of air pollution

21.2	a)	True
62.3	*b)	False
16.5	c)	Don't Know

C25. Safe waste disposal is important if the well-being of man and the environment is to be preserved.

89.7	*a)	True
4.5	b)	False
5.8	c)	Don't Know

C26. The ultimate source of most of the energy that we use is the sun.

49.8	*a)	True
36.8	b)	False
13.4	c)	Don't Know

C27. There is a tendency for people to select long-term environmental benefits, often at the expense of short-term economic gains.

30.6	a)	True
25.6	*b)	False
43.8	c)	Don't Know

C28. Life as we know it is dependent upon the transformation of energy from one form into another.

76.8	*a)	True
12.6	b)	False
10.6	c)	Don't Know

C29. Chemical substances may be concentrated as they pass through food chains, and become a hazard to human health.

52.9 *a) True
23.4 b) False
23.7 c) Don't Know

C30. An organism is a product of its heredity and environment.

50.9 *a) True
23.7 b) False
25.4 c) Don't Know

(1) Pollution (Items A24, A29).

Three-quarters of the pupils responded correctly on these two questions, indicating a sound understanding of the role man plays in causing pollution and the irreversible environmental effects that may result.

(2) Population (Items ABC22, A30)

Pupils appeared to recognize that human social behaviour can be affected by population density (71.0%), but were less aware of the factors determining the rise of human populations (51.0%).

(3) Natural Resources (Items B24, B25, B26, B27, B29, B30).

Concepts relating to the importance of wild-life refuges (77.5%), the need for long range planning in the management of natural resources (74.4%), and the unequal distribution of natural resources (59.0%), were generally well understood. Less well established were concepts concerning the non-renewable nature of minerals (42.0%) and the relationship between technological development and the consumption of natural resources (36.8%). Perhaps the most disturbing result to emerge from these questions was the fact that only 45.5% of the respondents refuted the notion that "the oceans represent a limitless source of food and resources for the future".

(4) Land Use (Items ABC21, B28).

A clear majority of pupils recognized that human welfare is dependent upon productive soil (77.5%), and that factors other than sufficient water are essential for food production (60.2%).

(5) Energy (Items ABC23, C26, C28).

The concepts that life is dependent upon the transformation of energy (76.8%) and that energy available from fossil fuels is finite (72.0%) were well established. However, fewer than one-half of the respondents knew that the ultimate source of most of our energy is the sun.

(5) Environmental Health/Safety (Items C24, C25, C29).

Although the importance of safe waste disposal was strongly endorsed (89.7%), almost one-half did not know that chemical substances can be concentrated in food chains and become hazardous to human health. Over 60% knew that a relationship exists between bronchitis and the level of air pollution.

(7) Ecological Relationships (Items A25, A26, A27, A28, C30).

The concepts of limiting factors (77.4%) and the interdependence of living things and their environment (69.3%) were well understood. At the other extreme, only 47.2% knew that dissolved oxygen is not always available in sufficient quantities to support aquatic life.

(8) Social/Political/Economic Influences (Item C27).

The concept expressed in this question was poorly understood. Only 25.6% correctly refuted the assertion that people tend to select long-term environmental benefits, often at the expense of short-term economic gains. The most frequent response was "Don't Know" (43.8%).

Responses to Belief Items (Part 3)

The response frequencies on the belief items are presented in Table 4.8 and next to the alternatives on each question. As before, this is followed by a discussion of response patterns under each "environmental concern" category.

ABC31. Planning which will limit the size of families is important if over-population is to be avoided.

80.0	*a)	Agree
15.2	b)	Disagree
4.7	c)	No Opinion

ABC32. The demand for energy is critical enough to justify relaxing some of the environmental restrictions which hinder energy production.

25.1	a)	Agree
45.5	*b)	Disagree
29.4	c)	No Opinion

ABC33. The tax system should be redesigned to encourage small families rather than large ones.

59.2	*a)	Agree
27.0	b)	Disagree
13.8	c)	No Opinion

TABLE 4.8

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES (AS PERCENT) TO EACH ALTERNATIVE ON BELIEF ITEMS

		Alternative		
		a	b	c
[illegible]31	10991	30.0*	15.2	4.7
[illegible]	10967	25.1	45.5*	29.4
[illegible]	10976	59.2*	27.0	13.8
[illegible]	10973	27.6	58.0*	14.4
	3724	84.5*	7.5	8.0
[illegible]	3729	76.4*	9.0	14.6
[illegible]	3730	51.3*	34.3	14.4
[illegible]	3731	23.6	69.2*	7.2
[illegible]	3726	37.7	38.2*	24.1
[illegible]	3724	44.9*	45.0	10.2
[illegible]	3722	36.5	22.1*	41.4
[illegible]	3724	11.6	77.8*	10.5
[illegible]	3724	59.5*	22.9	17.6
[illegible]	3724	9.5	83.9*	6.6
[illegible]	3726	56.5*	24.9	18.6
[illegible]	3663	38.5*	41.5	20.1
[illegible]	3657	58.5*	28.5	13.0
[illegible]	3661	9.2	84.6*	6.3
[illegible]	3656	30.7	44.9*	24.4
[illegible]	3657	75.8*	12.8	11.4
[illegible]	3659	49.2*	38.8	12.0
[illegible]	3660	72.0*	12.6	15.4
[illegible]	3661	8.0	86.6*	5.5
[illegible]	3661	60.4*	20.2	19.4
[illegible]	3662	69.1*	24.5	6.3
[illegible]	3661	26.8	58.2*	15.1
[illegible]35	3589	58.8	35.2*	6.0
[illegible]	3589	67.2*	17.1	15.7
[illegible]	3584	30.9	54.4*	14.7
[illegible]	3589	64.2*	25.7	10.1
[illegible]	3588	52.2*	19.0	28.8
[illegible]	3583	41.9	39.4*	18.6
[illegible]	3586	69.0*	14.4	16.6
[illegible]	3585	19.3	64.5*	16.2
[illegible]	3584	55.6*	22.7	21.7
[illegible]	3579	16.0	55.4*	28.7
[illegible]	3586	49.3*	39.6	11.2

[illegible]ent with panel

ABC34. Large-scale famines are not likely to occur in the near future.

27.6	a)	Agree
58.0	*b)	Disagree
14.4	c)	No Opinion

A35. Man has a moral responsibility to protect the natural environment.

84.5	*a)	Agree
7.5	b)	Disagree
8.0	c)	No Opinion

A36. International agreements with legal and economic sanctions are necessary to prevent industries and oil-tankers from extensively polluting the oceans with their wastes.

76.4	*a)	Agree
9.0	b)	Disagree
14.6	c)	No Opinion

A37. People should only be allowed to burn smokeless fuels in their fireplaces at home.

51.3	*a)	Agree
34.3	b)	Disagree
14.4	c)	No Opinion

A38. Farmers should be allowed to use any pesticide that they wish in order to control the pests that eat their crops.

23.6	a)	Agree
69.2	*b)	Disagree
7.2	c)	No Opinion

A39. A community's standards for pollution should not be so strict that they discourage industrial growth and development.

37.7	a)	Agree
38.2	*b)	Disagree
10.2	c)	No Opinion

A40. Since population is a critical problem facing mankind, most couples should not produce more than two children.

44.9	*a)	Agree
45.0	b)	Disagree
10.2	c)	No Opinion

A41. Continuous growth of British industry and the Gross National Product (GNP) is highly desirable.

36.5	a)	Agree
22.1	*b)	Disagree
41.4	c)	No Opinion

A42. There is no need to worry about over-population because science and technology will solve the problem before it becomes too serious.

11.6	a)	Agree
77.8	*b)	Disagree
10.5	c)	No Opinion

A43. Controls should be placed on industry to protect the environment from pollution, even if it means that things will cost more.

59.5	*a)	Agree
22.9	b)	Disagree
17.6	c)	No Opinion

A44. The oceans represent an unused area where man should dispose of his wastes.

9.5	a)	Agree
83.9	*b)	Disagree
6.6	c)	No Opinion

A45. Adopting a child is a good policy for families who want more than two children.

56.5	*a)	Agree
24.9	b)	Disagree
18.6	c)	No Opinion

B35. Fossil fuels (coal, oil, natural gas) are too valuable a chemical resource to be used to such a great extent in electric power generation.

38.5	*a)	Agree
41.5	b)	Disagree
20.1	c)	No Opinion

B36. Where scenic and recreation areas are being damaged by large numbers of visitors, there should be restrictions on the number of people who are allowed to visit at any one time.

54.5	*a)	Agree
28.5	b)	Disagree
13.0	c)	No Opinion

B37. People who can afford the high prices should be allowed to buy objects made from the skin or fur of endangered wild animals.

9.2	a)	Agree
84.6	*b)	Disagree
6.3	c)	No Opinion

B38. I would oppose laws that would restrict my standard of living, even though such laws might improve the standard of living for society as a whole.

30.7	a)	Agree
44.9	*b)	Disagree
24.4	c)	No Opinion

B39. The remaining forests in Britain should be conserved at all costs.

75.8	*a)	Agree
12.8	b)	Disagree
11.4	c)	No Opinion

B40. In order to reduce our use of oil, people should only be allowed to own cars that have a low petrol consumption.

49.2	*a)	Agree
38.8	b)	Disagree
12.0	c)	No Opinion

B41. A national land-use plan should be prepared and enforced to prevent housing and industry from using much of the best agricultural land in Britain.

72.0	*a)	Agree
12.6	b)	Disagree
15.4	c)	No Opinion

B42. When companies have finished surface-mining land that they own, they should be allowed to leave it in any condition they wish.

8.0	a)	Agree
86.6	*b)	Disagree
5.5	c)	No Opinion

B43. In order to keep raw materials from being used up too fast, an international authority should be established to ration them.

60.4	*a)	Agree
20.2	b)	Disagree
19.4	c)	No Opinion

B44. A person who buys a new leopard skin coat is just as responsible in bringing about the extinction of the leopard as the person who kills the animal.

69.1	*a)	Agree
24.5	b)	Disagree
6.3	c)	No Opinion

B45. Industry should not use recycled materials when it costs less to make the same product from new raw materials.

26.8	a)	Agree
58.2	*b)	Disagree
15.1	c)	No Opinion

C35. The most important thing to consider about bringing new industry into your area is the number of new jobs it will create.

58.8	a)	Agree
35.2	*b)	Disagree
6.0	c)	No Opinion

C36. We should question the construction of all nuclear power reactors because of the harmful by-products they produce.

67.2	*a)	Agree
17.1	b)	Disagree
15.7	c)	No Opinion

C37. Rather than rationing petroleum products, more oil should be imported from overseas to meet our growing energy needs.

30.9	a)	Agree
54.4	*b)	Disagree
14.7	c)	No Opinion

C38. Strong controls by Government are the most effective way to reduce pollution problems.

64.2	*a)	Agree
25.7	b)	Disagree
10.1	c)	No Opinion

C39. Priority should be given to developing alternatives to fossil and nuclear fuel as primary energy sources.

52.2	*a)	Agree
19.0	b)	Disagree
28.8	c)	No Opinion

C40. It is more important to preserve the freedom of the individual's choice than to enforce laws to protect the quality of life in the future.

41.9	a)	Agree
39.4	*b)	Disagree
18.6	c)	No Opinion

C41. Pesticides that remain toxic for a long period of time should be banned.

69.0	*a)	Agree
14.4	b)	Disagree
16.6	c)	No Opinion

C42. Most of the concern about environmental problems has been over-exaggerated

19.3 a) Agree
64.5 *b) Disagree
16.2 c) No Opinion

C43. The Government should give generous financial support to research related to the development of solar energy.

55.6 *a) Agree
22.7 b) Disagree
21.7 c) No Opinion

C44. Government regulations for the approval of new nuclear power plants are too strict.

16.0 a) Agree
55.4 *b) Disagree
28.7 c) No Opinion

C45. Considering the problems of pollution and crowding, we need to decrease the use of the car as a major means of transportation.

49.3 *a) Agree
39.6 b) Disagree
11.2 c) No Opinion

(1) Pollution (Items A36, A37, A38, A39, A44, C45).

There was very strong disagreement with the propositions that "The oceans represent an unused area where man should dispose of his wastes" (83.9%) and that "Farmers should be allowed to use any pesticide that they wish in order to control the pests that eat their crops" (69.2%). There was also a strong consensus that international agreements with legal and economic sanctions are necessary to prevent extensive pollution of the oceans (76.4%). On the other hand, a relatively small 51.3% believe that only smokeless fuels should be used in home fireplaces, 49.3% expressed the need to decrease the use of the car as a major means of transportation, and only 34.2% felt that community standards for pollution levels are more important than industrial growth and development. It is clear from the above responses that pupils' environmental attitudes are strongly positive when the object of concern does not impinge directly on their lives, but are relatively negative when some personal sacrifice may be required (such as using only smokeless fuels, reducing the use of cars or decreasing local industrial growth).

(2) Population (Items ABC31, ABC33, A40, A42, A45).

Over three-quarters of the respondents expressed their belief that family planning is important in avoiding over-population, and that we should not rely upon science and technology to solve the over-population problem. Less enthusiasm was shown for redesigning the tax system to encourage small families (59.2%). The suggestion that "Most couples should not produce more than

two children" resulted in an equal division of opinion, with 44.9% in agreement and 45.0% disagreeing. Once again, positive environmental attitudes were less evident when personal interests became threatened.

(3) Natural Resources (Items B35, B37, B40, B43, B44, B45).

Pupils appeared to be positive in their attitudes toward endangered animals, with 84.6% objecting to the sale of skins and furs of endangered wildlife, and 69.1% expressing the belief that a person who buys a new leopard skin coat shares in the responsibility for bringing about the extinction of this species. Beliefs relating to the importance of recycling materials (58.2%) and only allowing the use of cars that are efficient in their petrol consumption (49.2%) were less pronounced. The response pattern to item B35 should elicit some concern, in that a majority of pupils do not appear to be aware of the long-term value of fossil fuels as a chemical resource for mankind.

(4) Land Use (Items ABC34, B36, B39, B41, B42).

Environmentally positive beliefs were expressed on all questions in this category. The importance of reclaiming surface-mined land (86.6%), conserving Britain's remaining forests (75.8%), and preventing the loss of good agricultural land to housing and industry (72.0%) were well recognized. Fewer pupils believed that large-scale famines are imminent (58.0%) or that visitors should be restricted in their access to scenic areas (58.5%).

(5) Energy (Items ABC32, C37, C39, C43, C44).

On these questions approximately one-half of the responses were "in agreement with the panel". An unusually high selection of "No Opinion" on these items may reflect that pupil beliefs relating to energy are relatively poorly established.

(6) Environmental Health/Safety (Items C36, C41).

General concern for public health and safety was shown in the answers to these items. Sixty-nine percent agreed that pesticides which remain toxic for a long period of time should be banned, and 67.2% would question the construction of all nuclear power plants because of the hazard of radioactive by-products.

(7) Ecological Relationships (Item A35).

The only item in this category elicited a high level of agreement (84.5%) that "Man has a moral responsibility to protect the natural environment". However, it should be noted that many of the same pupils, in responding to other items on the inventory, chose responses that were not compatible with the protection of the natural environment.

(8) Social/Political/Economic Influences (Items A41, A43, B38, C35, C38, C40, C42).

A majority of pupils expressed their belief that most of the concern about environmental problems has not been over-exaggerated (64.5%), that strong government controls are the most effective way to reduce pollution (64.2%), and that industry should be subjected to such controls even if it means an increase in costs (59.5%). When asked if the continuous growth of British industry and the GNP is highly desirable, the largest group of respondents selected "No Opinion" (41.4%), perhaps reflecting the complex considerations involved in this topic. The effect of self-interest was once again evident in the responses to several statements in this category. Answers to items B38 and C40 indicate that fewer than one-half of the group would be supportive of laws restricting their standard of living in the interests of society as a whole, or protecting the future quality of life at the expense of their personal freedom of choice. And only 35.2% refuted the contention that new jobs are the most important consideration in bringing new industry into their community.

Responses to Perceptual Items (ABC18-20).

The frequency of responses to each alternative on the perceptual questions is shown in Table 4.9 and in the following discussion.

TABLE 4.9

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES (AS PERCENT) TO EACH ALTERNATIVE ON PERCEPTUAL ITEMS

Item	N	Alternative								
		a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
ABC18	10980	31.5	6.9	48.1	13.5					
ABC19	10987	14.4	12.2	10.4	8.5	11.3	8.2	4.1	14.5	16.3
ABC20	10987	9.1	9.4	12.2	8.3	6.6	26.4	5.2	22.0	0.9

ABC18. Which one of the following best describes the way in which you have gained most of your knowledge about the environment?

31.5 a) general education at school
6.9 b) special environmental courses at school
48.1 c) private reading, the radio, and TV
13.5 d) talking with parents, friends and other people

It is interesting to note that less than 40% of the pupils believed that they gained most of their environmental knowledge from their formal

schooling, while over 60% indicated that this knowledge had been gained from activities that might be described as "self-education". In the perception of these children, the media appears to have played the most important role while special environmental courses have made a relatively small impact.

ABC19. Which one of the following problems do you think is the most serious in the community where you live?

14.4	a)	Land use
12.2	b)	Traffic accidents
10.4	c)	Air pollution
3.5	d)	Water pollution
11.3	e)	Rubbish disposal
8.2	f)	Over-crowding
4.1	g)	Public health
14.5	h)	Crime
16.3	i)	None of the above are problems in our community

A somewhat surprising outcome on this question was the fact that the most frequently selected response was "None of the above are problems in our community". The next most popular choice was "Crime", indicating that this societal problem is of more pressing concern in the minds of many young people than the problems of their local physical environment.

ABC20. Which one of the following problems do you think is the most serious in Britain?

9.1	a)	Land use
9.4	b)	Traffic accidents
12.2	c)	Air pollution
8.3	d)	Water pollution
6.6	e)	Rubbish disposal
26.4	f)	Over-crowding
5.2	g)	Public health
22.0	h)	Crime
0.9	i)	None of the above are problems in Britain

Some interesting observations emerge in comparing the responses of items ABC19 and ABC20. Over-crowding which was of little concern in local communities, clearly emerges as the major concern for Britain as a whole. Although crime rated highly as a local problem, it was selected by a significantly higher proportion of pupils as being the major problem in Britain. And while 16.3% felt that none of the listed concerns were problems in their community, only 0.9% were prepared to state that they were not serious problems for the country as a whole. It would appear that a sizable number of pupils recognize that their country is afflicted with environmental problems, but they do not perceive that these problems are serious in their home communities.

Relationships Between Variables

This section is devoted to analyses of the relationships between variables, and provides the information necessary to answer the null hypotheses posited on page 7.

The following statistical procedures were employed to determine whether significant relationships existed between both environmental knowledge and attitude and the independent variables of sex, type of school attended, sex composition of the school, school size and region of school attendance:

(a) SPSS subprogramme CROSSTABS was used to conduct chi-square analyses between the response patterns on each item on the inventory and the independent variables listed above. When chi-square is performed with a large number of cases, very small differences show significance at the commonly-accepted 0.05 or 0.01 levels. Since the number of subjects responding to each item in this study was always in excess of 3,000, a 0.0001 level of significance was deemed appropriate for all chi-square analyses. The results of these analyses are presented in Appendix C (p. 131). In addition, the frequency of correct responses on each item by sex, school type, school sex, school size and region (together with chi-square values) are listed in Appendix D (p. 151).

(b) To determine whether significant relationships existed between total scores (on factual knowledge, conceptual knowledge and beliefs) and the independent demographic variables stated above, analysis of variance procedures (SPSS subprogramme ANOVA) were utilized. Since the chance of committing a Type I error is increased by performing multiple analyses on the same data, a rigorous level of significance was chosen (0.001). In all cases involving the multiple comparison of means, the post hoc Scheffé test was used to indicate which differences between the means could be considered significant at the 0.01 level. To assist in the interpretation of data, mean scores on Forms A, B and C by sex, school type, school sex, school size and region are presented in Tables 4.10 through 4.14; and summaries of all ANOVA results are provided in Tables 4.15, 4.17 and 4.18.

(c) Regression analyses (SPSS subprogramme REGRESSION) were used to ascertain the amount of variance that could be attributed to the independent variables of sex, school type, school sex and school size. Region was not included as a variable, since the data from non-maintained schools was excluded from the regional category and would therefore have been treated as "missing data" in all the regression analyses. Computer printouts of these analyses are presented in Appendix E (p. 165), with Table 4.16 (p. 71) providing a summary of the percent of variance attributable to each variable.

Chi-square was also used to examine the relationships between pupil perception of environmental problems, as expressed on items ABC19 and ABC20, and the independent demographic variables. And ANOVA was again employed to investigate relationships between pupil perception of "source of environmental knowledge" (Item 18) and level of environmental knowledge and attitude toward the environment.

Finally, as a means of revealing relationships that might exist between factual knowledge, conceptual knowledge and beliefs, correlation coefficients were computed between all items on each

form and between total scores on each part of Forms A, B and C. SPSS subprogramme PEARSON CORR was used to generate the correlations, and tabulated results are presented in Table 4.29 on page 81.

Relationships between Factual Knowledge and Selected Variables

An examination of the ANOVA results presented in Table 4.15 and the chi-square analyses on individual items (Appendices C and D) indicated significant differences in the response patterns on factual items with respect to sex, school type and school sex, and less pronounced differences with respect to school size and region.

Regression analyses, summarized in Appendix E and Table 4.16, made it clear that most of the observed variance could not be attributed to the demographic variables measured in this study, but was probably due to other factors such as intelligence and home-background. Only the variables of "sex" and "secondary modern school" accounted for more than five percent of the variance and could therefore be considered meaningful predictors of factual environmental knowledge.

(a) Sex. Males scored significantly higher than females on factual knowledge items on all three forms (Table 4.10). Regression analyses (Table 4.16) showed that approximately five to ten percent of the variance may be attributed to sex differences. Thus, of the five independent variables under consideration, sex appears to be the strongest predictor of factual environmental knowledge.

(b) School Type. Mean scores in Table 4.11 showed considerable differences in the four school types, with non-maintained schools consistently producing the highest scores, followed by grammar, comprehensive and secondary modern schools in that order. Post hoc Scheffé tests on the three forms indicated that the differences between non-maintained and grammar scores were not significant at the 0.01 level, however these two school types did perform significantly better than comprehensive schools which in turn produced significantly higher scores than secondary modern schools. With the variance attributed to sex removed, a little over five percent of the variance is accounted for by secondary modern schools, while the other school types make virtually no contribution (Table 4.16).

(c) School Sex. Post hoc Scheffé tests demonstrated that "all boy" schools produced significantly higher scores on factual knowledge, while no significant differences were detected between "all girl" and "mixed" schools. Since school sex accounted for very little of the variance (the variables "all boy" and "all girl" did not enter the prediction table with any appreciable amount of variance), it would appear that the "all boy" superiority was primarily a function of sex and school type, i.e. "all boy" schools reflected the higher achievement of males over females, and generally were not penalized by the lower performance of secondary modern schools.

(d) School Size. Significant differences were detected on Forms B and C, and the post hoc analyses indicated that the smaller schools of under 400 pupils did not perform as well as the three larger school categories. Since school size was found to account for less than one percent of the variance (Table 4.16) the significantly poorer performance of the smaller schools can be attributed to other factors such as sex and school type.

(e) Region. Significant regional differences were detected on Forms A and B at the 0.001 level, with Form C barely falling short of significance at this level. Based on pooled data from the three forms, the highest mean score on factual items was achieved by the South East (8.07) followed by West Midlands (7.81), Greater London (7.76), East Anglia (7.57), East Midlands (7.52), Yorkshire and Humberside (7.50), North West (7.49), South West (7.39), and the North (7.25).

While the post hoc analyses differed on each form, the overall pattern indicated that the South East region performed significantly better than the North. However, it should be noted that a frequency count of the distribution of sexes by region revealed some departure from the expected ratio of 49% males to 51% females. Since males have been shown to score significantly higher than females, a preponderance of males would tend to inflate the regional mean. Thus the North, with 47.4% males in its sample, was slightly penalized while the South East, with 51.8% males, gained a slight advantage. The most pronounced deviations in the proportion of males to females were in the West Midlands (57.0% males) and Greater London (38.6% males).

In a similar way, a frequency count of school types by region revealed departures from the expected ratio of 47% comprehensive, 37% secondary modern and 16% grammar (non-maintained schools being excluded from regional distributions). Since it has already been shown that "secondary modern" produced significantly lower scores than other school types, regions with a high proportion of secondary modern schools would be penalized compared to regions with a lower proportion. Thus the North West, with 47.5% secondary modern schools was at a disadvantage when compared to Yorkshire and Humberside with 17.3% secondary modern.

After correcting for the effect of unequal sex and school type distributions in each region, a general pattern of achievement emerges. It appears that the highest levels of factual environmental knowledge are centered in the South East and Greater London regions, with decreasing knowledge levels as one proceeds toward the more distant regions of the North and South West.

Relationships between Conceptual Knowledge and Selected Variables

As in the previous section, ANOVA (Table 4.17) and chi-square analyses (Appendices C and D) were used to determine significant relationships between variables. It was found that response patterns on conceptual items differed significantly with respect to school type and school sex,

TABLE 4.10

MEAN SCORES ON FORMS A, B AND C BY SEX

	Factual Items (Part 1)			Conceptual Items (Part 2)			Belief Items (Part 3)		
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
Male	8.25	8.33	8.97	6.58	6.22	5.96	9.14	9.42	8.63
Female	6.83	7.28	7.27	6.34	5.76	5.81	8.95	9.38	8.26

TABLE 4.11

MEAN SCORES ON FORMS A, B AND C BY SCHOOL TYPE

	Factual Items (Part 1)			Conceptual Items (Part 2)			Belief Items (Part 3)		
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
Comprehensive	7.36	7.74	7.86	6.27	5.80	5.67	8.96	9.39	8.29
Sec. Modern	6.78	7.02	7.33	5.78	5.33	5.39	8.47	8.80	7.71
Grammar	8.78	8.91	9.60	7.75	7.21	6.93	10.05	10.25	9.86
Non-maintained	9.15	9.17	9.94	7.68	7.25	7.03	9.85	10.13	9.67

TABLE 4.12

MEAN SCORES ON FORMS A, B AND C BY SCHOOL SEX

	Factual Items (Part 1)			Conceptual Items (Part 2)			Belief Items (Part 3)		
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
All Boy	9.20	9.06	10.14	7.33	6.97	6.79	9.64	9.71	9.41
All Girl	7.18	7.78	7.64	6.83	6.31	6.14	9.29	9.77	8.76
Mixed	7.25	7.53	7.79	6.16	5.68	5.62	8.84	9.22	8.15

TABLE 4.13

MEAN SCORES ON FORMS A, B AND C BY SCHOOL SIZE

	Factual Items (Part 1)			Conceptual Items (Part 2)			Belief Items (Part 3)		
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
Under 400	7.18	7.07	7.57	6.16	5.59	5.53	8.67	9.07	8.01
400 - 799	7.62	7.92	8.25	6.59	6.09	5.97	9.02	9.33	8.48
800 - 1199	7.56	7.80	8.19	6.36	5.89	5.96	9.16	9.48	8.54
Over 1200	7.45	7.91	7.97	6.39	6.08	5.72	9.12	9.62	8.48

TABLE 4.14

MEAN SCORES ON FORMS A, B AND C BY REGION

	Factual Items (Part 1)			Conceptual Items (Part 2)			Belief Items (Part 3)		
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
North	7.14	7.10	7.53	6.17	5.43	5.52	8.78	9.00	7.97
Yorks and Humb	7.18	7.59	7.74	6.00	5.83	5.76	8.69	9.34	7.96
North West	7.13	7.55	7.79	6.21	5.80	5.77	8.81	9.30	8.31
East Mid.	7.24	7.50	7.83	6.34	5.55	5.60	8.62	9.10	8.22
West Mid.	7.44	7.78	8.22	6.41	5.96	5.77	9.08	9.37	8.44
East Anglia	7.30	7.52	7.90	5.96	6.06	5.92	9.10	9.36	8.82
Greater London	7.41	7.77	8.14	6.58	5.92	6.12	9.06	9.36	8.53
Other S.E.	7.88	8.13	8.20	6.68	6.27	5.85	9.26	9.61	8.52
South West	7.18	7.33	7.69	6.09	5.45	5.50	9.01	8.97	8.16

TABLE 4.15

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE LEVELS FROM AN ANOVA OF TOTAL FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE SCORES BY (1) SEX, (2) SCHOOL TYPE, (3) SCHOOL SEX, (4) SCHOOL SIZE, AND (5) REGION

	Form	Degrees of Freedom	F Ratio	Level of Significance
Sex	A	1;3720	285.0	0.000*
	B	1;3644	168.5	0.000*
	C	1;3585	348.8	0.000*
School Type	A	3;3707	126.8	0.000*
	B	3;3636	118.0	0.000*
	C	3;3567	138.8	0.000*
School Sex	A	2;3737	140.9	0.000*
	B	2;3666	90.9	0.000*
	C	2;3596	177.6	0.000*
School Size	A	3;3736	3.0	0.029
	B	3;3665	12.2	0.000*
	C	3;3595	6.2	0.001*
Region	A	8;3407	4.7	0.000*
	B	8;3333	6.0	0.000*
	C	8;3271	2.8	0.004*

* $P \leq 0.001$

TABLE 4.16

SUMMARY OF REGRESSION ANALYSES* SHOWING PERCENT OF VARIANCE ATTRIBUTABLE TO SELECTED VARIABLES

	FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE			CONCEPTUAL KNOWLEDGE			BELIEFS		
	Form A	Form B	Form C	Form A	Form B	Form C	Form A	Form B	Form C
Sex	7.4	4.7	9.3	0.4	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.5
Comprehensive	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
Sec. Modern	5.6	5.2	6.5	7.7	6.5	5.9	2.9	2.5	4.6
Grammar	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non-maintained	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All Boy	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
All Girl	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mixed	2.3	2.6	2.7	3.6	4.0	3.9	1.2	0.8	2.1
School Size	0.2	1.0	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6

*Data extracted from computer printouts in Appendix H

TABLE 4.17

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE LEVELS FROM AN ANOVA OF TOTAL CONCEPTUAL KNOWLEDGE SCORES BY (1) SEX, (2) SCHOOL TYPE, (3) SCHOOL SEX, (4) SCHOOL SIZE, AND (5) REGION

	Form	Degrees of Freedom	F Ratio	Level of Significance
Sex	A	1;3720	12.1	0.001*
	B	1;3644	40.1	0.000*
	C	1;3585	5.6	0.017
School Type	A	3;3707	165.8	0.000*
	B	3;3636	151.7	0.000*
	C	3;3567	134.3	0.000*
School Sex	A	2;3737	83.7	0.000*
	B	2;3666	93.9	0.000*
	C	2;3596	92.5	0.000*
School Size	A	3;3736	5.2	0.002
	B	3;3665	6.5	0.000*
	C	3;3595	7.0	0.000*
Region	A	8;3407	5.5	0.000*
	B	8;3333	6.9	0.000*
	C	8;3271	3.1	0.002

* $p \leq 0.001$

with less pronounced significant difference associated with sex, school size and region. Regression analyses (Appendix E and Table 4.16) again indicated that most of the variance probably resulted from factors not measured in this study. The only variables appreciably contributing to the variance were "secondary modern school" with about six percent, and "mixed school" with approximately four percent.

(a) Sex. Males scored significantly higher than females on conceptual knowledge on Forms A and B, and marginally higher on Form C. However, since this variable accounted for less than one percent of the variance (Table 4.16) it cannot be considered a reliable predictor of conceptual environmental knowledge.

(b) School Type. The highest conceptual scores were consistently achieved by non-maintained and grammar schools, while mean scores of the secondary modern schools were always lowest. Post hoc tests on the three forms demonstrated that non-maintained and grammar schools performed significantly better than comprehensive schools, and comprehensive schools in turn

[illegible] pupils [illegible] higher scores than secondary modern schools. Post hoc analysis (Table 4.16) showed that the variable "secondary modern school" accounted for about six percent of the variance and is therefore predictive of lower achievement at the conceptual environmental knowledge.

(b) School Sex. Scheffé tests performed on all forms verified that the 'all boy' schools scored significantly higher than "all girl" schools, which in turn achieved significantly better than "mixed" schools. Since "mixed" schools accounted for about four percent of the variance, this variable appears to be a [illegible] predictor of lower scores on conceptual items.

(c) School Size. Although the post hoc analyses varied somewhat on the three forms, it was clear that schools of between 400 and 700 pupils performed significantly better than the smaller schools with enrolments below 400. Since the regression analyses showed that school size accounted for less than one percent of the variance, it would appear that the poorer performance of the smaller schools was to a large extent a function of other variables such as school type and school sex.

(d) Region. Significant regional differences were evident on Forms A and B, with Form C not quite achieving significance at the 0.001 level. Based upon pooled data from the three forms, the South East produced the highest mean scores on concepcual items with 6.27, followed by Greater London (6.22), West Midlands (6.05), East Anglia (5.98), North West (5.93), Yorkshire and Humberside (5.87), East Midlands (5.83), North (5.70), and South West (5.68). An examination of the post hoc analyses showed that pupils in the South East possessed significantly more conceptual environmental knowledge than pupils in the South West and North.

A regional pattern of achievement on conceptual items appeared to be similar to the pattern noted for factual knowledge. The highest conceptual knowledge scores were found in the South East and Greater London regions, while the more remote North and South West produced the lowest scores.

Relationships between Beliefs and Selected Variables

Once again ANOVA (Table 4.18) and chi-square analyses (Appendices C and D) were used to examine the relationships between variables. Significant differences in the response patterns on belief items were found with respect to school type and school sex, however no differences were detected at the 0.001 level with respect to sex (on Forms A and B), school size and region. The variables under consideration in this study were found to contribute little to the total variance on belief scores (Table 4.19), with "secondary modern school" accounting for less than five percent and "mixed school" accounting for about one percent.

TABLE 4.18

F RATIOS AND SIGNIFICANCE LEVELS FROM AN ANOVA OF TOTAL BELIEF SCORES BY (1) SEX, (2) SCHOOL TYPE, (3) SCHOOL SEX, (4) SCHOOL SIZE, AND (5) REGION

	Form	Degrees of Freedom	F Ratio	Level of Significance
Sex	A	1;3720	4.8	0.026
	B	1;3644	0.2	0.620
	C	1;3585	14.8	0.000*
School Type	A	3;3707	58.1	0.000*
	B	3;3636	44.9	0.000*
	C	3;3567	92.0	0.000*
School Sex	A	2;3737	24.9	0.000*
	B	2;3666	14.6	0.000*
	C	2;3596	46.8	0.000*
School Size	A	3;3736	3.1	0.024
	B	3;3665	3.5	0.014
	C	3;3595	3.0	0.026
Region	A	8;3407	2.7	0.006
	B	8;3333	2.2	0.023
	C	8;3271	2.4	0.013

* $p \leq 0.001$

(1) Sex. Although males scored slightly higher than females on environmental beliefs, only the means on Form C were deemed to be significantly different. Since the differences on two of the three forms did not exceed the accepted level of significance, the stated hypothesis that "there are no significant relationships between expressed attitudes toward the environment and sex" was retained. Regression analyses indicated that sex did not contribute appreciably to the variance on belief scores (Table 4.16).

(2) School Type. As in the case of factual and conceptual knowledge, post hoc Scheffé tests demonstrated that grammar and non-maintained schools produced significantly higher belief scores than comprehensive schools, which in turn achieved significantly better than secondary modern schools. Of all the variables, "secondary modern" accounted for most of the variance on beliefs. However, since this was only about [illegible] percent of the variance, it cannot be considered a very effective predictor of lower belief scores.

(c) School Sex. Significant differences were shown on all forms, with the "all boy" and "all girl" schools producing significantly higher belief scores than the "mixed" schools. Only about one percent of the variance was contributed by "mixed schools" (Table 4.18) making this variable a poor predictor of environmental beliefs.

(d) School Size. No significant differences in beliefs were detected with respect to school size.

(e) Region. No significant regional differences were found in environmental belief scores.

Relationships between Pupil Perception of Problems and Selected Variables

Item ABC19 asked pupils to identify from a list of common environmental problems the one that they thought to be most serious in their home community. Similarly, item ABC20 asked pupils to indicate the problem that they perceived to be most serious in Britain. In order to determine whether significant relationships existed between pupil perception of environmental problems and the independent variables of sex, school type, school sex, school size and region, chi-square analyses were performed on the data pooled from the three forms. The results of these analyses (and the percent response on each alternative) are provided in Tables 4.19 through 4.26. It should be noted that data from a very large number of subjects (in excess of 10,000) were used in these analyses, with the result that rather small variations in the response pattern (which may have no practical implications) are reported as being significant at the 0.0001 level.

(a) Sex. Tables 4.19 and 4.20 indicate significant differences in the response of males and females to these perceptual questions. Males appeared to be more concerned than females about land use and water pollution, while females expressed greater concern about traffic accidents and crime (especially for the nation).

(b) School Type. Significant differences in response patterns by school type were detected (Tables 4.21 and 4.22). Pupils in non-maintained and grammar schools expressed greater concern over land use and water pollution than their peers in comprehensive and secondary modern schools. Non-maintained school pupils were also more concerned about local over-crowding but less worried about crime as a national problem. Comprehensive school respondents emphasized local crime, while those in secondary modern schools were more concerned about traffic accidents than their peers in other schools. The most frequently selected response of secondary modern school pupils to item ABC19 was "none of the above are problems in our community".

(c) School Sex. Tables 4.23 and 4.24 exhibit significant differences in response patterns by school sex. "All boy" schools emphasized the problems of land use and water pollution to a greater extent than the other schools, while "all girl" schools showed greater concern for crime and local traffic accidents. Pupils in "mixed"

TABLE 4.19

DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSES (AS PERCENT) ON ITEM ABC19 BY SEX

	Response Alternatives								
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
Male	15.5	9.5	10.6	9.4	10.9	8.3	4.3	13.9	17.6
Female	13.4	14.8	10.1	7.7	11.8	8.1	4.0	15.2	15.0

N = 10,934 x^2 = 99.6 8 degrees of freedom Significance = 0.0000

TABLE 4.20

DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSES (AS PERCENT) ON ITEM ABC20 BY SEX

	Response Alternatives								
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
Male	10.4	8.8	12.6	10.4	7.4	26.0	5.5	17.9	1.1
Female	7.8	10.1	11.6	6.2	5.8	26.9	4.9	26.1	0.7

N = 10,934 x^2 = 185.3 8 degrees of freedom Significance = 0.0000

TABLE 4.21

DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSES (AS PERCENT)
ON ITEM ABC19 BY SCHOOL TYPE

	Response Alternatives								
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
Comprehensive	14.3	12.6	11.0	7.6	10.9	8.6	4.1	16.1	14.9
Sec. Modern	13.7	12.9	9.3	8.0	11.7	7.7	4.5	13.9	18.4
Grammar	16.7	11.5	10.6	10.8	11.5	6.9	3.5	12.8	15.7
Non-maintained	14.4	9.0	10.1	11.3	11.7	10.1	3.8	12.5	17.0

N = 10,902 x^2 = 93.3 24 degrees of freedom Significance = 0.0000

TABLE 4.22

DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSES (AS PERCENT)
ON ITEM ABC20 BY SCHOOL TYPE

	Response Alternatives								
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
Comprehensive	9.3	9.1	11.8	8.0	6.6	25.8	5.8	22.6	1.0
Sec. Modern	7.2	11.8	11.8	6.3	6.8	27.4	5.1	22.5	1.2
Grammar	10.4	7.2	13.7	11.0	5.2	26.4	4.0	22.0	0.2
Non-maintained	12.5	5.7	12.8	12.7	8.1	25.5	4.3	17.5	0.9

N = 10,901 x^2 = 174.7 24 degrees of freedom Significance = 0.0000

TABLE 4.23

DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSES (AS PERCENT)
ON ITEM ABC19 BY SCHOOL SEX

	Response Alternatives								
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
All Boy	15.9	9.1	11.9	10.2	10.5	8.9	4.1	12.5	16.9
All Girl	12.4	15.1	10.2	9.0	10.4	8.5	4.1	15.9	14.5
Mixed	14.6	12.1	10.1	8.1	11.7	8.0	4.2	14.6	16.7

N = 10,987 x^2 = 64.3 16 degrees of freedom Significance = 0.0000

TABLE 4.24

DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSES (AS PERCENT)
ON ITEM ABC20 BY SCHOOL SEX

	Response Alternatives								
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
All Boy	13.3	6.5	11.2	11.9	7.3	27.1	5.1	16.4	1.1
All Girl	8.5	8.3	11.7	7.0	5.3	29.3	4.4	24.9	0.6
Mixed	8.2	10.4	12.5	7.8	6.8	25.5	5.4	22.5	0.9

N = 10,987 x^2 = 151.7 16 degrees of freedom Significance = 0.0000

schools chose traffic accidents as a national problem more frequently than their peers in schools segregated by sex. These differences noted for "school sex" appear to be largely due to the variable "sex".

(d) School Size. Significant differences in pupil perceptions were not detected with respect to school size. Tables giving response patterns are therefore not presented for this variable.

(e) Region. Significant regional differences were evident in responses to items ABC19 and ABC20 (Tables 4.25 and 4.26). With respect to local problems, the most striking result was the popularity of the response that "none of the above are problems in our community". In fact this was the most frequently selected alternative in East Anglia (23.0%), the South West (21.1%), the East Midlands (19.6%) and the West Midlands (16.7%). Land use problems were emphasized by the South East, East Anglia and the South West; traffic accidents by Greater London; air pollution by the West Midlands and North; water pollution by Yorkshire and Humberside and East Anglia; over-crowding by Greater London; and crime by Greater London, the North, Yorkshire and Humberside, the South East and North West.

In the case of item ABC20, pupils in every region identified the two most serious problems in Britain as "over-crowding" and "crime".

Relationships between "Source of Knowledge" and Pupil Environmental Knowledge and Attitude

Item ABC18 asked pupils to identify whether they gained most of their knowledge about the environment from general education at school ("regular courses"), special environmental courses at school ("special courses"), private reading, the radio and TV ("reading-media"), or talking with parents, friends and other people ("discussion"). Analysis of variance procedures were used to determine whether significant relationships existed between pupils' perception of their "source of environmental knowledge" and their level of environmental knowledge or attitude toward the environment. Mean factual, conceptual and beliefs scores of pupils responding to the four alternatives on this item are given in Table 4.27, and an ANOVA summary (from the three forms) is presented in Table 4.28.

Post hoc Scheffé tests showed that on factual items the "reading-media" group scored significantly higher than the "regular courses" and "discussion" groups, while the "reading-media" and "regular courses" groups performed significantly better than the "special courses" group. On both the conceptual knowledge and belief sections the "reading-media" group scored significantly higher than both the "discussion" and "regular courses" groups, and they in turn produced significantly higher means than the "special courses" group.

The significantly higher levels of environmental knowledge and more positive attitudes of pupils who identified their major source of environmental knowledge as "reading, the radio and TV", and the significantly poorer knowledge and attitudes of pupils who identified their major source as "special environmental courses at school" raises some interesting

TABLE 4.25

DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSES (AS PERCENT) ON ITEM ABC19 BY REGION

	Response Alternatives								
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
North	12.9	11.0	14.2	8.6	10.7	4.4	5.1	18.9	14.2
Yorks & Humb.	10.3	13.4	11.4	12.8	10.1	6.2	3.9	16.1	15.8
North West	13.5	11.2	10.2	10.6	12.5	6.3	5.4	15.2	15.1
East Mid.	11.4	10.0	10.2	8.7	13.3	9.3	3.8	13.7	19.6
West Mid.	15.2	11.7	14.4	5.9	12.9	8.5	5.0	9.8	16.7
East Anglia	17.3	7.9	7.0	12.2	12.2	8.9	3.3	8.1	23.0
Greater London	11.9	17.3	11.4	5.1	7.8	11.4	3.3	19.5	12.2
Other S.E.	18.2	13.0	7.7	6.0	11.0	9.0	3.6	16.0	15.5
South West	16.9	13.1	6.7	9.2	11.1	7.8	3.3	10.7	21.1

N = 10,018 x^2 = 431.1 64 degrees of freedom Significance = 0.0000

TABLE 4.26

DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSES (AS PERCENT) ON ITEM ABC20 BY REGION

	Response Alternatives								
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
North	7.7	11.5	14.4	8.5	5.9	23.5	4.7	23.4	0.5
Yorks & Humb.	6.4	10.4	13.7	8.2	5.9	22.2	4.3	27.3	1.5
North West	7.2	11.4	12.0	7.9	4.7	23.8	5.7	26.6	0.7
East Mid.	5.5	10.3	9.7	8.4	8.6	29.8	4.7	22.3	0.7
West Mid.	8.7	9.7	11.4	7.8	8.0	27.0	5.8	20.9	0.8
East Anglia	8.7	12.3	15.5	7.1	4.6	29.4	5.2	16.6	0.5
Greater London	9.5	7.4	11.6	5.6	5.4	31.6	4.7	22.7	1.4
Other S.E.	12.5	7.5	11.2	8.0	6.5	28.6	5.4	19.4	1.0
South West	8.5	12.1	12.9	9.4	8.4	22.6	6.3	19.3	0.5

N = 10,017 x^2 = 244.1 64 degrees of freedom Significance = 0.0000

TABLE 4.27

MEAN FACTUAL, CONCEPTUAL AND BELIEF SCORES ON ITEM ABC18
(USING DATA POOLED FROM FORMS A, B AND C)

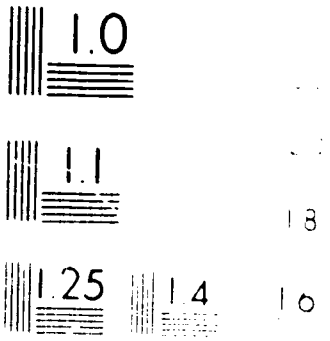
	Factual Items (Part 1)	Conceptual Items (Part 2)	Belief Items (Part 3)
Regular Courses	7.48	5.80	8.62
Special Courses	7.06	5.44	8.18
Reading-Media	8.29	6.49	9.40
Discussion	7.33	5.85	8.62

TABLE 4.28

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE LEVELS FROM AN ANALYSIS OF
VARIANCE OF RESPONSE PATTERNS ON ITEM ABC18

	Form	Degrees of Freedom	F Ratio	Level of Significance
Factual	A	3;3729	53.8	0.000*
	B	3;3653	37.8	0.000*
	C	3;3586	32.2	0.000*
Conceptual	A	3;3729	58.0	0.000*
	B	3;3653	38.3	0.000*
	C	3;3586	27.2	0.000*
Belief	A	3;3729	34.3	0.000*
	B	3;3653	19.9	0.000*
	C	3;3586	35.5	0.000*

* P < 0.001


1.0
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[illegible] can be drawn from the responses [illegible] without knowing more about the educational experience [illegible] for the respondents; and certainly no causal relationship should be inferred. However the results on item ABC18 (including the frequency of responses cited earlier in Table 4.9) tend to reaffirm the importance of the media as an educational tool. In addition to improving the quality and quantity of special environmental courses, it would seem wise to intensify environmental education efforts in those areas that the majority of pupils already perceive to be the prime source of their knowledge.

Relationships between Environmental Knowledge and Attitude

In order to reveal relationships that might exist between factual knowledge, conceptual knowledge and attitudes, correlation coefficients were computed between the total scores on the factual, conceptual and belief sections of each form using SPSS subprogramme SCATTERGRAM. In addition, SPSS subprogramme PEARSON CORR was used to compute the PEARSON product-moment correlation coefficients between all items on Forms A, B and C.

With the number of cases being in excess of 3500, a correlation coefficient of 0.05 was found to be statistically significant at the 0.001 level. Since this correlation coefficient accounts for an extremely small amount of the variance (0.25 percent) it was decided to select a correlation value that represented at least one percent of the variance. Thus, in examining relationships between items, only correlation coefficients exceeding 0.10 ($r > 0.10$) were accepted. The probability of falsely claiming a significant correlation between items was therefore considerably less than one in a thousand.

The correlation coefficients (significant at the 0.00001 level) between total scores on the factual, conceptual and belief sections of each form are presented below in Table 4.29.

TABLE 4.29

CORRELATIONS BETWEEN TOTAL FACTUAL, CONCEPTUAL AND BELIEF SCORES ON EACH FORM

	Corr. Coefficient Between Factual & Conceptual Scores	Corr. Coefficient Between Conceptual and Belief Scores	Corr. Coefficient Between Factual and Belief Scores
Form A	0.446	0.466	0.359
Form B	0.455	0.482	0.349
Form C	0.433	0.494	0.451

Fisher z transformations were used to calculate average correlations across the three forms and to show that the differences between these

FIGURE 4.1 CORRELATIONS BETWEEN ITEMS FORM A

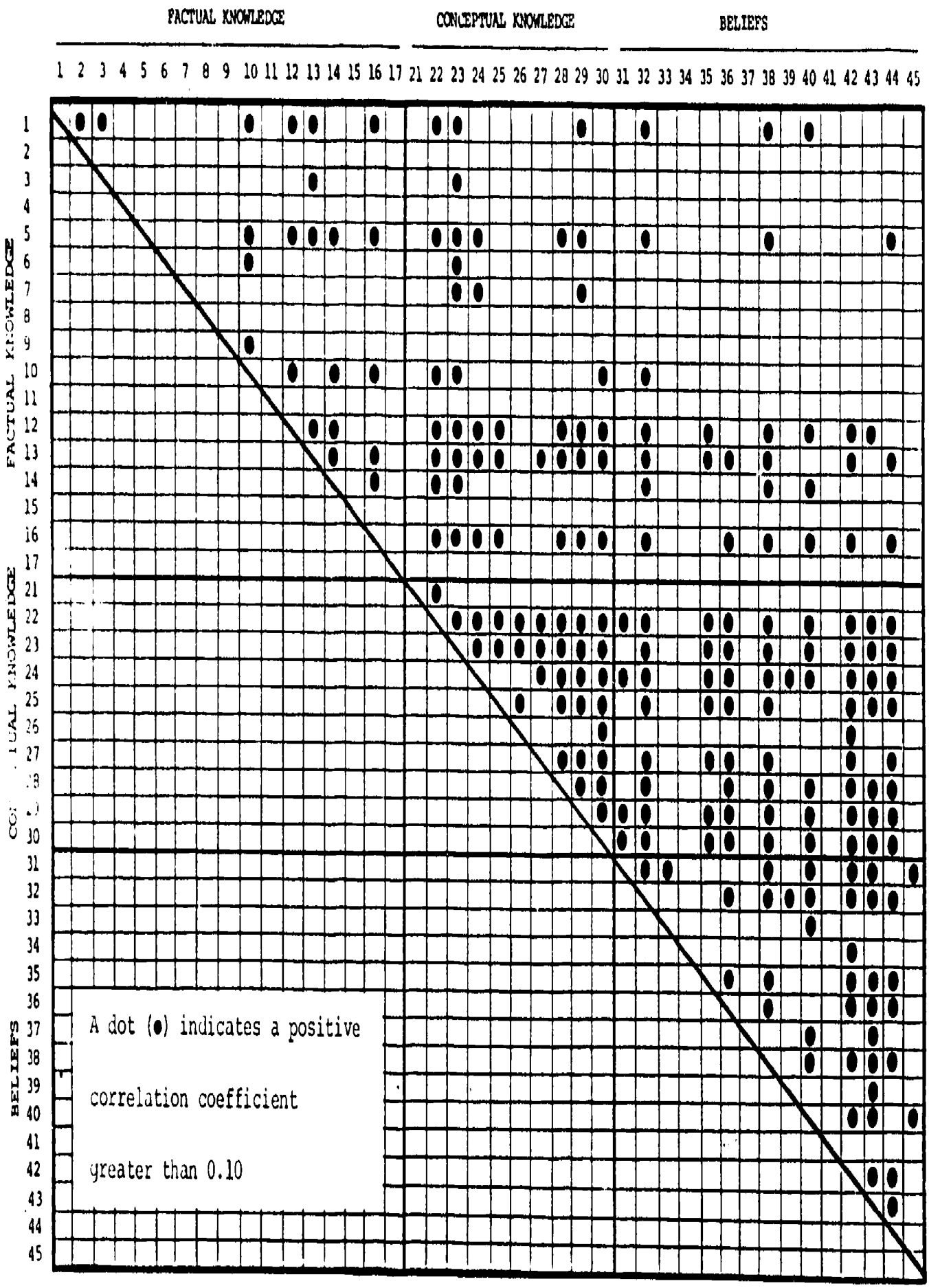


FIGURE 4.2 CORRELATIONS BETWEEN ITEMS FORM B

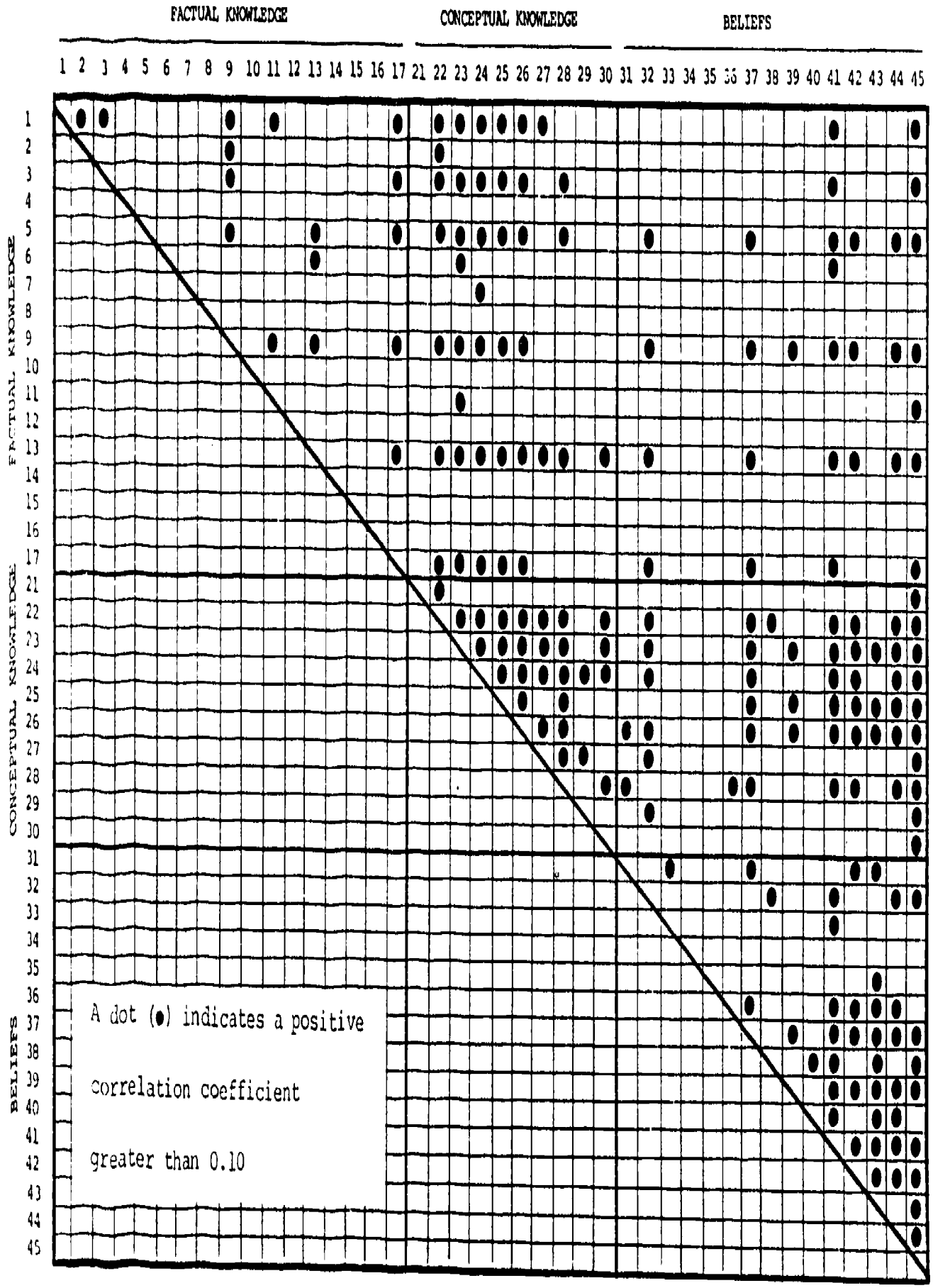
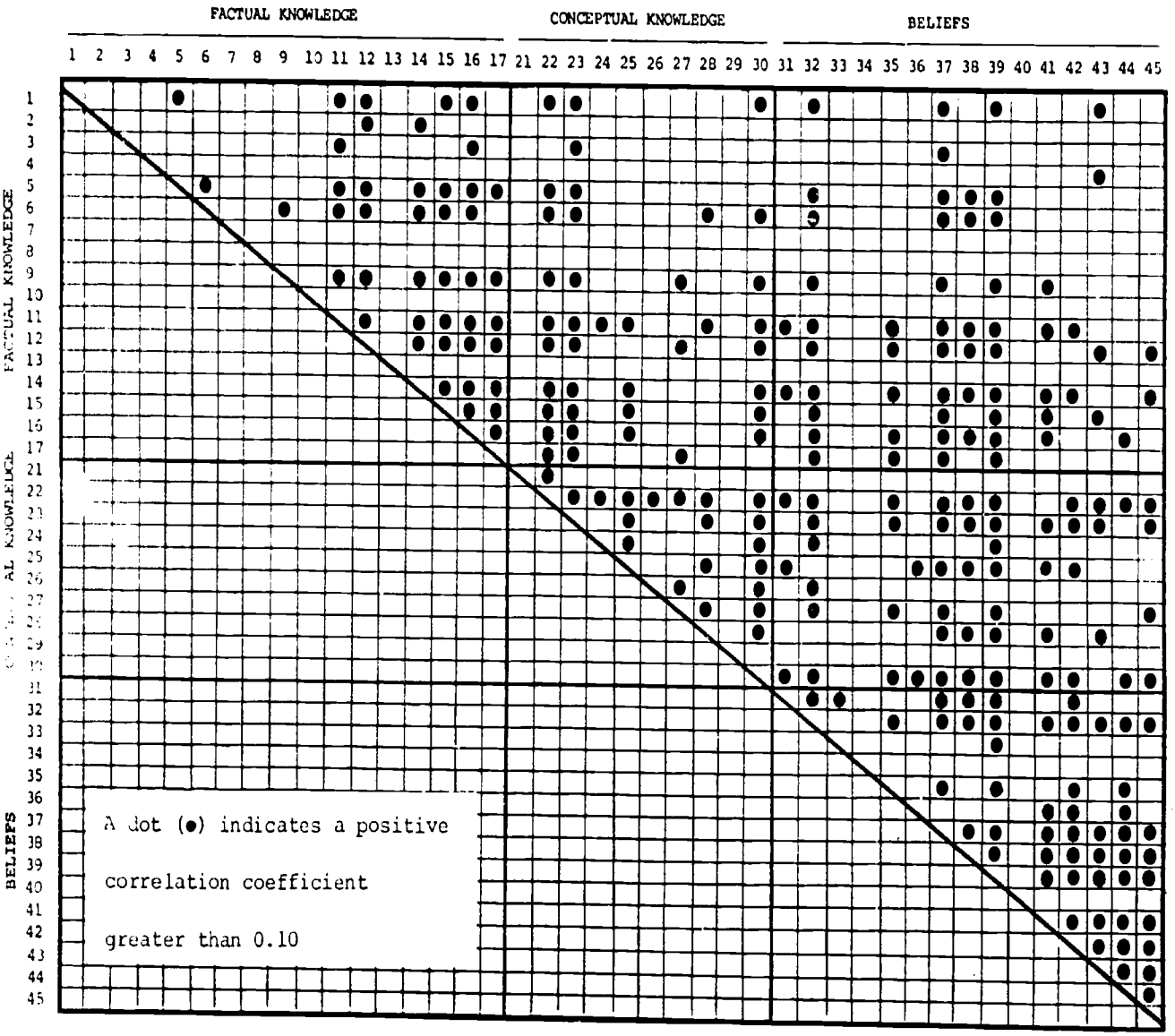


FIGURE 4.3 CORRELATIONS BETWEEN ITEMS FORM C



average correlations were significant. The results indicated that the strongest relationship exists between conceptual knowledge and attitude (composite belief score), with a slightly weaker relationship between factual and conceptual knowledge. The lowest correlation was found to be between factual knowledge and attitude.

Figures 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 provide a visual impression of the items that correlate positively with each other ($r > 0.10$) on the three forms. It is immediately apparent that the relationships between individual items support the results described above, in which total scores were correlated. When the results shown in Figures 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 were pooled, significant correlations were found to exist between 36.9% of the conceptual and belief items, 23.3% of the factual and conceptual items, and 15.0% of the factual and belief items. This reinforces the earlier finding that the strongest relationship exists between conceptual knowledge and attitude while the weakest relationship is between factual knowledge and attitude.

Results of Testing the Null Hypotheses

Based upon the preceding examination of relationships between variables, the following decisions were made to retain or reject each of the null hypotheses stated on page 7.

	Hypothesis	Decision
1.	There are no significant relationships between the level of environmental knowledge and	
	a) sex;	Rejected
	b) type of school attended;	Rejected
	c) sex composition of the school;	Rejected
	d) school size; and	Rejected
	e) region of school attendance.	Rejected
2.	There are no significant relationships between expressed attitudes toward the environment and	
	a) sex;	Not rejected
	b) type of school attended;	Rejected
	c) sex composition of the school;	Rejected
	d) school size; and	Not rejected
	e) region of school attendance.	Not rejected
3.	There are no significant relationships between pupil perception of environmental problems (both local and national) and	
	a) sex;	Rejected
	b) type of school attended;	Rejected
	c) sex composition of the school;	Rejected
	d) school size; and	Not rejected
	e) region of school attendance.	Rejected

	Hypothesis	Decision
4.	There are no significant relationships between pupil perception of "source of environmental knowledge" and level of environmental knowledge or attitude toward the environment.	Rejected
5.	There is no significant relationship between the level of factual environmental knowledge and expressed attitude toward the environment.	Rejected
6.	There is no significant relationship between the level of conceptual environmental knowledge and expressed attitude toward the environment.	Rejected.

Although many of the null hypotheses were rejected, it should be re-emphasized that the variables of sex and school type ("secondary modern") accounted for most of the variance. Thus for practical purposes it should be remembered that differences noted in school sex, school size and region were to a large extent a function of the variables sex and school type.

CHAPTER V

SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS AND IMPLICATIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Summary

In response to the recent upsurge of interest in environmental matters, there has been a flurry of activity in England to develop environmental education programmes and introduce them into the school curriculum. Much of this curriculum development has been somewhat subjective and intuitive and has taken place without the benefit of having objective measures of the pupils' current environmental knowledge and attitudes. Thus the major purpose of this study was to establish baseline data relating to the environmental knowledge and beliefs of English teenagers in the final year before the majority leave school. An additional objective was to examine the relationships between variables that might be of interest to curriculum developers and educational decision-makers.

The instrument developed for the survey consisted of three questionnaires (Forms A, B and C) with each questionnaire containing a total of 45 factual knowledge, conceptual knowledge, belief and perceptual items. All items used in the instrument were thoroughly tested in a pilot study conducted in representative English secondary schools.

A sample of 500 secondary schools was randomly selected to proportionately represent the major types of school in every region of the country. Packaged materials were posted to the selected schools with instructions to administer the instrument to 30 pupils in the 5th year. A total of 383 schools (76.6% of the sample) returned completed answer sheets, providing information from over 11,000 pupils. The answer sheets were machine scored, with pupil responses being automatically punched onto computer cards. The data were then transferred to magnetic tape and analyzed by standard computer programmes.

Conclusions and Implications

In this section the major conclusions derived from the analyses of data will be summarized. In addition, the findings will be related to past research, and implications which can be drawn from this study will be discussed.

Measures of Environmental Knowledge and Attitudes

(1) In general, pupils responded poorly to factual knowledge items. Only 14 of the 43 factual knowledge items were correctly answered by more than 50% of the pupils, and the overall correct response rate was approximately 46%.

(2) Pupils demonstrated a greater understanding of environmental concepts, with an overall correct response rate of a little over 60%. Seventeen of the 24 conceptual knowledge items were correctly answered by more than 50% of the respondents.

(3) Response patterns on the belief items indicated that pupils have a moderately positive attitude toward the environment. About 60% of all responses on this section were "in agreement with the panel"; and on 27 of the 37 items more than 50% of the pupils selected the environmentally positive alternative.

The results described above are strikingly similar to the response patterns observed by Bohl (18) and Perkes (104) in the United States and by Myers (53) in Australia. In these studies, pupils at the equivalent grade level were reported to have a generally poor grasp of factual environmental knowledge (with higher levels of conceptual knowledge evident in the United States), and yet they tended to express positive environmental attitudes on the affective questions. This led Bohl to conclude that secondary school pupil environmental attitudes could be considered "learned responses", and since they lacked "a strong base of cognitive information, these attitude responses on the part of the student should not be considered firm beliefs." (18, p. 166)

The rather low level of environmental knowledge revealed in this survey should be a matter of some concern to the educational community. Although it might be argued that many of the factual questions were difficult, they never-the-less relate to issues of great consequence to the health and well-being of the English people. Since responsible decision-making is dependent upon a firm foundation of factual information, it is of importance to tomorrow's society that today's youth be provided with a sound basis of environmental knowledge. This study has revealed a number of misconceptions about aspects of the environment; and it is these areas of general misunderstanding that should receive the close scrutiny of those involved in developing environmental education programmes.

Although it has been reported that pupils generally appeared to have positive attitudes toward the environment, this should be no cause for complacency. It was also noted in Chapter IV that pupils' environmental attitudes tend to be strongly positive when the object of concern does not impinge directly on their lives, but are relatively negative when some personal sacrifice may be required. For example, a large majority agreed that "man has a moral responsibility to protect the natural environment" (84.5%), while fewer then one-half believed that we need to decrease the use of the car as a major means of transportation, that community standards for pollution are more important than industrial growth and development, and that most couples should not produce more than two children. Perkes recognized a similar pattern of responses to affective items and concluded that

> ...environmental attitudes which tend to be broad in nature and possess little personal commitment are viewed favorably. However, when these attitudes become more specific and an obvious change in personal actions logically follows, individuals tend to remove the dissonance by not making the transfer from general to specific or by changing personal attitudes to correspond with their present actions. (104, p. 138-139)

If a primary educational goal is to be the development of positive environmental attitudes (especially with respect to issues and situations that involve some personal commitment and sacrifice), then much effort and research must be directed toward establishing effective means for achieving this end. If attitudes of young people are to be translated into responsible social behaviour, it would appear that these attitudes should be deeply rooted and based upon knowledge, experience and conviction, rather than superficially "learned" or instilled by indoctrination.

Relationships between Environmental Knowledge and Attitude and Selected Variables

(1) On factual knowledge scores, significant differences were found with respect to sex, school type, school sex, school size and region. However regression analyses indicated that the differences observed on school sex and school size could to a large extent be attributed to the high performance of males over females and the poorer achievement of pupils in secondary modern schools.

(2) The response patterns on conceptual knowledge items differed significantly with respect to school type and school sex, with less pronounced significant differences associated with sex, school size and region. Of the variables under consideration, most of the variance could be attributed to "secondary modern" and "mixed" schools, with both categories performing relatively poorly.

(3) On total belief scores, significant differences were found with respect to school type and school sex; however differences in sex, school size and regional scores did not appear to be significant. Some variance could again be attributed to the variables "secondary modern" and "mixed", with pupils in these schools expressing significantly poorer environmental attitudes than their peers in other schools.

Regression analyses indicated that most of the observed variance could not be attributed to the demographic variables measured in this study, but was probably due to personal factors such as intelligence and home background. Of the variables under consideration, only "sex" and "secondary modern" (and to a lesser extent "mixed") accounted for an appreciable amount of the variance.

It is not surprising that pupils in secondary modern schools did not perform as well as their peers in other school types, since children of lower ability are channeled into the "modern" schools. Perhaps of greater interest is the fact that males performed significantly better than females on factual environmental knowledge, although differences in environmental attitude did not appear to be dependent upon sex. This result supports the findings of other researchers mentioned in Chapter II. Perkes suggested that such findings "might be explained in terms of differences in scientific background of males and females" (104, p. 139), since many topics involving facts about the environment are studied in science courses, and science subjects are elected by males more frequently than females. Eyers, on the other hand, favoured the suggestion that the "generally poorer performance of females at the secondary level might be due to a decline in motivation brought about by their view of the role of females in society" (53, p. 118). Both of these explanations have merit.

[illegible] in enrolment patterns in science to include more females and with a continuing change in the self-image that women have of their role in society, perhaps the present discrepancy between the sexes on environmental knowledge will be eliminated. In the meantime, the significant sex differences should be taken into account in the planning of environmental education programmes.

Relationship between Environmental Knowledge and Attitude

In examining the relationships between the responses on the factual knowledge, conceptual knowledge and belief sections of the instrument, it was found that

(1) the strongest relationship exists between conceptual knowledge and attitude ($r = 0.48$ on total scores);

(2) a slightly weaker relationship exists between factual and conceptual knowledge ($r = 0.44$ on total scores); and

(3) the weakest relationship is between factual knowledge and attitude ($r = 0.38$ on total scores).

These results support the findings of other research workers mentioned in Chapter II and provide a more precise measure of the strengths of these relationships than any of the previous studies concerning environmental knowledge and attitudes. Without diminishing the value of factual environmental knowledge (which was mentioned earlier as a prerequisite for responsible decision-making), these results appear to underline the importance of conceptual knowledge in the development of positive environmental attitudes. Although no causative relationship has been demonstrated, the relatively strong correlation between the conceptual and belief sections suggests that the development of sound concepts might be a productive means of leading to the establishment of positive attitudes. The importance of conceptual development has been stressed by many educators, and these findings not only support their position but are a reminder that conceptual understanding should be a prime objective of environmental education programmes.

Pupil Perceptions of Environmental Problems

(1) With respect to local environmental problems, the most frequently selected response (16.3%) was "None of the above are problems in our community". Thus a sizable number of pupils did not perceive these common problems to be of concern in their immediate surroundings.

(2) On the national scene, all but a few pupils (0.9%) were prepared to identify an environmental problem. Overcrowding, which was of little concern in local communities, emerged as the major concern for Britain as a whole, closely followed by crime.

(3) Significant differences in pupil perceptions of both local and national environmental problems were found with respect to sex, school type, school sex, and region. Significant differences in perceptions were not detected with respect to school size.

The results of these analyses give some idea of the environmental problems that loom largest in the minds of young people. For the country as a whole, societal problems such as overcrowding and crime were considered more serious than problems relating to the physical environment (such as water and air pollution). The fact that an appreciable number of pupils believed that none of the listed environmental problems were serious in their home communities (but were problems for the nation), may indicate the need for an increased emphasis on local studies.

Pupil Perceptions of "Source of Environmental Knowledge"

(1) Fewer than 40% of the respondents believed that they had gained most of their environmental knowledge from their formal schooling, while over 60% indicated that this knowledge has been gained outside of the classroom in "self-educational" activities. In the perception of these pupils the media appears to have been the most important source of their knowledge (48.[illegible] while special education courses have made a relatively small impact (6.9%).

(2) Pupils who identified their major source of environmental knowledge as "reading, the radio, and TV" scored significantly higher than the other groups on factual knowledge, conceptual knowledge and beliefs. Those who indicated that their major source of knowledge was 'special environmental courses at school" produced significantly lower factual, conceptual and belief scores than the other groups.

Since this item was designed to elicit the pupils' perceptions of where they have gained most of their environmental knowledge, and does not necessarily indicate the true source, some caution should be observed in interpreting the response pattern. For example, the fact that fewer than one-half of the pupils believe that they have gained most of their knowledge in the classroom does not necessarily imply that schools are not doing an adequate job in environmental education; however it does tend to raise that suspicion. Perhaps the most interesting outcome from this question is the importance attributed by pupils to the media as a source of environmental knowledge. While attitudes developed through the passive reception of information may not have the same influence on behaviour as attitudes arising from personal investigation and involvement, it never-the-less seems wise to look afresh at the potential of the media in this area. In addition to improving the quality and quantity of environmental education in the school curriculum, it would appear to be a fruitful strategy to intensify the coverage of environmental matters in newspapers and on the radio and television.

The question on the "source of environmental knowledge" was first used by Eyers in the Australian study, and it is interesting to note the similarity of response patterns in the two countries. Australian and English pupils responded to each alternative within a few percentage points of each other, perhaps reflecting the similarities of the two societies and the current state of development of their environmental education programmes.

Recommendations

(1) The findings presented in this study should be taken into account in the future development of environmental education programmes in Ireland. Curriculum developers should particularly bear in mind the following:

(i) The baseline data collected in this survey pinpoints areas of inadequate information and negative attitudes that may require additional emphasis in the curriculum.

(ii) Without neglecting factual information, particular emphasis should be placed on promoting conceptual understanding.

(iii) Differences relating to sex and school type should be recognized, especially in local curriculum development.

(iv) It would appear from the analysis of pupil perceptions that there is a need to identify and study local problems to a greater extent.

(v) Educators should capitalize on the mass media (especially television) as a means of promoting sound knowledge and positive environmental attitudes.

(2) The instrument used in this study (or a modified version) might well be used by individual schools or LEAs to establish their local cognitive and affective baselines prior to developing environmental courses.

(3) Using data collected in the survey, it would be possible to isolate schools with pupils having high levels of environmental knowledge and/or positive attitudes. By examining these schools (subject to their permission) it might be possible to identify programmes, teaching practices or other factors that have contributed to these desired outcomes.

(4) Additional research on a number of topics peripheral to this study is needed. For example, we need to know more about the relationships between knowledge and attitudes, and perhaps even more importantly, the relationships between attitudes and behaviour. Further research might explore why pupils who perceive that most of their environmental knowledge comes from media sources have higher levels of information and more positive attitudes; while another study might examine why males possess more factual information than females without having more positive attitudes.

(5) Now that similar studies have been conducted in the United States, Australia and England, comparisons should be made between the environmental knowledge levels and attitudes of these pupils. Such information would provide some insight into the "exportability" of existing (and possibly future) environmental education curricula.

(6) It is hoped that this study might be useful as a model for similar environmental surveys in other countries. The data generated by

surveys in a number of diverse cultures could provide the basis for developing models for an international environmental education curriculum, as recommended by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment.

(7) The instrument used in this study should be readministered to 5th year pupils in England at an appropriate time in the future, perhaps several years from now. In this way changes in the environmental knowledge and attitudes of secondary pupils could be measured, and trends that have curriculum implications might be identified.

APPENDIX A

1. The Instrument* : Forms A, B and C

2. Answer Sheets** : Forms A, B and C

Answers coded on Part 1 are supported by references shown in Appendix B

Answers coded on Parts 2 and 3 were selected by the panel using criteria presented on page 18.

* Photo-reduced by 15% from the original
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FORM A

Part 1

Directions : Read all items carefully. For items 1 - 20, select the one response which you believe provides the best answer. Mark your choice in the appropriate box on the Answer Sheet provided.

1. The present population of Britain is about

a) 57 million
b) 67 million
c) 77 million
d) 87 million

2. The population of Britain is growing at a rate which is

a) more than that of the world average
b) about the same as the world average
c) less than that of the world average
d) zero

3. At the present time Britain

a) produces more food than it uses, and exports the surplus
b) produces just enough food to satisfy home needs
c) must import about 5% of its food supply
d) must import about 50% of its food supply

4. Which of the following is most likely to be an important world-wide source of energy for the future?

a) solar radiation
b) tidal flow
c) geothermal sources
d) wind power

5. On several recent occasions in various parts of the world, the sale of fish has been stopped because the fish have been found to contain high levels of

a) thalidomide
b) chlorine
c) mercury
d) lead

6. Since about 1950 birds of prey (such as the peregrine falcon, golden eagle and sparrow hawk) have seriously declined in numbers. Evidence suggests that this is because the pesticide DDT causes

a) the birds to lose their ability to breed
b) the birds to have eggs with shells that are thin and easily break
c) baby birds to lose their appetite
d) immediate death to these birds if they eat food with DDT in it

7. As a result of burning coal and oil the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is

a) decreasing, but will not affect the earth's environment
b) decreasing, with possible serious effects on the earth's environment
c) increasing, but will not affect the earth's environment
d) increasing, with possible serious effects on the earth's environment

8. Some people object to the use of detergents and soap powders that contain phosphates. The main reason for this is because phosphates

a) cause the rapid growth of algae in lakes and rivers
b) are poisonous to bacteria that help to break down sewage
c) are harmful to the health of young children
d) cause birth defects in fish and other aquatic animals

9. Once DDT has been spread to kill insect pests, it usually

a) remains toxic for a few weeks only
b) remains toxic for about one year
c) remains toxic for many years
d) remains toxic forever

10. Torrey Canyon

a) is the site of a large dam in the United States
b) is an area of scenic beauty in Wales
c) is the site of recent discoveries of vast oil reserves
d) is the name of an oil-tanker that ran aground

11. The population of the world increased from 2 thousand million in 1920 to about

a) 2.5 thousand million in 1975
b) 3.0 thousand million in 1975
c) 4.0 thousand million in 1975
d) 5.0 thousand million in 1975

12. A temperature inversion can be harmful because it

a) puts more carbon dioxide into the air
b) keeps air pollutants near the ground
c) prevents horizontal air flow
d) produces pollutant particles

13. The size of a population is affected by

a) the birth rate
b) the death rate
c) the rate of immigration and emigration
d) all of the above

14. Many organic wastes are broken down in water. In the process, what substance is taken out of the water?

a) carbon dioxide
b) hydrogen
c) oxygen
d) sulphur

15. Solid particles that contribute to air pollution (such as soot and dust) tend to

a) increase the earth's temperature
b) decrease the earth's temperature
c) keep the earth's temperature steady
d) have no effect on the temperature

16. The major air pollutant (measured by weight) discharged by motor vehicles is

a) carbon monoxide
b) nitrogen dioxide
c) sulphur dioxide
d) particulate matter

17. At its present rate of growth, the population of the world will double in about

a) 15 years
b) 35 years
c) 60 years
d) 100 years

18. Which one of the following best describes the way in which you have gained most of your knowledge about the environment?

a) general education at school
b) special environmental courses at school
c) private reading, the radio, and TV
d) talking with parents, friends and other people

19. Which one of the following problems do you think is the most serious in the community where you live?

a) Land use
b) Traffic accidents
c) Air pollution
d) Water pollution
e) Rubbish disposal
f) Over-crowding
g) Public health
h) Crime
i) None of the above are problems in our community

20. Which one of the following problems do you think is the most serious in Britain?

a) Land use
b) Traffic accidents
c) Air pollution
d) Water pollution
e) Rubbish disposal
f) Over-crowding
g) Public health
h) Crime
i) None of the above are problems in Britain

Part 2

Directions : Carefully read items 21 - 30, and in each case decide whether the statement is true or false. If you cannot decide, you should respond "Don't Know". Mark the answer of your choice on the Answer Sheet.

21. If sufficient water were available, virtually all of the land surface of the world could be economically used to produce food.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

22. The interaction of environmental, biological and social factors determines the size of human populations.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

23. There is an unlimited supply of energy available to man from fossil fuels (such as coal and oil).

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

24. Pollution caused by man may give rise to irreversible changes in the environment.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

25. In any environment, one component like water, air, or food may limit the type of life which can survive.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

26. A natural body of water (such as a river or lake) will always have sufficient dissolved oxygen to support aquatic animal life.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

27. Living things are interdependent with one another and with their environment.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

28. The rate of adaptation in organisms always keeps pace with the rate of change in the environment.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

29. Increasing human populations and demands for greater industrial and agricultural productivity have resulted in increasing levels of environmental pollution.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

30. The social behavior of humans can be affected by population density.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

Part 3

Directions : For items 31 - 45 there are no "right" or "wrong" answers. Simply select the response which best expresses your belief about each statement, and mark it on the Answer Sheet.

31. Planning which will limit the size of families is important if over-population is to be avoided.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

32. The demand for energy is critical enough to justify relaxing some of the environmental restrictions which hinder energy production.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

33. The tax system should be redesigned to encourage small families rather than large ones.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

34. Large-scale famines are not likely to occur in the near future.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

35. Man has a moral responsibility to protect the natural environment.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

36. International agreements with legal and economic sanctions are necessary to prevent industries and oil-tankers from extensively polluting the oceans with their wastes.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

37. People should only be allowed to burn smokeless fuels in their fireplaces at home.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

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38. Farmers should be allowed to use any pesticide that they wish in order to control the pests that eat their crops.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

39. A community's standards for pollution levels should not be so strict that they discourage industrial growth and development.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

40. Since population is a critical problem facing mankind, most couples should not produce more than two children.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

41. Continuous growth of British industry and the Gross National Product (GNP) is highly desirable.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

42. There is no need to worry about over-population because science and technology will solve the problem before it becomes too serious.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

43. Controls should be placed on industry to protect the environment from pollution, even if it means that things will cost more.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

44. The oceans represent an unused area where man should dispose of his wastes.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

45. Adopting a child is a good policy for families who want more than two children.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

FORM B

Part 1

Directions : Read all items carefully. For items 1 - 20, select the one response which you believe provides the best answer. Mark your choice in the appropriate box on the Answer Sheet provided.

1. The present population of Britain is about

a) 57 million
b) 67 million
c) 77 million
d) 87 million

2. The population of Britain is growing at a rate which is

a) more than that of the world average
b) about the same as the world average
c) less than that of the world average
d) zero

3. At the present time Britain

a) produces more food than it uses, and exports the surplus
b) produces just enough food to satisfy home needs
c) must import about 5% of its food supply
d) must import about 50% of its food supply

4. Which of the following is most likely to be an important world-wide source of energy for the future?

a) solar radiation
b) tidal flow
c) geothermal sources
d) wind power

5. Basic chemical materials would be locked up and would not be available for reuse by plants and animals if it were not for the activities of

a) decomposer organisms
b) photosynthetic organisms
c) herbivores
d) carnivores

6. During the next 25 years the amount of good quality agricultural land in Britain is expected to

   a) increase as a result of better planning
   b) increase as a result of reclaiming waste land
   c) decrease as a result of urban and industrial expansion
   d) remain about the same

7. The highest average annual rainfall in Britain is recorded in

   a) the south-west of England
   b) the Midlands
   c) the Lake District
   d) the north-west of Scotland

8. The average amount of water used per person per day in British homes is about

   a) 4 gallons
   b) 40 gallons
   c) 80 gallons
   d) 160 gallons

9. Several species of whale have become endangered because of

   a) pollution of the oceans by industrial wastes
   b) oil spills from tankers and off-shore drilling
   c) a reduction in the amount of food available to them
   d) over-hunting by man

10. It is estimated that at today's rate of use, known world reserves of resources such as zinc, lead, tin, oil and copper will be used up, or will be at a very low level in about

   a) 10 years
   b) 40 years
   c) 80 years
   d) 180 years

11. It is estimated that Britain will be self-sufficient in oil from the North Sea by (or soon after) the year

a) 1980
b) 1990
c) 2000
d) 2010

12. Approximately what percentage of the land surface in the United Kingdom is covered with forests and woods?

a) 0.5 percent
b) 7.5 percent
c) 27.5 percent
d) 47.5 percent

13. The number of hedgerows in Britain is

a) increasing, resulting in an improvement to the natural environment
b) increasing, resulting in damage to the natural environment
c) decreasing, resulting in an improvement to the natural environment
d) decreasing, resulting in damage to the natural environment

14. Taking into account the increasing use of fossil fuels for energy, the known world supply of coal is estimated to be enough to last for

a) about 5 years
b) about 25 years
c) more than 100 years
d) more than 1000 years

15. Approximately what percentage of the land surface in the United Kingdom is used for agriculture (crops, pasture, and rough grazing)?

a) 20 percent
b) 40 percent
c) 60 percent
d) 80 percent

16. At the present time, the world population is growing at a rate of

a) less than one percent each year
b) about two percent each year
c) about five percent each year
d) about ten percent each year

17. Which country currently consumes the largest amount of oil and natural gas?

a) USSR
b) Japan
c) USA
d) United Kingdom

18. Which one of the following best describes the way in which you have gained most of your knowledge about the environment?

a) general education at school
b) special environmental courses at school
c) private reading, the radio, and TV
d) talking with parents, friends and other people

19. Which one of the following problems do you think is the most serious in the community where you live?

a) Land use
b) Traffic accidents
c) Air pollution
d) Water pollution
e) Rubbish disposal
f) Over-crowding
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Part 2

Directions : Carefully read items 21 - 30, and in each case decide whether the statement is true or false. If you cannot decide, you should respond "Don't Know". Mark the answer of your choice on the Answer Sheet.

21. If sufficient water were available, virtually all of the land surface of the world could be economically used to produce food.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

22. The interaction of environmental, biological and social factors determines the size of human populations.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

23. There is an unlimited supply of energy available to man from fossil fuels (such as coal and oil).

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

24. Natural resources are equally distributed with respect to land areas and political boundaries.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

25. Wildlife refuges and undisturbed natural areas may be of value in protecting endangered species and perpetuating gene pools.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

26. The management of natural resources to meet the needs of successive generations demands long range planning.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

27. Throughout history, cultures with little technological development have used more natural resources than those with advanced levels of technological development.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

28. Maintaining, improving, and in some cases restoring soil productivity is important to the welfare of people.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

29. Minerals are non-renewable resources.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

30. The oceans represent a limitless source of food and resources for the future.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

Part 3

Directions : For items 31 - 45 there are no "right" or "wrong" answers. Simply select the response which best expresses your belief about each statement, and mark it on the Answer Sheet.

31. Planning which will limit the size of families is important if over-population is to be avoided.

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32. The demand for energy is critical enough to justify relaxing some of the environmental restrictions which hinder energy production.

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33. The tax system should be redesigned to encourage small families rather than large ones.

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34. Large-scale famines are not likely to occur in the near future.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

35. Fossil fuels (coal, oil, natural gas) are too valuable a chemical resource to be used to such a great extent in electrical power generation.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

36. Where scenic and recreation areas are being damaged by large numbers of visitors, there should be restrictions on the number of people who are allowed to visit at any one time.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

37. People who can afford the high prices should be allowed to buy objects made from the skin or fur of endangered wild animals.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

38. I would oppose laws that would restrict my standard of living, even though such laws might improve the standard of living for society as a whole.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

39. The remaining forests in Britain should be conserved at all costs.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

40. In order to reduce our use of oil, people should only be allowed to own cars that have a low petrol consumption.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

41. A national land-use plan should be prepared and enforced to prevent housing and industry from using much of the best agricultural land in Britain.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

42. When companies have finished surface-mining land that they own, they should be allowed to leave it in any condition they wish.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

43. In order to keep raw materials from being used up too fast, an international authority should be established to ration them.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

44. A person who buys a new leopard skin coat is just as responsible in bringing about the extinction of the leopard as the person who kills the animal.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

45. Industry should not use recycled materials when it costs less to make the same product from new raw materials.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

FORM C

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4. Which of the following is most likely to be an important world-wide source of energy for the future?

a) solar radiation
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c) geothermal sources
d) wind power

5. Most of the electrical energy used in Britain is produced by

a) nuclear power plants
b) coal-burning power plants
c) oil-burning power plants
d) natural gas power plants

6. Carbon monoxide is a serious air pollutant because it

a) is poisonous to humans
b) causes atmospheric haze
c) is harmful to vegetation
d) is corrosive to metals

7. Most of the radiation to which people in this country are exposed is due to

a) the normal hazards of work
b) TV sets and luminous watches
c) medical sources (X-rays, etc.)
d) natural sources

8. The largest single source of man-made radiation to which the British are exposed is due to

a) the fallout from bomb tests
b) nuclear power-plant radiation
c) TV sets and luminous watches
d) medical sources (X-rays, etc.)

9. Studies have shown that the pesticide DDT is present in the body tissues of people around the world. Most of this DDT in our bodies comes from

a) the air we breathe
b) the water we drink
c) the food we eat
d) being directly exposed to aerosol sprays containing DDT

10. About how much of the energy stored in coal is converted into electrical energy in modern power plants?

a) 10 - 20 percent
b) 30 - 40 percent
c) 60 - 70 percent
d) 80 - 90 percent

11. Since 1958 the smoke concentrations in central London have decreased by 80%, and sulphur dioxide in the air has decreased by 40%. This improvement in air quality is mainly the result of

a) a decline in the population of central London
b) the voluntary action of citizens to reduce air pollution
c) the voluntary action of industry to reduce air pollution
d) legislative action taken by the government

12. Nuclear power plants are built near bodies of water because the water is

a) an added safety factor in case of fire
b) a coolant
c) an alternative power source
d) a disposal place for radioactive waste

13. Bronchitis is a common respiratory disease. The death rate from bronchitis in Britain is

a) about 4 times greater than the road accident death rate
b) about 4 times less than the road accident death rate
c) about the same as the road accident death rate
d) zero, since it is not a fatal disease

14. Which of the following materials is <u>not</u> biodegradable?

a) leaves
b) bread
c) wood
d) glass

15. Most of the oxygen found in the earth's atmosphere is the result of

a) the slow decomposition of silica (SiO_2) in the earth's crust
b) the action of volcanos
c) the photosynthetic action of plants
d) the splitting of water molecules (H_2O) in the oceans

16. Which of the following is <u>not</u> a potential problem with nuclear power plants?

a) thermal pollution
b) smoke pollution
c) waste disposal
d) radiation pollution

7. At present, the cheapest way to dispose of solid wastes collected from homes is by

a) incineration
b) recycling
c) dumping in pits and covering with soil
d) composting

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23. There is an unlimited supply of energy available to man from fossil fuels (such as coal and oil).

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

24. There is no relationship between the incidence of bronchitis and the level of air pollution.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

25. Safe waste disposal is important if the well-being of man and the environment is to be preserved.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

26. The ultimate source of most of the energy that we use is the sun.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

27. There is a tendency for people to select long-term environmental benefits, often at the expense of short-term economic gains.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

28. Life as we know it is dependent upon the transformation of energy from one form into another.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

29. Chemical substances may be concentrated as they pass through food chains, and become a hazard to human health.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

30. An organism is a product of its heredity and environment.

a) True b) False c) Don't Know

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34. Large-scale famines are not likely to occur in the near future.

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35. The most important thing to consider about bringing new industry into your area is the number of new jobs it will create.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

36. We should question the construction of all nuclear power reactors because of the harmful by-products they produce.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

37. Rather than rationing petroleum products, more oil should be imported from overseas to meet our growing energy needs.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

38. Strong controls by Government are the most effective way to reduce pollution problems.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

39. Priority should be given to developing alternatives to fossil and nuclear fuel as primary energy sources.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

40. It is more important to preserve the freedom of the individual's choice than to enforce laws to protect the quality of life in the future.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

41. Pesticides that remain toxic for a long period of time should be banned.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

42. Most of the concern about environmental problems has been over-exaggerated.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

43. The Government should give generous financial support to research related to the development of solar energy.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

44. Government regulations for the approval of new nuclear power plants are too strict.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

45. Considering the problems of pollution and crowding, we need to decrease the use of the car as a major means of transportation.

a) Agree b) Disagree c) No Opinion

STUDENT ANSW'' SHEET FORM **A**

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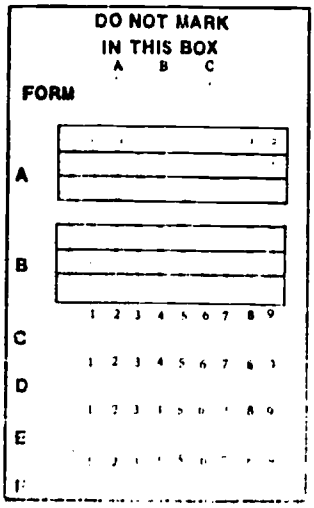

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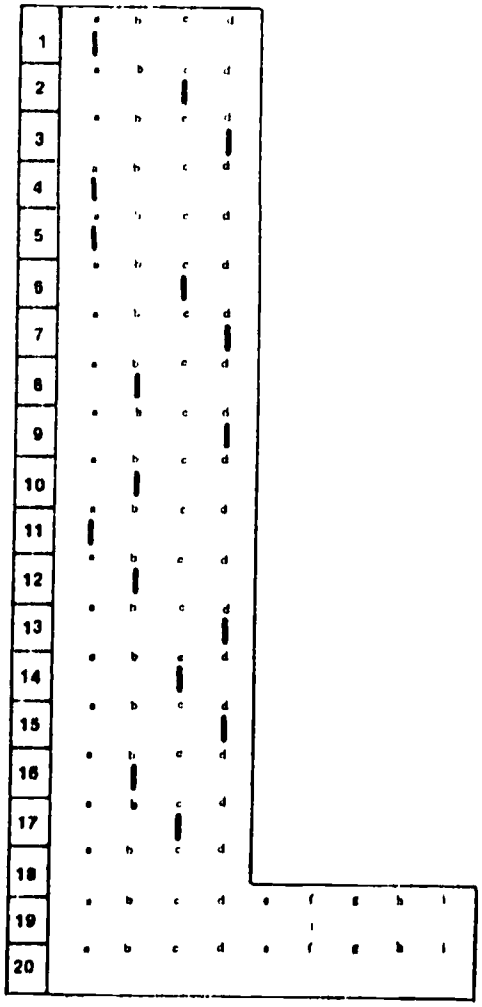

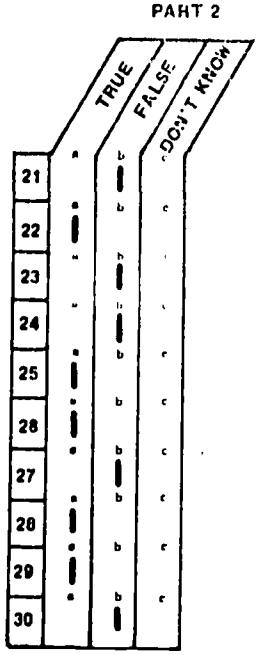

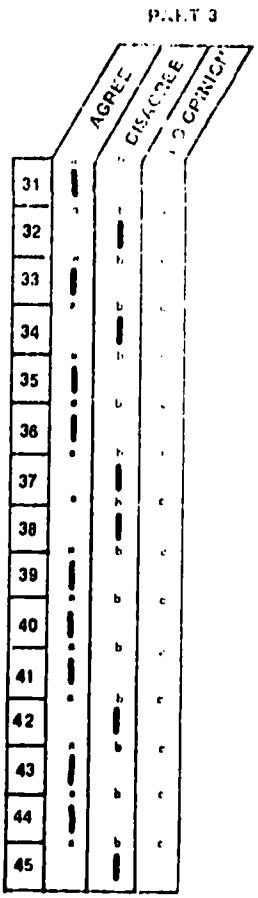

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1. Are you male or female?----------

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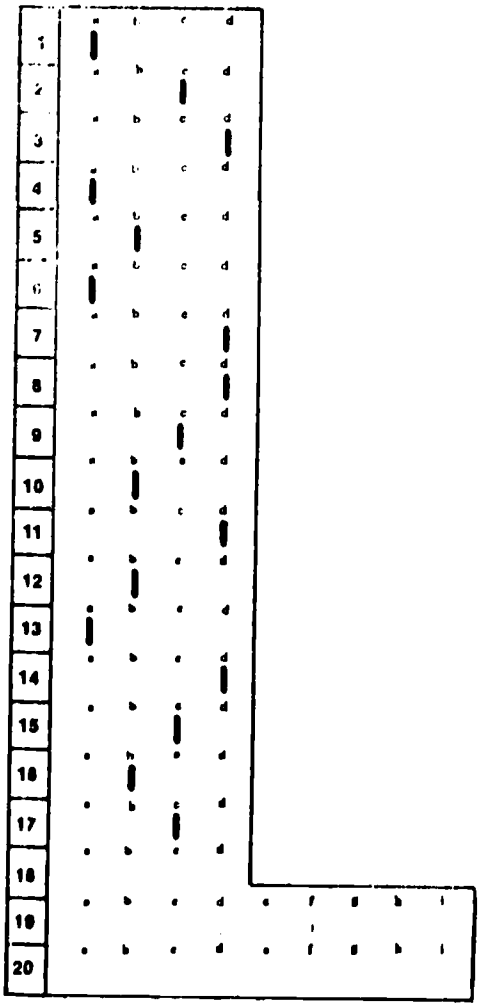

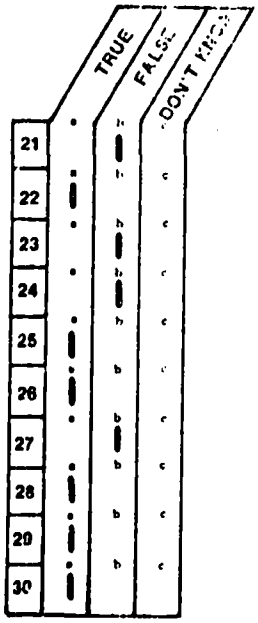

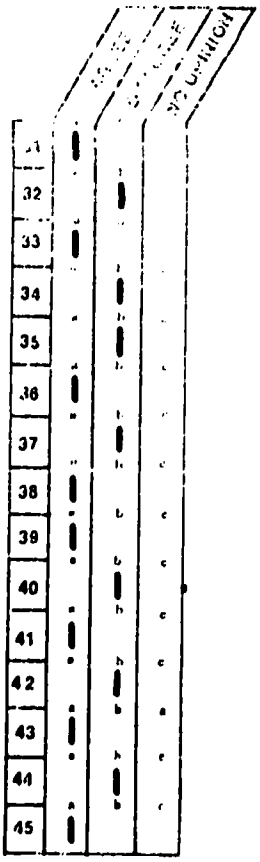

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APPENDIX C

Chi Square Analyses on All Items

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(a) Sex

(b) School Type

(c) School Sex

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(e) Region

(f) Sampling Method

SEX FORM A

Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3721	227.5	3	0.0000*
2	3719	62.3	3	0.0000*
3	3713	41.6	3	0.0000*
4	3708	32.1	3	0.0000*
5	3715	17.4	3	0.0006
6	3708	32.6	3	0.0000*
7	3711	46.3	3	0.0000*
8	3703	6.8	3	0.0771
9	3710	16.9	3	0.0007
10	3705	305.6	3	0.0000*
11	3713	3.8	3	0.2811
12	3673	40.9	3	0.0000*
13	3719	6.0	3	0.1116
14	3701	25.7	3	0.0000*
15	3712	73.2	3	0.0000*
16	3708	126.9	3	0.0000*
17	3717	0.4	3	0.9264
18	3716	30.3	3	0.0000*
19	3718	48.8	8	0.0000*
20	3712	61.7	8	0.0000*
21	3721	3.7	2	0.1520
22	3719	8.2	2	0.0165
23	3720	70.6	2	0.0000*
24	3720	6.6	2	0.0366
25	3718	1.0	2	0.5777
26	3722	4.5	2	0.1009
27	3718	43.7	2	0.0000*
28	3717	17.0	2	0.0002
29	3717	9.9	2	0.0068
30	3718	14.1	2	0.0008
31	3714	3.9	2	0.1386
32	3706	97.9	2	0.0000*
33	3709	23.6	2	0.0000*
34	3709	0.2	2	0.8667
35	3706	4.8	2	0.0887
36	3711	17.8	2	0.0001*
37	3712	10.4	2	0.0055
38	3713	13.0	2	0.0014
39	3708	4.5	2	0.1048
40	3706	51.0	2	0.0000*
41	3704	93.7	2	0.0000*
42	3706	2.7	2	0.2586
43	3706	10.2	2	0.0059
44	3706	0.0	2	0.9691
45	3708	51.5	2	0.0000*

*$p \leq 0.0001$

SEX FORM B

Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3640	210.1	3	0.0000*
2	3643	84.4	3	0.0000*
3	3639	40.8	3	0.0000*
4	3635	38.2	3	0.0000*
5	3603	6.3	3	0.0945
6	3636	14.2	3	0.0026
7	3638	22.1	3	0.0001*
8	3642	10.7	3	0.0130
9	3643	181.5	3	0.0000*
10	3643	16.9	3	0.0007
11	3643	160.4	3	0.0000*
12	3639	81.2	3	0.0000*
13	3615	6.7	3	0.0788
14	3635	16.9	3	0.0007
15	3639	11.4	3	0.0094
16	3639	25.9	3	0.0000*
17	3640	55.4	3	0.0000*
18	3634	8.7	3	0.0331
19	3637	50.1	8	0.0000*
20	3642	62.9	8	0.0000*
21	3645	2.2	2	0.3302
22	3642	31.3	2	0.0000*
23	3641	65.0	2	0.0000*
24	3643	28.3	2	0.0000*
25	3644	0.3	2	0.8520
26	3642	16.3	2	0.0003
27	3638	76.4	2	0.0000*
28	3642	1.9	2	0.3840
29	3636	14.0	2	0.0009
30	3644	10.0	2	0.0064
31	3644	14.5	2	0.0007
32	3637	49.1	2	0.0000*
33	3638	38.7	2	0.0000*
34	3639	3.1	2	0.2050
35	3640	41.2	2	0.0000*
36	3634	10.8	2	0.0045
37	3638	4.6	2	0.0998
38	3633	55.3	2	0.0000*
39	3634	1.2	2	0.5379
40	3636	11.1	2	0.0038
41	3637	2.0	2	0.3540
42	3638	9.2	2	0.0096
43	3638	19.5	2	0.0001*
44	3639	4.0	2	0.1301
45	3638	34.8	2	0.0000*

*$p \leq 0.0001$

SEX			FORM C	
Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3581	214.3	3	0.0000*
2	3585	60.7	3	0.0000*
3	3575	29.5	3	0.0000*
4	3576	45.7	3	0.0000*
5	3581	224.8	3	0.0000*
6	3569	45.0	3	0.0000*
7	3576	64.5	3	0.0000*
8	3572	41.5	3	0.0000*
9	3575	33.0	3	0.0000*
10	3579	42.0	3	0.0000*
11	3575	16.2	3	0.0010
12	3580	213.4	3	0.0000*
13	3580	13.5	3	0.0035
14	3561	24.6	3	0.0000*
15	3566	56.1	3	0.0000*
16	3575	101.6	3	0.0000*
17	3579	73.7	3	0.0000*
18	3578	26.8	3	0.0000*
19	3579	22.2	8	0.0044
20	3580	72.8	8	0.0000*
21	3586	1.0	2	0.5922
22	3581	4.0	2	0.1293
23	3584	36.7	2	0.0000*
24	3582	30.0	2	0.0000*
25	3582	10.2	2	0.0059
26	3582	8.3	2	0.0157
27	3577	32.2	2	0.0000*
28	3580	9.2	2	0.0099
29	3579	1.2	2	0.5373
30	3577	4.2	2	0.1172
31	3580	8.7	2	0.0127
32	3571	39.4	2	0.0000*
33	3576	18.5	2	0.0001*
34	3572	2.9	2	0.2307
35	3577	15.0	2	0.0005
36	3577	123.6	2	0.0000*
37	3573	44.2	2	0.0000*
38	3577	29.1	2	0.0000*
39	3576	95.5	2	0.0000*
40	3571	30.8	2	0.0000*
41	3574	3.5	2	0.1654
42	3573	16.3	2	0.0003
43	3572	74.3	2	0.0000*
44	3567	47.3	2	0.0000*
45	3574	6.4	2	0.0402

*$p \leq 0.0001$

SCHOOL TYPE FORM A

Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3710	80.4	9	0.0000*
2	3708	83.7	9	0.0000*
3	3703	92.0	9	0.0000*
4	3697	41.0	9	0.0000*
5	3704	168.9	9	0.0000*
6	3698	75.6	9	0.0000*
7	3700	65.9	9	0.0000*
8	3692	64.6	9	0.0000*
9	3699	68.2	9	0.0000*
10	3693	131.1	9	0.0000*
11	3702	11.2	9	0.2602
12	3662	199.0	9	0.0000*
13	3708	132.7	9	0.0000*
14	3690	153.9	9	0.0000*
15	3701	78.7	9	0.0000*
16	3697	105.1	9	0.0000*
17	3706	27.8	9	0.0010
18	3704	143.4	9	0.0000*
19	3708	45.9	24	0.0045
20	3701	84.9	24	0.0000*
21	3710	41.2	6	9.0000*
22	3708	285.0	6	0.0000*
23	3709	195.7	6	0.0000*
24	3709	85.8	6	0.0000*
25	3707	62.1	6	0.0000*
26	3711	36.2	6	0.0000*
27	3707	116.3	6	0.0000*
28	3706	111.2	6	0.0000*
29	3706	109.2	6	0.0000*
30	3707	76.8	6	0.0000*
31	3703	20.3	6	0.0024
32	3695	158.7	6	0.0000*
33	3698	13.4	6	0.0360
34	3698	29.9	6	0.0000*
35	3695	36.2	6	0.0000*
36	3700	57.6	6	0.0000*
37	3701	23.0	6	0.0008
38	3702	139.3	6	0.0000*
39	3697	44.4	6	0.0000*
40	3695	31.3	6	0.0000*
41	3693	89.4	6	0.0000*
42	3695	88.3	6	0.0000*
43	3695	50.7	6	0.0000*
44	3695	73.6	6	0.0000*
45	3697	5.7	6	0.4542

* $p \leq 0.0001$

SCHOOL TYPE FORM B

Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3633	100.6	9	0.0000*
2	3637	132.3	9	0.0000*
3	3632	115.0	9	0.0000*
4	3629	22.7	9	0.0067
5	3597	220.0	9	0.0000*
6	3630	84.3	9	0.0000*
7	3632	99.5	9	0.0000*
8	3636	32.4	9	0.0002
9	3637	77.4	9	0.0000*
10	3637	14.2	9	0.1131
11	3637	38.1	9	0.0000*
12	3633	86.4	9	0.0000*
13	3609	136.4	9	0.0000*
14	3629	11.8	9	0.2239
15	3633	22.0	9	0.0088
16	3633	15.9	9	0.0677
17	3634	108.4	9	0.0000*
18	3628	76.2	9	0.0000*
19	3631	69.6	24	0.0000*
20	3636	75.4	24	0.0000*
21	3639	40.1	6	0.0000*
22	3636	249.9	6	0.0000*
23	3635	167.6	6	0.0000*
24	3637	231.0	6	0.0000*
25	3638	92.6	6	0.0000*
26	3636	86.9	6	0.0000*
27	3632	61.4	6	0.0000*
28	3636	80.4	6	0.0000*
29	3629	31.0	6	0.0000*
30	3638	45.9	6	0.0000*
31	3638	8.7	6	0.1858
32	3631	112.5	6	0.0000*
33	3632	4.6	6	0.5908
34	3633	27.0	6	0.0001*
35	3634	11.1	6	0.0852
36	3628	23.8	6	0.0006
37	3632	44.1	6	0.0000*
38	3627	23.9	6	0.0005
39	3628	7.5	6	0.2691
40	3630	11.3	6	0.0780
41	3631	133.9	6	0.0000*
42	3632	78.0	6	0.0000*
43	3632	1.5	6	0.9581
44	3633	27.0	6	0.0001*
45	3632	185.1	6	0.0000*

*$p \leq 0.0001$

SCHOOL TYPE FORM C

Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3565	95.3	9	0.0000*
2	3569	121.2	9	0.0000*
3	3559	85.4	9	0.0000*
4	3560	33.6	9	0.0001*
5	3565	68.4	9	0.0000*
6	3553	149.9	9	0.0000*
7	3560	18.3	9	0.0314
8	3556	41.4	9	0.0000*
9	3559	84.7	9	0.0000*
10	3563	37.9	9	0.0000*
11	3559	132.9	9	0.0000*
12	3564	147.3	9	0.0000*
13	3565	25.5	9	0.0024
14	3545	105.5	9	0.0000*
15	3550	71.2	9	0.0000*
16	3559	143.7	9	0.0000*
17	3563	61.2	9	0.0000*
18	3562	80.9	9	0.0000*
19	3563	49.2	24	0.0018
20	3564	69.1	24	0.0000*
21	3570	57.8	6	0.0000*
22	3565	243.1	6	0.0000*
23	3568	204.2	6	0.0000*
24	3566	37.7	6	0.0000*
25	3566	56.2	6	0.0000*
26	3566	34.1	6	0.0000*
27	3561	75.0	6	0.0000*
28	3564	56.1	6	0.0000*
29	3563	15.4	6	0.0167
30	3561	206.4	6	0.0000*
31	3564	34.6	6	0.0000*
32	3555	176.1	6	0.0000*
33	3560	17.9	6	0.0065
34	3556	26.8	6	0.0002
35	3561	122.6	6	0.0000*
36	3561	26.8	6	0.0002
37	3556	158.8	6	0.0000*
38	3561	53.8	6	0.0000*
39	3560	80.8	6	0.0000*
40	3555	9.6	6	0.1401
41	3558	48.5	6	0.0000*
42	3558	34.8	6	0.0000*
43	3556	16.2	6	0.0126
44	3551	41.6	6	0.0000*
45	3558	48.7	6	0.0000*

*$p \leq 0.0001$

SCHOOL SEX FORM A

Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3739	157.6	6	0.0000*
2	3737	66.7	6	0.0000*
3	3731	50.3	6	0.0000*
4	[illegible]	30.3	6	0.0000*
5	[illegible]	75.5	6	0.0000*
6	3[illegible]	42.7	6	0.0000*
7	3729	52.9	6	0.0000*
8	3721	33.7	6	0.0000*
9	3728	66.3	6	0.0000*
10	3722	198.5	6	0.0000*
11	3731	8.0	6	0.2343
12	3691	70.5	6	0.0000*
13	3737	30.0	6	0.0000*
14	3719	52.4	6	0.0000*
15	3730	44.3	6	0.0000*
16	3726	56.4	6	0.0000*
17	3735	9.2	6	0.1589
18	3733	42.2	6	0.0000*
19	3736	40.0	16	0.0008
20	3730	54.8	16	0.0000*
21	3739	8.2	4	0.0829
22	3737	126.6	4	0.0000*
23	3738	91.6	4	0.0000*
24	3738	25.1	4	0.0000*
25	3736	35.6	4	0.0000*
26	3740	29.7	4	0.0000*
27	3736	40.4	4	0.0000*
28	3735	46.2	4	0.0000*
29	3735	41.2	4	0.0000*
30	3736	26.6	4	0.0000*
31	3732	7.0	4	0.1312
32	3724	72.5	4	0.0000*
33	3727	24.5	4	0.0001*
34	3727	6.2	4	0.1825
35	3724	8.2	4	0.0832
36	3729	31.4	4	0.0000*
37	3730	10.4	4	0.0329
38	3731	37.3	4	0.0000*
39	3726	16.4	4	0.0025
40	3724	49.5	4	0.0000*
41	3722	71.3	4	0.0000*
42	3724	27.3	4	0.0000*
43	3724	20.8	4	0.0003
44	3724	28.3	4	0.0000*
45	3726	15.2	4	0.0042

*$p \leq 0.0001$

SCHOOL SEX FORM B

Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3662	147.4	6	0.0000*
2	3666	143.0	6	0.0000*
3	3661	46.3	6	0.0000*
4	3658	33.2	6	0.0000*
5	3626	58.1	6	0.0000*
6	3659	61.8	6	0.0000*
7	3661	32.2	6	0.0000*
8	3665	10.7	6	0.0965
9	3666	79.3	6	0.0000*
10	3666	12.6	6	0.0486
11	3666	51.3	6	0.0000*
12	3662	68.6	6	0.0000*
13	3638	43.2	6	0.0000*
14	3658	3.5	6	0.7451
15	3662	8.3	6	0.2134
16	3662	19.8	6	0.0029
17	3663	47.2	6	0.0000*
18	3657	29.1	6	0.0001*
19	3660	37.9	16	0.0016
20	3665	58.2	16	0.0000*
21	3668	34.6	4	0.0000*
22	3665	106.8	4	0.0000*
23	3664	70.1	4	0.0000*
24	3666	92.1	4	0.0000*
25	3667	33.9	4	0.0000*
26	3665	44.5	4	0.0000*
27	3661	43.2	4	0.0000*
28	3665	29.3	4	0.0000*
29	3658	10.8	4	0.0281
30	3667	20.4	4	0.0004
31	3667	4.2	4	0.3736
32	3660	47.3	4	0.0000*
33	3661	36.3	4	0.0000*
34	3662	12.5	4	0.0137
35	3663	5.2	4	0.2643
36	3657	5.0	4	0.2870
37	3661	9.0	4	0.0597
38	3656	38.5	4	0.0000*
39	3657	2.9	4	0.5618
40	3659	13.6	4	0.0086
41	3660	31.4	4	0.0000*
42	3661	22.7	4	0.0001*
43	3661	10.3	4	0.0354
44	3662	6.7	4	0.1478
45	3661	58.9	4	0.0000*

*$p \leq 0.0001$

SCHOOL SEX FORM C

Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3593	158.1	6	0.0000*
2	3597	97.1	6	0.0000*
3	3587	42.2	6	0.0000*
4	3588	20.2	6	0.0025
5	3593	135.2	6	0.0000*
6	3581	10[illegible].6	6	0.0000*
7	3588	27.2	6	0.0001*
8	3584	53.4	6	0.0000*
9	3587	68.6	6	0.0000*
10	3591	64.4	6	0.0000*
11	3587	70.4	6	0.0000*
12	3592	194.1	6	0.0000*
13	3592	6.7	6	0.3426
14	3573	47.8	6	0.0000*
15	3578	67.1	6	0.0000*
16	3587	82.3	6	0.0000*
17	3591	47.4	6	0.0000*
18	3590	38.6	6	0.0000*
19	3591	29.7	16	0.0195
20	3592	60.8	16	0.0000*
21	3598	21.2	4	0.0003
22	3593	150.4	4	0.0000*
23	3596	86.9	4	0.0000*
24	3594	35.1	4	0.0000*
25	3594	35.8	4	0.0000*
26	3594	16.5	4	0.0023
27	3589	52.1	4	0.0000*
28	3592	20.2	4	0.0005
29	3591	1.6	4	0.8079
30	3589	81.7	4	0.0000*
31	3592	12.1	4	0.0165
32	3583	73.2	4	0.0000*
33	3588	20.0	4	0.0005
34	3584	9.6	4	0.0475
35	3589	76.9	4	0.0000*
36	3589	65.5	4	0.0000*
37	3584	75.2	4	0.0000*
38	3589	17.9	4	0.0013
39	3588	73.3	4	0.0000*
40	3583	24.9	4	0.0001*
41	3586	10.0	4	0.0399
42	3585	17.8	4	0.0013
43	3584	37.7	4	0.0000*
44	3579	24.2	4	0.0001*
45	3586	28.3	4	0.0000*

*$p \leq 0.0001$

SCHOOL SIZE FORM A

Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3739	24.2	9	0.0039
2	3737	24.4	9	0.0036
3	3731	5.7	9	0.7648
4	3726	8.3	9	0.5025
5	3733	23.2	9	0.0056
6	3726	44.5	9	0.0000*
7	3729	11.6	9	0.2353
8	3721	12.1	9	0.2047
9	3728	16.4	9	0.0582
10	3722	8.5	9	0.4779
11	3731	6.1	9	0.7273
12	3691	22.4	9	0.0076
13	3737	6.7	9	0.6669
14	3719	9.2	9	0.4167
15	3730	7.9	9	0.5344
16	3726	12.1	9	0.2035
17	3735	18.4	9	0.0305
18	3733	24.1	9	0.0041
19	3736	34.2	24	0.0810
20	3730	21.2	24	0.6226
21	3739	10.0	6	0.1219
22	3737	26.5	6	0.0002
23	3738	6.9	6	0.3221
24	3738	6.1	6	0.4112
25	3736	2.1	6	0.9068
26	3740	1.6	6	0.9490
27	3736	11.7	6	0.0668
28	3735	9.0	6	0.1708
29	3735	10.2	6	0.1154
30	3736	8.1	6	0.2292
31	3732	11.9	6	0.0622
32	3724	8.0	6	0.2329
33	3727	3.9	6	0.6795
34	3727	8.0	6	0.2359
35	3724	5.9	6	0.4283
36	3729	9.6	6	0.1420
37	3730	15.2	6	0.0182
38	3731	7.2	6	0.2965
39	3726	5.4	6	0.4827
40	3724	11.3	6	0.1770
41	3722	10.4	6	0.1060
42	3724	2.9	6	0.8126
43	3724	12.5	6	0.0513
44	3724	2.7	6	0.8441
45	3726	2.2	6	0.8934

* $p \leq 0.0001$

SCHOOL SIZE FORM B

Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3662	10.8	9	0.2893
2	3666	20.6	9	0.0144
3	3661	36.8	9	0.0000*
4	3658	2.9	9	0.9652
5	3626	36.3	9	0.0000*
6	3659	11.9	9	0.2185
7	3661	20.9	9	0.0127
8	3665	20.8	9	0.0132
9	3666	23.7	9	0.0046
10	3666	20.1	9	0.0173
11	3666	8.2	9	0.5065
12	3662	31.9	9	0.0002
13	3638	14.9	9	0.0934
14	3658	6.8	9	0.6548
15	3662	6.5	9	0.6847
16	3662	16.9	9	0.0500
17	3663	18.4	9	0.0307
18	3657	17.6	9	0.0399
19	3660	54.0	24	0.0004
20	3665	33.4	24	0.0958
21	3668	9.2	6	0.1607
22	3665	18.7	6	0.0047
23	3664	7.8	6	0.2523
24	3666	9.5	6	0.1463
25	3667	21.9	6	0.0012
26	3665	18.6	6	0.0048
27	3661	8.1	6	0.2259
28	3665	18.1	6	0.0059
29	3658	8.7	6	0.1890
30	3667	5.2	6	0.5087
31	3667	14.6	6	0 0235
32	3660	19.5	6	0.0033
33	3661	5.6	6	0.4631
34	3662	7.9	6	0.2420
35	3663	9.2	6	0.1618
36	3657	10.1	6	0.1165
37	3661	5.9	6	0.4253
38	3656	5.9	6	0.4299
39	3657	6.1	6	0.4099
40	9	18.9	6	0.0043
41	3660	12.6	6	0.0498
42	3661	7.1	6	0.3093
43	3661	5.7	6	0.4526
44	3662	11.4	6	0.0747
45	3661	7.3	6	0.2918

*$p \leq 0.0001$

SCHOOL SIZE FORM C

Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3593	18.6	9	0.0284
2	3597	17.6	9	0.0397
3	3587	14.7	9	0.0991
4	3588	6.9	9	0.6372
5	3593	6.6	9	0.6704
6	3581	20.5	9	0.0147
7	3588	7.4	9	0.5875
8	3584	8.3	9	0.4955
9	3587	6.4	9	0.6908
10	3591	6.0	9	0.7345
11	3587	27.2	9	0.0013
12	3592	14.0	9	0.1193
13	3592	16.1	9	0.0642
14	3573	21.9	9	0.0091
15	3578	10.6	9	0.2969
16	3587	11.8	9	0.2244
17	3591	10.2	9	0.3300
18	3590	10.5	9	0.3091
19	3591	34.6	24	0.0739
20	3592	20.3	24	0.6742
21	3598	8.0	6	0.2378
22	3593	13.1	6	0.0410
23	3596	13.6	6	0.0337
24	3594	13.5	6	0.0349
25	3594	13.8	6	0.0311
26	3594	8.1	6	0.2286
27	3589	5.3	6	0.5015
28	3592	6.4	6	0.3726
29	3591	4.7	6	0.5720
30	3589	23.2	6	0.0007
31	3592	6.3	6	0.3816
32	3583	10.9	6	0.0900
33	3588	1.8	6	0.9315
34	3584	3.4	6	0.7443
35	3589	4.8	6	0.5639
36	3589	2.9	6	0.8182
37	3584	15.9	6	0.0142
38	3589	13.2	6	0.0390
39	3588	5.2	6	0.5127
40	3583	1.4	6	0.9600
41	3586	6.7	6	0.3471
42	3585	8.3	6	0.2131
43	3584	2.1	6	0.9007
44	3579	6.3	6	0.3803
45	3586	2.6	6	0.8526

*$p \leq 0.0001$

REGION FORM A

Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3415	64.0	24	0.0000*
2	3413	34.6	24	0.0738
3	3407	36.3	24	0.0504
4	3403	31.5	24	0.1380
5	3409	74.6	24	0.0000*
6	3402	40.8	24	0.0172
7	3405	29.3	24	0.2068
8	3397	36.6	24	0.0477
9	3406	36.6	24	0.0476
10	3398	63.4	24	0.0000*
11	3408	31.4	24	0.1416
12	3376	32.4	24	0.1165
13	3413	46.9	24	0.0035
14	3396	29.1	24	0.2158
15	3406	36.7	24	0.0464
16	3402	29.1	24	0.2158
17	3411	33.5	24	0.0938
18	3409	50.3	24	0.0013
19	3412	169.9	64	0.0000*
20	3406	113.3	64	0.0001*
21	3415	30.8	16	0.0140
22	3413	37.6	16	0.001
23	3414	26.6	16	0.0445
24	3414	26.7	16	0.0447
25	3412	31.6	16	0.0110
26	3416	26.0	16	0.0538
27	3413	22.4	16	0.1287
28	3411	27.4	16	0.0366
29	3411	20.7	16	0.1873
30	3412	28.3	16	0.0290
31	3408	14.2	16	0.5822
32	3401	21.5	16	0.1578
33	3403	29.8	16	0.0189
34	3403	15.9	16	0.4548
35	3401	11.0	16	0.8076
36	3405	27.9	16	0.0321
37	3407	26.3	16	0.0496
38	3407	51.7	16	0.0000*
39	3402	35.3	16	0.0035
40	3400	26.3	16	0.0494
41	3398	46.1	16	0.0001*
42	3400	20.4	16	0.2006
43	3400	11.0	16	0.8055
44	3400	19.7	16	0.2313
45	3402	17.5	16	0.3504

* $p \leq 0.0001$

REGION FORM B

Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3335	54.3	24	0.0004
2	3339	35.1	24	0.0669
3	3334	51.6	24	0.0009
4	3331	38.7	24	0.0293
5	3299	41.0	24	0.0165
6	3333	23.4	24	0.4906
7	3334	77.4	24	0.0000*
8	3338	37.9	24	0.0351
9	3339	76.6	24	0.0000*
10	3339	28.8	24	0.2258
11	3339	20.8	24	0.6450
12	3335	45.2	24	0.0055
13	3313	59.1	24	0.0001*
14	3331	32.0	24	0.1256
15	3335	54.7	24	0.0003
16	3335	22.0	24	0.5765
17	3336	42.4	24	0.0115
18	3330	67.7	24	0.0000*
19	3333	210.1	64	0.0000*
20	3338	120.1	64	0.0000*
21	3341	27.0	16	0.0413
22	3338	22.8	16	0.1186
23	3337	55.1	16	0.0000*
24	3339	46.3	16	0.0001*
25	3340	26.3	16	0.0488
26	3338	21.8	16	0.1481
27	3334	16.7	16	0.4039
28	3338	25.2	16	0.0664
29	3331	27.0	16	0.0409
30	3340	22.0	16	0.1410
31	3340	22.5	16	0.1273
32	3333	32.7	16	0.0080
33	3335	20.9	16	0.1794
34	3335	23.0	16	0.1115
35	3336	17.2	16	0.3689
36	3331	16.7	16	0.4048
37	3334	11.8	16	0.7545
38	3330	32.7	16	0.0079
39	3330	18.2	16	0.3078
40	3332	21.2	16	0.1687
41	3333	26.2	16	0.0503
42	3334	16.5	16	0.4141
43	3334	22.2	16	0.1367
44	3335	16.1	16	0.4419
45	3334	48.5	16	0.0000*

*$p \leq 0.0001$

REGION FORM

Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3274	49.6	24	0.0016
2	3278	48.3	24	0.0023
3	3268	28.8	24	0.2247
4	3270	33.4	24	0.0947
5	3274	62.0	24	0.0000*
6	3264	26.7	24	0.3162
7	3269	40.8	24	0.0172
8	3266	49.7	24	0.0015
9	3268	26.0	24	0.3486
10	3273	47.5	24	0.0028
11	3268	43.6	24	0.0084
12	3273	40.9	24	0.0167
13	3273	36.8	24	0.0454
14	3257	14.0	24	0.9466
15	3259	34.3	24	0.0782
16	3268	31.8	24	0.1301
17	3273	53.9	24	0.0004
18	3272	49.7	24	0.0015
19	3273	204.8	64	0.0000*
20	3273	106.6	64	0.0004
21	3279	22.6	16	0.1229
22	3274	46.5	16	0.0001*
23	3277	27.5	16	0.0355
24	3275	31.2	16	0.0126
25	3275	19.7	16	0.2300
26	3275	15.4	16	0.4900
27	3271	19.2	16	0.2547
28	3273	27.7	16	0.0336
29	3272	15.9	16	0.4530
30	3271	15.1	16	0.5166
31	3274	18.1	16	0.3170
32	3265	38.0	16	0.0015
33	3270	29.1	16	0.0229
34	3266	18.4	16	0.0258
35	3271	17.7	16	0.3408
36	3271	14.2	16	0.5792
37	3267	21.2	16	0.1702
38	3271	14.3	16	0.5737
39	3270	11.4	16	0.7841
40	3266	25.2	16	0.0647
41	3268	26.4	16	0.0480
42	3267	29.0	16	0.0235
43	3267	11.9	16	0.7505
44	3263	24.5	16	0.0785
45	3268	29.6	16	0.0199

*$p \leq 0.0001$

SAMPLING METHOD FORM A

Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3679	17.0	3	0.0007
2	3677	18.9	3	0.0003
3	3672	7.6	3	0.0535
4	3667	1.0	3	0.7862
5	3675	19.6	3	0.0002
6	3667	5.6	3	0.1290
7	3670	6.8	3	0.0756
8	3663	3.2	3	0.3567
9	3669	4.1	3	0.2448
10	3664	12.9	3	0.0048
11	3671	1.8	3	0.5976
12	3634	3.8	3	0.2831
13	3677	3.9	3	0.2661
14	3661	20.5	3	0.0001*
15	3670	7.6	3	0.0542
16	3668	3.8	3	0.2779
17	3675	0.2	3	0.9767
18	3673	5.9	3	0.1152
19	3676	17.6	8	0.0243
20	3672	22.2	8	0.0044
21	3679	4.9	2	0.0861
22	3677	14.4	2	0.0007
23	3678	10.2	2	0.0060
24	3678	2.1	2	0.3352
25	3676	3.2	2	0.1982
26	3680	6.1	2	0.0460
27	3676	1.8	2	0.3928
28	3675	3.7	2	0.1562
29	3675	1.2	2	0.5257
30	3676	3.0	2	0.2231
31	3672	2.1	2	0.3442
32	3665	2.8	2	0.2450
33	3667	7.3	2	0.0256
34	3667	9.1	2	0.0106
35	3664	1.1	2	0.5567
36	3669	1.7	2	0.4150
37	3670	0.3	2	0.8260
38	3671	19.1	2	0.0001*
39	3666	4.4	2	0.1064
40	3664	3.8	2	0.1487
41	3662	3.4	2	0.1824
42	3664	2.2	2	0.3269
43	3664	1.8	2	0.3915
44	3664	5.0	2	0.0802
45	3666	0.5	2	0.7586

*$p \leq 0.0001$

SAMPLING METHOD FORM B

Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3602	11.1	3	0.0107
2	3605	17.5	3	0.0006
3	3600	7.9	3	0.0472
4	3599	8.5	3	0.0360
5	3571	9.2	3	0.0265
6	3598	5.1	3	0.1591
7	3600	0.5	3	0.9049
8	3605	7.6	3	0.0534
9	3606	7.5	3	0.0574
10	3605	0.4	3	0.9306
11	3605	0.9	3	0.8237
12	3603	7.9	3	0.0479
13	3580	8.6	3	0.0343
14	3598	3.1	3	0.3659
15	3603	6.5	3	0.0891
16	3602	11.2	3	0.0106
17	3602	6.1	3	0.1051
18	3596	3.2	3	0.3539
19	3599	12.4	8	0.1313
20	3604	7.0	8	0.5260
21	3607	2.7	2	0.2489
22	3604	6.2	2	0.0435
23	3603	3.4	2	0.1792
24	3605	9.7	2	0.0077
25	3606	0.4	2	0.7974
26	3604	0.5	2	0.7436
27	3600	2.0	2	0.3524
28	3604	2.0	2	0.3664
29	3597	0.1	2	0.9298
30	3606	6.1	2	0.0455
31	3606	0.5	2	0.7472
32	3599	3.1	2	0.2050
33	3600	2.6	2	0.2659
34	3601	3.6	2	0.1576
35	3603	2.4	2	0.2985
36	3597	1.0	2	0.5808
37	3600	0.2	2	0.8638
38	3595	1.2	2	0.5402
39	3596	1.8	2	0.3887
40	3598	0.5	2	0.7538
41	3600	0.1	2	0.9305
42	3601	2.5	2	0.2729
43	3600	0.2	2	0.8908
44	3601	0.8	2	0.6436
45	3601	7.6	2	0.0223

*$p \leq 0.0001$

SAMPLING METHOD FORM C

Question Number	Number of Responses	Chi Square	Degrees of Freedom	Level of Significance
1	3532	5.3	3	0.1470
2	3536	19.9	3	0.0002
3	3526	6.3	3	0.0963
4	3527	2.1	3	0.5348
5	3532	3.1	3	0.3658
6	3520	0.3	3	0.9514
7	3527	7.0	3	0.0718
8	3523	2.3	3	0.4976
9	3526	7.2	3	0.0631
10	3530	2.8	3	0.4121
11	3526	1.8	3	0.6127
12	3531	2.9	3	0.4000
13	3531	2.4	3	0.4772
14	3512	4.4	3	0.2166
15	3517	3.6	3	0.3012
16	3526	5.8	3	0.1181
17	3530	2.6	3	0.4408
18	3529	8.8	3	0.0307
19	3530	21.2	8	0.0065
20	3531	4.0	8	0.8522
21	3537	0.5	2	0.7636
22	3532	9.4	2	0.0087
23	3535	11.4	2	0.0033
24	3533	1.4	2	0.4734
25	3533	3.2	2	0.2015
26	3533	4.5	2	0.1011
27	3528	6.5	2	0.0370
28	3531	2.9	2	0.2334
29	3530	6.2	2	0.0436
30	3528	2.6	2	0.2649
31	3531	1.6	2	0.4401
32	3522	9.0	2	0.0107
33	3527	1.5	2	0.4644
34	3524	1.2	2	0.5426
35	3528	4.8	2	0.0878
36	3528	2.0	2	0.3562
37	3523	7.1	2	0.0276
38	3528	2.2	2	0.3278
39	3527	3.3	2	0.1920
40	3522	0.2	2	0.8839
41	3525	0.7	2	0.6729
42	3524	3.5	2	0.1672
43	3523	1.4	2	0.4831
44	3518	1.0	2	0.5934
45	3525	14.6	2	0.0007

*$p \leq 0.0001$

APPENDIX D

Frequency of Correct Responses on (1) Factual Knowledge, (2) Conceptual Knowledge, and (3) Belief Items by

(a) Sex

(b) School Type

(c) School Sex

(d) School Size

(e) Region

FREQUENCY OF CORRECT RESPONSES TO FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE ITEMS BY (1) SEX, (2) SCHOOL TYPE, (3) SCHOOL SEX, (4) SCHOOL SIZE, AND (5) REGION

	ABC1	ABC2	ABC3	ABC4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	A10
Sex										
Male	57.5	39.6	59.5	70.9	50.5	28.7	50.0	26.2	18.5	59.0
Female	34.1	28.8	54.0	68.3	44.4	21.1	43.9	25.6	14.0	30.6
χ^2 (3 df)	649.3*	203.8*	109.0*	114.3*	17.4	32.6*	46.3*	6.8	16.9	305.6*
School Type										
Comprehensive	44.0	34.2	55.8	69.5	45.4	23.9	44.3	25.1	15.2	39.8
Sec. Modern	39.7	28.9	51.9	68.1	40.3	20.1	47.3	25.8	13.7	39.5
Grammar	58.3	39.1	66.3	71.1	61.1	29.9	48.8	24.9	19.7	60.0
Non-maintained	59.4	46.0	63.3	73.2	60.5	38.0	53.7	30.2	23.9	63.3
χ^2 (9 df)	266.3*	300.6*	271.2*	86.8*	168.9*	75.6*	65.9*	64.6*	68.2*	131.1*
School Sex										
All Boy	68.6	46.0	66.1	71.5	60.2	34.8	53.0	27.8	23.7	70.2
All Girl	38.7	31.0	56.7	69.5	46.7	23.6	44.0	23.7	14.8	32.6
Mixed	42.7	32.4	54.6	69.2	44.7	23.1	46.2	25.9	14.9	42.2
χ^2 (6 df)	454.6*	289.7*	133.7*	75.3*	75.5*	42.7*	52.9*	33.7*	66.3*	198.5*
School Size										
Under 400	39.9	28.2	51.7	68.0	44.3	18.2	53.1	28.5	13.4	43.3
400 - 799	47.9	35.6	57.8	69.7	47.8	27.0	46.4	26.1	17.0	46.8
800 - 1199	46.3	34.2	57.3	69.4	46.4	22.8	46.8	23.8	16.9	43.4
Over 1200	43.2	33.6	55.7	70.5	49.4	26.1	44.5	26.5	14.6	42.2
χ^2 (9 df)	39.3*	48.6*	35.5*	4.6	23.2	44.5*	11.6	12.1	16.4	8.5
Region										
1. North	42.2	27.8	54.2	66.0	48.8	20.3	50.2	27.5	14.6	35.2
2. Y. & H.	45.1	36.0	52.0	69.8	44.1	21.4	41.2	23.9	14.5	41.5
3. N.W.	45.4	31.5	56.6	71.4	41.7	18.4	45.6	24.0	13.2	39.7
4. E. Mid.	39.7	29.4	51.8	66.4	42.4	26.1	48.9	27.8	13.7	46.4
5. W. Mid.	48.0	34.8	57.5	68.9	43.6	21.4	49.4	23.3	17.9	40.0
6. E. Anj.	40.9	35.1	54.9	69.5	47.6	27.4	43.9	29.8	16.9	46.3
7. London	49.4	35.4	60.4	70.1	45.1	24.3	42.5	22.5	13.7	35.2
8. S.E.	46.9	33.2	59.2	71.0	55.6	29.7	47.2	26.6	17.6	49.6
9. S.W.	33.9	33.6	51.4	64.9	39.9	23.5	46.2	27.6	16.8	52.8
χ^2 (24 df)	112.6*	65.7*	74.6*	46.4	74.6*	40.8	29.3	36.6	36.6	63.4*

	A11	A12	A13	A14	A15	A16	A17	B5	B6	B7
Sex										
Male	46.6	46.7	72.9	45.8	25.6	82.2	44.2	45.2	56.0	36.1
Female	47.7	36.9	72.3	38.0	14.7	66.8	43.9	44.0	59.9	33.5
X^2 (3 df)	3.8	40.9*	6.0	25.7*	73.2*	126.9*	0.4	6.3	14.2	22.1*
School Type										
Comprehensive	47.5	38.4	71.3	41.4	21.1	75.3	44.1	43.5	58.7	35.3
Sec. Modern	46.0	33.1	64.4	32.3	19.0	66.6	40.1	32.7	53.9	26.8
Grammar	48.0	60.1	86.8	54.8	20.4	83.7	48.4	61.9	66.4	45.2
Non-maintained	46.7	59.7	85.2	58.5	20.7	84.6	51.9	64.5	55.8	47.1
X^2 (9 df)	11.2	199.0*	132.7*	153.9*	78.7*	105.1*	27.8	220.0*	84.3*	99.5*
School Sex										
All Boy	46.7	57.4	80.4	54.0	25.7	84.8	49.0	54.3	55.7	40.3
All Girl	48.6	41.4	75.7	44.4	15.2	70.0	44.9	51.7	64.3	38.6
Mixed	46.9	38.4	69.8	38.6	20.2	73.3	42.6	40.7	56.8	32.7
X^2 (6 df)	8.0	70.5*	30.0*	52.4*	44.3*	56.4*	9.2	58.1*	61.8*	32.2*
School Size										
Under 400	.2	34.0	70.8	40.3	18.8	74.1	40.1	36.3	52.8	28.2
400 - 799	46.1	42.8	73.0	41.7	20.3	73.7	43.1	46.3	58.5	35.7
800 - 1199	49.7	43.3	71.4	43.7	20.3	76.0	45.8	44.2	58.3	34.4
Over 1200	46.9	41.1	73.5	40.6	20.7	74.6	46.1	45.6	58.8	36.9
X^2 (9 df)	6.1	22.4	6.7	9.2	7.9	12.1	18.4	36.3*	11.9	20.9
Region										
1. North	49.4	35.2	70.7	35.0	21.1	72.1	39.7	38.2	54.7	27.6
2. Y.& H.	45.8	40.8	68.1	40.1	21.1	72.4	44.2	43.6	55.8	32.2
3. N.W.	45.5	35.4	71.2	36.0	20.6	72.6	40.4	40.0	60.9	31.7
4. E. Mid.	47.1	41.2	67.6	39.6	16.9	72.5	41.5	38.0	58.5	35.5
5. W. Mid.	44.9	43.3	70.7	38.6	24.5	76.3	44.7	44.4	58.1	38.6
6. E. Ang.	56.0	36.7	63.2	38.7	21.6	72.6	42.4	42.2	56.5	29.8
7. London	48.2	37.1	74.8	46.7	21.1	69.8	45.5	46.0	59.3	34.2
8. S.E.	47.7	45.1	76.4	44.4	17.2	75.8	46.2	47.7	58.7	35.0
9. S.W.	48.3	39.4	66.4	39.1	19.2	74.0	40.2	36.2	56.5	32.5
X^2 (24 df)	31.4	32.4	46.8	29.1	36.7	29.1	33.5	41.0	23.4	77.4*

	B8	B9	B10	B11	B12	B13	B14	B15	B16	B17
Sex										
Male	40.4	84.8	41.9	58.3	49.0	50.1	49.9	7.0	23.1	65.2
Female	40.0	66.0	43.9	38.8	41.1	53.6	45.5	6.6	18.2	55.4
X^2 (3 df)	10.7	181.5*	16.9	160.4*	81.2*	6.7	16.9	11.4	25.9*	55.4*
School Type										
Comprehensive	38.9	75.0	43.5	49.7	45.6	47.7	46.6	6.3	20.3	58.2
Sec. Modern	37.7	69.4	41.8	45.4	40.6	45.4	46.7	8.4	19.3	53.7
Grammar	41.7	84.2	42.5	49.2	49.1	67.5	50.5	5.3	24.2	73.3
Non-maintained	52.0	84.7	44.6	52.9	51.4	67.7	52.6	5.2	21.1	73.4
X^2 (9 df)	32.4	77.4*	14.2	38.1*	86.4*	136.4*	11.8	22.0	15.9	108.4*
School Sex										
All Boy	44.0	89.3	46.5	60.2	51.9	60.7	49.6	6.7	25.8	71.8
All Girl	42.2	70.5	44.7	44.1	41.0	58.6	45.7	5.7	18.9	57,5
Mixed	38.8	73.7	41.5	47.0	44.4	48.2	47.8	7.1	20.0	58.4
X^2 (6 df)	10.7	79.3*	12.6	51.3*	68.6*	43.2*	3.5	8.3	19.8	47.2*
School Size										
Under 400	39.9	66.8	42.9	45.3	39.6	50.0	49.6	7.7	15.0	53.4
400 - 799	42.7	76.9	41.5	48.5	43.0	53.5	49.2	7.3	21.7	61.8
800 - 1199	36.4	74.4	44.3	48.7	50.4	48.7	46.5	5.9	20.6	59.5
Over 1200	38.7	78.3	44.6	50.0	45.5	53.2	44.4	6.4	21.2	61.3
X^2 (9 df)	20.8	23.7	20.1	8.2	31.9	14.9	6.8	6.5	16.9	18.4
Region										
1. North	38.8	66.0	43.1	47.2	42.3	39.2	43.7	9.4	16.6	56.9
2. Y.& H.	39.9	71.0	42.6	51.7	43.8	43.1	48.1	7.0	21.4	56.5
3. N.W.	31.8	69.5	44.3	49.2	46.1	48.8	49.0	7.4	20.6	60.6
4. E. Mid.	41.3	7'.1	42.8	50.4	45.1	50.9	48.0	6.9	19.6	59.6
5. W. Mid.	37.8	72.7	39.0	47.7	42.7	49.8	53.6	8.3	22.1	59.9
6. E. Ang.	37.1	76.4	44.4	39.5	50.0	63.3	41.0	6.6	20.5	61.3
7. London	39.3	76.3	45.4	45.9	42.5	48.9	39.4	3.9	20.0	59.6
8. S.E.	42.1	83.0	41.8	49.6	47.0	57.5	47.9	5.9	19.8	61.8
9. S.W.	43.8	74.9	43.1	42.8	38.5	51.2	46.6	8.5	24.9	50.9
X^2 (24 df)	37.9	76.6*	28.8	20.8	45.2	59.1*	32.0	54.7	22.0	42.4

	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	C14
Sex										
Male	60.0	70.5	34.5	25.7	39.4	43.5	70.3	57.0	12.3	71.4
Female	40.0	60.2	31.2	22.8	31.9	42.0	64.4	33.2	9.1	64.2
X^2 (3 df)	224.8*	45.0*	64.5*	41.5*	33.0*	42.0*	16.2	213.4*	13.5	24.6*
School Type										
Comprehensive	50.1	62.6	32.5	24.8	33.9	43.1	63.8	41.7	10.2	65.8
Sec. Modern	44.9	57.2	31.6	20.4	29.3	40.8	60.6	38.0	10.9	60.6
Grammar	55.7	81.1	37.5	28.3	47.4	43.9	80.7	59.2	10.2	80.0
Non-maintained	61.1	83.3	32.3	28.6	46.7	47.2	86.8	65.8	14.1	82.6
X^2 (9 df)	68.4*	149.9*	18.3	41.4*	84.7*	37.9*	132.9*	147.3*	25.5	105.5*
School Sex										
All Boy	66.2	82.7	36.1	28.3	50.1	48.7	79.5	71.2	13.2	78.5
All Girl	40.2	66.9	30.9	23.3	32.1	39.1	72.7	35.6	9.9	69.5
Mixed	49.0	60.9	32.6	23.6	33.3	42.4	63.2	41.7	10.3	65.0
X^2 (6 df)	135.2*	103.6*	27.2*	53.4*	68.6*	64.4*	70.4*	194.1*	6.7	47.8*
School Size										
Under 400	51.0	62.7	34.1	20.1	31.9	39.7	58.1	39.3	12.7	62.1
400 - 799	50.4	68.2	33.0	25.0	35.0	42.5	69.8	45.3	10.4	68.4
800 - 1199	50.6	63.2	32.6	25.4	38.3	41.1	[illegible]	46.2	11.6	68.8
Over 1200	48.1	61.4	32.2	22.7	35.5	43.2	[illegible]	46 [illegible]	9.1	67.9
X^2 (9 df)	6.6	20.5	7.4	8.3	6.4	6.0	[illegible]	14.0	16.1	21.9
Region										
1. North	50.2	62.0	33.3	19.0	32.1	38.0	57.4	37.1	9.7	65.0
2. Y.& H.	54.4	60.4	34.2	25.7	30.2	38.8	[illegible]	39.2	10.5	64.3
3. N.W.	46.2	62.1	34.5	21.3	31.1	38.6	[illegible]	43.7	12.5	64.7
4. E. Mid.	55.1	67.3	30.9	26.2	34.9	39.7	[illegible]	43.8	9.9	67.6
5. W. Mid.	55.9	66.4	30.2	25.1	33.3	43.9	67.0	42.7	9.1	67.1
6. E. Ang.	42.1	58.3	31.4	17.5	36.7	43.0	[illegible]	50.4	6.6	66.1
7. London	51.5	65.6	34.1	28.5	35.4	40.6	[illegible]	41.9	11.0	65.0
8. S.E.	45.1	62.3	32.8	23.6	38.8	48.5	[illegible]	47.4	9.6	69.2
9. S.W.	39.4	65.7	34.3	23.3	38.0	44.4	[illegible]	39.7	9.4	65.9
X^2 (24 df)	62.0*	26.7	40.8	49.7	26.0	47.5	43.6	40.9	16.8	14.0

	C15	C16	C17
Sex			
Male	73.2	62.8	52.9
Female	61.7	46.8	38.6
x^2 (3 df)	56.1*	101.6*	73.7*
School Type			
Comprehensive	65.3	53.6	43.2
Sec. Modern	63.3	45.4	42.4
Grammar	75.5	69.6	54.4
Non-maintained	78.4	72.4	55.3
x^2 (9 df)	71.2*	143.7*	61.2*
School Sex			
All Boy	81.9	71.7	57.1
All Girl	65.7	50.3	38.3
Mixed	64.7	52.2	45.1
x^2 (6 df)	67.1*	82.3*	47.4*
School Size			
Under 400	67.1	51.6	43.6
400 - 799	67.9	54.1	47.0
800 - 1199	67.7	56.8	42.5
Over 1200	66.3	56.1	48.6
x^2 (9 df)	10.6	11.8	10.2
Region			
1. North	70.5	52.5	41.9
2. Y.& H.	60.1	48.2	43.9
3. N.W.	63.6	51.5	38.1
4. E. Mid.	64.4	49.6	42.6
5. W. Mid.	66.9	55.2	47.3
6. E. Anc.	70.2	57.9	43.0
7. London	65.4	55.8	43.0
8. S.E.	70.3	56.5	50.5
9. S.W.	67.5	49.6	48.6
x^2 (24 df)	34.3	31.8	53.9

* $p \leq 0.0001$.

FREQUENCY OF CORRECT RESPONSES TO CONCEPTUAL KNOWLEDGE ITEMS BY (1) SEX, (2) SCHOOL TYPE, (3) SCHOOL SEX, (4) SCHOOL SIZE, AND (5) REGION

	ABC21	ABC22	ABC23	A24	A25	A26	A27	A28	A29	A30
Sex										
Male	59.8	53.4	77.3	77.2	78.0	46.7	65.4	52.4	77.2	73.8
Female	60.6	48.5	66.7	73.8	76.9	48.0	73.5	45.7	73.6	68.4
x^2 (2 df)	0.7	34.6*	168.2*	6.6	1.0	4.5	43.7*	17.0	9.9	14.1
School Type										
Comprehensive	57.9	47.4	69.7	75.0	75.3	45.6	67.8	47.5	74.1	69.7
Sec. Modern	56.8	39.3	62.7	68.4	73.3	43.4	62.2	41.0	68.0	64.8
Grammar	70.7	72.3	88.7	86.2	84.5	54.8	85.2	63.0	86.2	81.7
Non-maintained	65.9	75.9	89.8	84.9	89.5	56.2	75.9	63.9	89.8	82.1
x^2 (6 df)	128.6*	763.6*	556.6*	85.8*	62.1*	36.2*	116.3*	111.2*	109.2*	76.8*
School Sex										
All Boy	65.8	69.9	86.8	82.7	83.4	52.5	72.6	60.8	85.1	79.1
All Girl	64.0	57.4	72.4	77.8	83.0	52.8	77.8	51.9	76.8	71.7
Mixed	58.0	45.0	68.6	73.2	74.6	44.6	66.4	45.8	72.8	69.0
x^2 (4 df)	51.6*	379.3*	241.9*	25.1*	35.6*	29.7*	40.4*	46.2*	41.2*	26.6*
School Size										
Under 400	58.5	43.0	66.8	70.5	78.2	48.4	63.7	46.2	73.4	68.5
400-799	61.1	53.5	72.9	76.3	77.9	47.4	71.1	50.1	77.2	72.3
800-1199	58.8	50.9	72.4	74.9	76.0	46.8	69.3	47.8	74.1	69.2
Over 1200	60.8	48.4	71.9	76.6	77.5	46.8	67.3	49.8	72.8	71.5
x^2 (6 df)	14.2	45.7*	17.1	6.1	2.1	1.6	11.7	9.0	10.2	8.1
Region										
1. North	59.4	42.8	65.4	70.4	74.5	40.5	68.0	41.3	77.7	70.4
2. Y.& H.	59.0	48.6	69.1	72.6	73.4	43.4	65.7	42.7	72.0	63.8
3. N.W.	61.7	47.6	69.3	71.1	75.4	44.2	67.4	47.6	70.3	66.4
4. E. Mid.	54.7	46.2	68.6	74.1	74.1	53.2	72.3	42.2	75.5	72.6
5. W. Mid.	62.2	48.8	69.8	74.0	76.0	46.0	68.7	51.5	75.7	70.3
6. E. Ang.	63.8	45.7	69.2	71.2	71.0	36.8	66.4	45.6	67.7	70.4
7. London	59.2	52.4	72.6	76.7	83.2	46.9	70.9	51.6	74.6	70.1
8. S.E.	60.5	53.8	75.8	79.8	77.2	49.5	70.2	51.6	76.1	74.7
9. S.W.	54.7	40.2	64.4	74.1	76.5	49.3	66.4	45.1	72.4	69.2
x^2 (16 df)	41.2	79.1*	79.2*	26.7	31.6	26.0	22.4	27.4	20.7	28.3

	B24	B25	B26	B27	B28	B29	B30	C24	C25	C26
Sex										
Male	63.3	77.8	76.0	42.1	76.6	44.3	45.6	58.9	90.0	50.5
Female	54.6	77.1	72.7	31.7	78.5	39.7	45.4	65.6	89.5	49.2
X^2 (2 df)	28.3*	0.3	16.3	76.4*	1.9	14.0	10.0	30.0*	10.2	8.3
School Type										
Comprehensive	56.6	74.5	73.1	35.6	76.4	41.2	44.2	60.8	88.4	48.0
Sec. Modern	46.9	73.4	67.9	31.4	71.6	38.3	40.8	59.8	86.6	46.6
Grammar	79.3	88.0	84.6	46.0	87.2	48.4	56.0	70.8	96.1	55.9
Non-Maintained	80.4	89.0	86.9	46.2	88.7	50.8	52.0	64.9	96.9	59.9
X^2 (6 df)	231.0*	92.6*	86.9*	61.4*	80.4*	31.0*	45.9*	37.7*	56.2*	34.1*
School Sex										
All Boy	75.7	82.1	83.1	48.0	82.9	48.3	52.0	62.3	95.4	57.3
All Girl	62.5	83.8	78.5	34.9	82.4	40.6	49.5	70.8	91.9	50.0
Mixed	54.3	74.8	71.3	34.8	75.0	41.0	43.0	60.1	87.9	48.0
X^2 (4 df)	92.1*	33.9*	44.5*	43.2*	29.3*	10.8	20.4	35.1*	35.8*	16.5
School Size										
Under 400	54.0	75.3	65.4	33.2	72.0	41.8	42.2	57.8	85.8	50.6
400-799	60.2	79.1	75.2	37.6	79.6	41.4	45.3	63.1	89.9	50.7
800-1199	57.4	74.8	74.4	36.7	75.7	44.7	44.8	62.4	90.4	48.8
Over 1200	60.9	78.1	76.9	37.0	77.5	40.0	48.9	62.2	90.4	48.0
X^2 (6 df)	9.5	21.9	18.6	8.1	18.1	8.7	5.2	13.5	13.8	8.1
Region										
1. North	49.4	70.0	66.4	31.7	72.9	43.5	40.5	63.3	83.5	51.1
2. Y.& H.	54.2	73.2	72.9	35.4	76.6	39.3	46.9	58.8	87.6	51.8
3. N.W.	55.6	78.2	74.7	34.7	72.7	43.6	41.3	67.5	90.2	45.3
4. E. Mid.	52.5	73.2	71.1	33.6	73.6	33.7	41.7	60.1	87.5	46.5
5. W. Mid.	57.0	74.3	74.5	40.1	78.2	42.5	45.5	57.5	91.2	52.5
6. E. Ang.	59.7	79.0	73.2	33.1	81.5	41.9	41.9	62.0	91.7	54.5
7. London	58.0	78.6	73.8	34.3	78.0	40.6	49.3	67.1	90.2	49.0
8. S.E.	65.6	79.1	76.4	38.2	79.0	45.0	47.5	61.9	89.2	47.5
9. S.W.	49.1	78.1	67.0	36.0	75.6	33.2	43.8	57.8	88.4	46.2
X^2 (16 df)	46.3*	26.3	21.8	16.7	25.2	27.0	22.0	31.2	19.7	15.4

	C27	C28	C29	C30
Sex				
Male	29.6	78.6	51.9	50.2
Female	21.5	75.0	53.8	51.7
x^2 (2 df)	32.2*	9.2	1.2	4.2
School Type				
Comprehensive	22.9	73.9	53.1	47.0
Sec. Modern	21.2	74.5	55.2	40.5
Grammar	38.1	86.2	46.6	71.2
Non-Maintained	33.6	84.3	53.9	72.3
x^2 (6 df)	75.0*	56.1*	15.4	206.4*
School Sex				
All Boy	37.6	83.9	54.3	62.8
All Girl	22.9	77.4	51.5	60.6
Mixed	23.5	75.0	52.9	45.9
x^2 (4 df)	52.1*	20.2	1.6	81.7*
School Size				
Under 400	22.0	74.9	53.8	47.2
400-799	25.8	78.0	53.1	53.2
800-1199	26.9	77.0	51.8	53.0
Over 1200	25.0	74.0	53.4	43.0
x^2 (6 df)	5.3	6.4	4.7	23.2
Region				
1. North	19.5	75.5	51.7	46.8
2. Y.& H.	23.6	75.2	53.8	47.0
3. N.W.	24.4	74.1	50.7	49.5
4. E. Mid.	23.0	79.0	52.8	50.9
5. W. Mid.	23.9	75.1	50.6	47.8
6. E. Ang.	28.9	77.7	61.2	43.8
7. London	29.0	81.7	56.7	52.0
8. S.E.	25.8	74.0	52.6	50.4
9. S.W.	24.5	77.3	52.0	45.1
x^2 (16 df)	19.2	27.7	15.9	15.1

*$p \leq 0.0001$

FREQUENCY OF BELIEF RESPONSES IN AGREEMENT WITH PANEL BY (1) SEX, (2) SCHOOL TYPE, (3) SCHOOL SEX, (4) SCHOOL TYPE, AND (5) REGION

	ABC31	ABC32	ABC33	ABC34	A35	A36	A37	A38	A39	A40
Sex										
Male	79.1	49.3	62.2	56.9	84.9	77.0	48.6	70.7	38.9	49.4
Female	80.8	41.7	56.2	59.0	84.2	75.9	55.9	67.7	37.5	40.4
X^2 (2 df)	20.3*	176.8*	77.9*	4.7	4.8	17.8*	10.4	13.0	4.5	51.0*
School Type										
Comprehensive	80.8	43.3	58.6	57.7	83.2	75.2	52.8	67.3	38.7	45.8
Sec. Modern	77.2	36.2	58.3	54.4	81.7	71.6	52.8	61.0	35.9	40.0
Grammar	83.5	61.6	55.0	65.6	89.6	84.6	48.1	82.6	39.5	50.5
Non-Maintained	81.8	62.6	59.8	60.7	92.6	86.1	43.7	87.0	40.7	49.7
X^2 (6 df)	45.5*	434.3*	25.4	76.3*	36.2*	57.6*	23.0	139.3*	44.4*	31.3*
School Sex										
All Boy	81.9	58.8	62.6	59.3	87.9	82.1	47.5	78.1	40.7	57.1
All Girl	80.0	48.0	55.3	60.9	85.9	80.7	55.4	72.6	39.3	40.7
Mixed	79.6	41.8	59.4	56.9	83.4	74.0	51.1	66.3	37.3	43.2
X^2 (4 df)	18.8	189.3*	64.9*	18.0	8.2	31.4*	10.4	37.3*	16.4	49.5*
School Size										
Under 400	77.2	40.8	58.8	53.6	83.4	72.0	53.4	65.2	36.2	38.9
400-799	79.4	45.7	58.7	58.3	85.2	77.0	48.6	69.0	38.6	44.2
800-1199	81.0	48.2	59.2	57.6	85.3	77.2	55.4	69.5	38.4	45.9
Over 1200	82.0	43.4	60.9	60.1	82.0	76.1	51.5	71.6	37.9	48.8
X^2 (6 df)	27.9*	29.3*	7.9	13.2	5.9	9.6	15.2	7.2	5.4	11.3
Region										
1. North	78.2	40.1	59.2	53.5	82.9	72.1	53.8	64.4	33.6	39.7
2. Y.& H.	81.1	41.5	55.7	57.2	82.2	72.4	51.6	57.9	37.6	38.2
3. N.W.	76.5	44.1	56.5	57.0	85.0	74.5	57.6	63.2	39.9	40.8
4. E. Mid.	80.8	38.7	63.8	54.4	85.6	73.6	48.2	63.3	33.8	42.8
5. W. Mid.	79.5	46.5	61.4	60.0	82.3	78.6	52.1	67.2	42.2	45.6
6. E. Ang.	83.5	39.7	66.8	59.6	82.4	72.8	47.2	68.8	35.2	49.6
7. London	79.7	44.7	55.7	58.3	82.0	78.4	55.5	69.7	43.7	46.3
8. S.E.	81.3	48.0	60.4	58.6	85.8	77.3	46.9	74.8	37.0	49.7
9. S.W.	80.9	40.4	58.2	59.1	82.5	74.1	54.4	73.8	31.9	45.8
X^2 (16 df)	29.3	63.8*	41.2	24.1	11.0	27.9	26.3	51.7*	35.3	26.3

	A41	A42	A43	A44	A45	B35	B36	B37	B38	B39
Sex										
Male	20.9	79.1	62.0	84.0	52.5	41.6	56.9	84.8	39.5	76.6
Female	23.2	78.0	56.9	83.9	60.7	35.2	60.4	84.5	50.4	75.1
X^2 (2 df)	91.7*	2.7	10.2	0.0	51.5*	41.2*	10.8	4.6	55.3*	1.2
School Type										
Comprehensive	22.3	76.7	59.2	82.7	56.5	37.1	58.2	84.4	46.1	75.4
Sec. Modern	21.3	71.8	53.6	79.1	56.4	40.4	56.3	80.4	39.9	75.4
Grammar	24.0	89.5	68.4	91.8	59.0	38.7	61.7	91.2	50.7	75.6
Non-Maintained	22.2	86.4	68.5	93.8	54.0	38.5	63.5	90.2	46.3	80.4
X^2 (6 df)	89.4*	88.3*	50.7*	73.6*	5.7	11.1	23.8	44.1*	23.9	7.5
School Sex										
All Boy	17.9	83.1	66.1	89.1	51.2	41.3	58.4	88.3	39.2	77.4
All Girl	25.5	82.1	59.6	87.4	58.9	37.8	58.8	85.2	54.6	76.3
Mixed	22.2	75.5	58.0	81.8	57.1	38.0	58.5	83.5	43.6	75.3
X^2 (4 df)	71.3*	27.3*	20.8	28.3*	15.2	5.2	5.0	9.0	38.5*	2.9
School Size										
Under 400	23.4	75.5	52.4	83.8	58.7	38.4	58.4	83.0	41.4	78.9
400-799	21.5	77.9	59.5	83.7	56.1	40.7	59.0	84.9	43.9	74.8
800-1199	21.5	78.6	62.6	84.1	55.6	36.6	56.4	84.2	45.8	76.5
Over 1200	24.1	78.0	58.9	84.4	57.4	35.1	60.5	85.0	48.2	75.7
X^2 (6 df)	10.4	2.9	12.5	2.7	2.2	9.2	10.1	5.9	5.9	6.1
Region										
1. North	15.0	73.7	63.0	80.5	62.8	39.7	56.9	85.3	40.9	69.6
2. Y.& H.	25.1	76.2	58.6	83.8	58.7	37.3	57.8	83.9	45.4	73.1
3. N.W.	19.3	75.2	60.7	81.5	55.8	37.6	56.0	83.2	50.1	77.3
4. E. Mid.	18.3	70.9	57.6	81.2	56.5	37.7	62.9	80.4	40.2	75.4
5. W. Mid.	23.8	76.5	58.4	84.6	53.1	37.0	60.1	87.4	40.9	73.2
6. E. Ang.	21.6	78.4	55.2	92.4	62.4	43.9	56.9	84.6	39.0	76.4
7. London	25.3	80.6	57.1	82.8	54.8	39.5	56.8	83.1	48.8	76.1
8. S.E.	24.8	80.2	59.9	84.8	54.5	38.8	58.1	84.6	48.2	76.2
9. S.W.	19.6	78.0	53.0	81.8	62.6	38.9	57.2	82.3	42.6	79.4
X^2 (16 df)	46.1*	20.4	11.0	19.7	17.5	17.2	16.7	11.8	32.7	18.2

	B40	B41	B42	B43	B44	B45	C35	C36	C37	C38
Sex										
Male	46.7	73.1	84.9	58.3	70.0	62.9	36.2	63.3	59.6	68.4
Female	51.5	70.9	88.2	62.6	68.5	53.5	34.3	71.2	49.2	59.9
X^2 (2 df)	11.1	2.0	9.2	19.5*	4.0	34.8*	15.0	123.6*	44.2*	29.1*
School Type										
Comprehensive	51.7	70.9	86.1	60.6	70.1	57.1	33.0	67.0	51.9	64.4
Sec. Modern	47.3	63.2	81.3	59.8	64.6	46.1	27.4	65.1	45.2	58.0
Grammar	48.3	86.7	93.2	60.9	75.4	76.3	51.9	71.7	71.1	74.5
Non-Maintained	45.6	84.7	96.3	61.2	70.6	75.5	48.4	68.6	71.9	70.8
X^2 (6 df)	11.3	133.9*	78.0*	1.5	27.0*	185.1*	122.6*	26.8	158.8*	53.8*
School Sex										
All Boy	44.8	78.6	90.6	56.6	71.0	70.1	46.5	63.9	70.0	71.9
All Girl	54.0	76.9	89.6	64.4	72.4	63.4	40.0	76.8	55.7	61.8
Mixed	48.9	69.2	84.8	60.3	67.9	54.1	31.5	65.5	50.6	63.0
X^2 (4 df)	13.6	31.4*	22.7*	10.3	6.7	58.9*	76.9*	65.5*	75.2*	17.9
School Size										
Under 400	51.7	67.0	84.1	62.7	62.4	54.3	34.1	66.7	48.0	57.3
400-799	45.9	71.9	86.9	60.8	67.1	57.4	35.1	66.9	55.0	63.9
800-1199	50.9	72.3	85.7	58.6	69.9	59.9	37.4	67.5	54.9	67.7
Over 1200	54.7	74.5	88.5	61.0	72.0	59.8	33.1	68.1	55.5	63.4
X^2 (6 df)	18.9	12.6	7.1	5.7	11.4	7.3	4.8	2.9	15.9	13.2
Region										
1. North	47.4	6..8	83.4	61.8	66.8	51.0	29.1	68.8	46.8	64.0
2. Y.& H.	54.7	68.6	85.2	66.0	68.6	52.3	31.1	67.4	46.3	61.6
3. N.W.	51.2	72.9	86.0	59.2	68.8	55.5	31.9	69.6	53.2	65.0
4. E. Mid.	45.8	65.8	84.4	59.3	66.7	54.3	32.5	64.2	50.9	64.2
5. W. Mid.	47.1	72.3	85.8	56.8	68.7	56.1	37.2	65.9	55.5	63.3
6. E. Ang.	50.4	75.4	86.9	61.8	64.2	59.0	36.4	71.9	60.3	61.2
7. London	51.7	73.7	88.7	62.7	71.7	55.1	38.0	68.9	55.2	66.3
8. S.E.	49.5	72.5	86.3	60.2	72.2	64.8	34.3	66.7	55.4	64.9
9. S.W.	46.1	64.9	81.9	57.8	65.2	50.0	35.0	61.7	49.1	56.7
X^2 (16 df)	21.2	26.2	16.5	22.2	16.1	48.5*	17.7	14.2	21.2	14.3

	C39	C40	C41	C42	C43	C44	C45
Sex							
Male	59.4	34.9	70.4	61.4	62.7	55.4	50.3
Female	44.9	44.0	67.6	67.6	48.4	55.4	48.2
X^2 (2 df)	95.5*	30.8*	3.5	16.3	74.3*	47.3*	6.4
School Type							
Comprehensive	50.4	37.9	66.9	64.0	54.7	55.9	47.6
Sec. Modern	45.5	38.6	65.3	60.0	52.8	51.0	44.2
Grammar	63.7	42.8	80.3	73.1	61.0	60.2	58.9
Non-Maintained	67.0	44.8	74.8	69.2	61.2	61.7	59.4
X^2 (6 df)	80.8*	9.6	48.5*	34.8*	16.2	41.6*	48.7*
School Sex							
All Boy	67.7	35.8	73.7	66.8	65.6	59.2	57.4
All Girl	51.5	47.7	70.7	70.9	47.6	60.2	51.3
Mixed	48.9	38.1	67.6	62.4	55.4	53.3	46.9
X^2 (4 df)	73.3*	24.9*	10.0	17.8	37.7*	24.2*	28.3*
School Size							
Under 400	48.8	39.8	68.7	59.4	55.0	50.1	49.2
400-799	52.9	39.1	69.3	64.5	55.9	55.3	49.1
800-1199	52.4	40.3	69.0	64.7	55.2	56.3	49.4
Over 1200	51.9	39.0	68.7	67.3	55.6	57.2	49.0
X^2 (6 df)	5.2	1.4	6.7	8.3	2.1	6.3	2.6
Region							
1. North	50.4	40.1	69.6	61.0	53.4	46.7	44.3
2. Y.& H.	48.9	40.4	65.3	57.3	54.4	54.4	39.5
3. N.W.	49.5	41.2	65.8	65.8	55.8	55.2	49.0
4. E. Mid.	48.3	33.5	73.3	65.9	51.1	55.0	47.4
5. W. Mid.	49.6	38.2	65.9	62.4	56.2	57.5	48.7
6. E. Ang.	54.5	39.7	78.5	66.1	49.6	55.4	58.7
7. London	50.1	45.5	67.4	70.0	53.7	58.4	51.0
8. S.E.	54.0	35.7	69.6	65.0	57.6	54.6	47.1
9. S.W.	51.6	37.7	70.4	61.4	55.4	52.9	46.9
X^2 (16 df)	11.4	25.2	26.4	29.0	11.9	24.5	29.6

* $p \leq 0.0001$

APPENDIX E

Multiple Regression Computer Printouts

Selected portions of printouts are presented from regression analyses conducted on the three parts of Forms A, B and C.

MULTIPLE REGRESSION

Factual Score - Form A

VARIABLE(S) ENTERED ON STEP NUMBER 1.. SCHSEX3
SEX
SIZE
TYPE1
TYPE2
TYPE3
TYPE4
SCHSEX1
SCHSEX2

MULTIPLE R	0.39622
R SQUARE	0.15699
ADJUSTED R SQUARE	0.15516
STANDARD ERROR	2.44431

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE	DF	SUM OF SQUARES	MEAN SQUARE	F
REGRESSION	9.	4097.76978	455.30775	76.20653
RESIDUAL	3683.	22004.65427	5.97465	

SUMMARY TABLE

VARIABLE	MULTIPLE R	R SQUARE	RSQ CHANGE	SIMPLE R	B	BETA
SCHSEX3	0.15167	0.02300	0.02300	-0.15167	8.60302	1.50889
SEX	0.31075	0.09656	0.07356	-0.26578	-1.17847	-0.22163
SIZE	0.31410	0.09866	0.00210	0.00827	0.11021	0.03650
TYPE1	0.31466	0.09901	0.00035	-0.05676	-0.23658	-0.04405
TYPE2	0.39367	0.15498	0.05597	-0.19801	-0.69636	-0.12365
TYPE3	0.39388	0.15514	0.00016	0.19434	1.16117	0.15503
TYPE4	0.39388	0.15514	0.00000	0.18642	1.25362	0.13301
SCHSEX1	0.39622	0.15699	0.00184	0.26039	9.04137	1.21888
SCHSEX2	0.39622	0.15699	0.00000	-0.06044	8.54580	1.20221
(CONSTANT)					0.41842	

MULTIPLE REGRESSION

Conceptual Score - Form A

VARIABLE(S) ENTERED ON STEP NUMBER 1.. SCHSEX3
SEX
SIZE
TYPE1
TYPE2
TYPE3
TYPE4
SCHSEX1
SCHSEX2

MULTIPLE R	0.34794
R SQUARE	0.12106
ADJUSTED R SQUARE	0.11915
STANDARD ERROR	2.01491

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE	DF	SUM OF SQUARES	MEAN SQUARE	F
REGRESSION	9.	2059.48020	228.83113	56.36434
RESIDUAL	3683.	14952.45210	4.05986	

SUMMARY TABLE

VARIABLE	MULTIPLE R	R SQUARE	RSQ CHANGE	SIMPLE R	B	BETA
SCHSEX3	0.19082	0.03641	0.03641	-0.19082	2.44008	0.53012
SEX	0.20130	0.04052	0.00411	-0.05741	-0.17582	-0.04069
SIZE	0.20734	0.04299	0.00247	-0.00499	0.04722	0.03988
TYPE1	0.20919	0.04376	0.00077	-0.07283	0.76136	0.18022
TYPE2	0.34772	0.12091	0.07715	-0.21863	0.37244	0.08192
TYPE3	0.34794	0.12106	0.00015	0.25251	2.23778	0.37006
TYPE4	0.34794	0.12106	0.00000	0.17628	2.12085	0.27177
SCHSEX1	0.34794	0.12106	0.00000	0.16811	2.62129	0.43773
SCHSEX2	0.34794	0.12106	0.00000	0.07681	2.61088	0.45496
(CONSTANT)					2.99720	

MULTIPLE REGRESSION

Belief Score - Form A

VARIABLE(S) ENTERED ON STEP NUMBER 1.. SCHSEX3
SEX
SIZE
TYPE1
TYPE2
TYPE3
TYPE4
SCHSEX1
SCHSEX2

MULTIPLE R	0.22067
R SQUARE	0.04870
ADJUSTED R SQUARE	0.04663
STANDARD ERROR	2.59621

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE	DF	SUM OF SQUARES	MEAN SQUARE	F
REGRESSION	9.	1270.76996	141.19666	20.94812
RESIDUAL	3683.	24824.53683	6.74030	

SUMMARY TABLE

VARIABLE	MULTIPLE R	R SQUARE	RSQ CHANGE	SIMPLE R	B	BETA
SCHSEX3	0.10719	0.01149	0.01149	-0.10719	-0.63069	-0.11063
SEX	0.11470	0.01316	0.00167	-0.03706	-0.14429	-0.02714
SIZE	0.13660	0.01866	0.00551	0.04169	0.21395	0.07087
TYPE1	0.13809	0.01907	0.00041	-0.02217	3.43143	1.01279
TYPE2	0.22011	0.04845	0.02938	-0.14816	5.14263	0.91327
TYPE3	0.22067	0.04870	0.00025	0.15743	6.59933	0.86120
TYPE4	0.22067	0.04870	0.00000	0.09401	6.41911	0.68126
SCHSEX1	0.22067	0.04870	0.00000	0.09580	-0.41814	-0.06582
SCHSEX2	0.22067	0.04870	0.00000	0.04184	-0.47361	-0.06664
(CONSTANT)					3.70775	

MULTIPLE REGRESSION

Factual Score - Form B

VARIABLE(S) ENTERED ON STEP NUMBER 1.. SCHSEX3
SEX
SIZE
TYPE1
TYPE2
TYPE3
TYPE4
SCHSEX1
SCHSEX2

MULTIPLE R	0.36708
R SQUARE	0.13475
ADJUSTED R SQUARE	0.13263
STANDARD ERROR	[illegible]

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE	DF	SUM OF SQUARES	MEAN SQUARE	F
REGRESSION	9.	3009.44789	334.38310	62.41300
RESIDUAL	3607.	19324.81697	5.35759	

SUMMARY TABLE

VARIABLE	MULTIPLE R	R SQUARE	RSQ CHANGE	SIMPLE R	B	BETA
SCHSEX3	0.16130	0.02602	0.02602	-0.16130	7.86493	1.47763
SEX	0.27084	0.07335	0.04734	-0.21240	-0.99922	-0.20105
SIZE	0.28830	0.08312	0.00976	0.05016	0.23203	0.08225
TYPE1	0.28831	0.08312	0.00000	-0.02447	0.55228	0.17001
TYPE2	[illegible]	0.13466	0.05154	-0.21825	[illegible]	0.06427
TYPE3	[illegible]	0.13475	0.00008	0.18492	2.04462	0.28938
TYPE4	0.36708	0.13475	0.00000	0.17371	2.14180	[illegible]
SCHSEX1	0.36708	0.13475	0.00000	0.21666	[illegible]	1.18436
SCHSEX2	0.36708	0.13475	0.00000	-0.00697	[illegible]	1.23283
(CONSTANT)					[illegible]	

MULTIPLE REGRESSION

Conceptual Score - Form B

VARIABLE(S) ENTERED ON STEP NUMBER 1.. SCHSEX3
SEX
SIZE
TYPE1
TYPE2
TYPE3
TYPE4
SCHSEX1
SCHSEX2

MULTIPLE R	0.35577
R SQUARE	0.12657
ADJUSTED R SQUARE	0.12464
STANDARD ERROR	2.02347

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE	DF	SUM OF SQUARES	MEAN SQUARE	F
REGRESSION	9.	2140.19699	237.79967	58.07858
RESIDUAL	3607.	14768.67058	4.09445	

SUMMARY TABLE

VARIABLE	MULTIPLE R	R SQUARE	RSQ CHANGE	SIMPLE R	B	BETA
SCHSEX3	0.19982	0.03993	0.03993	-0.19982	2.15126	0.46451
SEX	0.23059	0.05317	0.01324	-0.10875	-0.42548	-0.09639
SIZE	0.24617	0.06060	0.00743	0.02654	0.20721	0.04641
TYPE1	0.24921	0.06211	0.00151	-0.07228	1.88778	0.43277
TYPE2	0.35574	0.12655	0.06445	-0.21115	1.57598	0.34291
TYPE3	0.35576	0.12657	0.00001	0.23388	3.27911	0.53338
TYPE4	0.35576	0.12657	0.00000	0.18451	3.24621	0.43061
SCHSEX1	0.35577	0.12657	0.00001	0.19691	2.44878	0.40729
SCHSEX2	0.35577	0.12657	0.00000	0.06007	2.47274	0.42795
(CONSTANT)					1.74195	

MULTIPLE REGRESSION

Belief Score - Form B

VARIABLE(S) ENTERED ON STEP NUMBER 1.. SCHSEX3
SEX
SIZE
TYPE1
TYPE2
TYPE3
TYPE4
SCHSEX1
SCHSEX2

MULTIPLE R	0.20207
R SQUARE	0.04083
ADJUSTED R SQUARE	0.03870
STANDARD ERROR	2.69888

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE	DF	SUM OF SQUARES	MEAN SQUARE	F
REGRESSION	9.	1118.42903	124.26989	17.06081
RESIDUAL	3607.	26273.15958	7.28394	

SUMMARY TABLE

VARIABLE	MULTIPLE R	R SQUARE	RSQ CHANGE	SIMPLE R	B	BETA
SCHSEX3	0.08771	0.00769	0.00769	-0.08771	14.09077	2.39046
SEX	0.08849	0.00783	0.00014	-0.00896	-0.14167	-0.02574
SIZE	0.12242	0.01499	0.00716	0.05626	0.22971	0.07352
TYPE1	0.12242	0.01499	0.00000	0.00204	2.95184	0.53168
TYPE2	0.19860	0.03944	0.02445	-0.14974	2.55630	0.43701
TYPE3	0.19869	0.03948	0.00004	0.12853	3.43463	0.50284
TYPE4	0.19869	0.03948	0.00000	0.08449	3.90733	0.40716
SCHSEX1	0.20207	0.04083	0.00135	0.04960	13.96246	1.82458
SCHSEX2	0.20207	0.04083	0.00000	0.06177	14.40197	1.95833
(CONSTANT)					-8.14080	

MULTIPLE REGRESSION

Factual Score - Form

VARIABLE(S) ENTERED ON STEP NUMBER 1.. SCHSEX3
SEX
SIZE
TYPE1
TYPE2
TYPE3
TYPE4
SCHSEX1
SCHSEX2

MULTIPLE R	[illegible]
R SQUARE	0.19572
ADJUSTED R SQUARE	0.19341
STANDARD ERROR	[illegible]

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE	DF	SUM OF SQUARES	MEAN SQUARE	F
REGRESSION	9.	5601.78792	622.42088	94.74539
RESIDUAL	3549.	23314.82068	6.56941	

SUMMARY TABLE

VARIABLE	MULTIPLE R	R SQUARE	RSQ CHANGE	SIMPLE R	B	BETA
SCHSEX3	0.16465	0.02711	0.02711	-0.16465	24.05052	3.92678
SEX	0.34434	0.11995	0.09284	-0.29881	-1.46625	-0.25714
SIZE	0.35267	0.12438	0.00442	0.01016	0.20415	0.06320
TYPE1	0.35471	0.12582	0.00144	-0.07679	-6.84269	-1.18872
TYPE2	0.43689	0.19087	0.06505	-0.19466	-7.24487	-1.20083
TYPE3	0.43691	0.19089	0.00002	0.21031	-5.08465	-0.62501
TYPE4	0.43691	0.19089	0.00000	0.20042	-5.09604	-0.51070
SCHSEX1	0.44014	0.19372	0.00283	0.29692	24.63630	3.08415
SCHSEX2	0.44014	0.19372	0.00000	-0.07754	23.97534	3.14063
(CONSTANT)					-7.75603	

MULTIPLE REGRESSION

Conceptual Score - Form C

VARIABLE(S) ENTERED ON STEP NUMBER 1.. SCHSEX3
SEX
SIZE
TYPE1
TYPE2
TYPE3
TYPE4
SCHSEX1
SCHSEX2

MULTIPLE R	0.32793
R SQUARE	0.10754
ADJUSTED R SQUARE	0.10553
STANDARD ERROR	1.82680

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE	DF	SUM OF SQUARES	MEAN SQUARE	F
REGRESSION	9.	1427.10791	158.56755	47.51507
RESIDUAL	3549.	11843.74176	3.33721	

SUMMARY TABLE

VARIABLE	MULTIPLE R	R SQUARE	RSQ CHANGE	SIMPLE R	B	BETA
SCHSEX3	0.19737	0.03895	0.03895	-0.19737	-9.28270	-2.23723
SEX	0.20227	0.04091	0.00196	-0.03741	-0.03024	-0.00783
SIZE	0.21109	0.04456	0.00364	0.00092	0.14962	0.06838
TYPE1	0.21314	0.04768	0.00303	-0.09430	9.07966	2.32834
TYPE2	0.32591	0.10621	0.05863	-0.17905	8.91218	2.18050
TYPE3	0.32604	0.10630	0.00009	0.22173	10.29704	1.86851
TYPE4	0.32604	0.10631	0.00000	0.18763	10.34365	1.53013
SCHSEX1	0.32793	0.10754	0.00124	0.19114	-8.87914	-1.64010
SCHSEX2	0.32793	0.10754	0.00000	0.06333	-9.17150	-1.77344
(CONSTANT)					5.44070	

MULTIPLE REGRESSION

Belief Score - Form C

VARIABLE(S) ENTERED ON STEP NUMBER 1.. SCHSEX3
SEX
SIZE
TYPE1
TYPE2
TYPE3
TYPE4
SCHSEX1
SCHSEX2

MULTIPLE R	0.28148
R SQUARE	0.07923
ADJUSTED R SQUARE	0.07716
STANDARD ERROR	2.79926

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE	DF	SUM OF SQUARES	MEAN SQUARE	F
REGRESSION	9.	2392.97523	265.88614	33.93195
RESIDUAL	3549.	27809.47939	7.83586	

SUMMARY TABLE

VARIABLE	MULTIPLE R	R SQUARE	RSQ CHANGE	SIMPLE R	B	BETA
SCHSEX3	0.14551	0.02117	0.02117	-0.14551	3.06400	0.48950
SEX	0.16112	0.02596	0.00478	-0.06408	-0.38452	-0.06599
SIZE	0.17644	0.03184	0.00588	0.03081	0.23661	0.07168
TYPE1	0.18028	0.03250	0.00066	-0.04522	2.03223	0.34544
TYPE2	0.28084	0.07887	0.04637	-0.17844	1.63248	0.26476
TYPE3	0.28140	0.07919	0.00032	0.19675	3.63681	0.43742
TYPE4	0.28140	0.07919	0.00000	0.13218	3.42066	0.33542
SCHSEX1	0.28148	0.07923	0.00005	0.13772	3.26660	0.40014
SCHSEX2	0.28148	0.07923	0.00000	0.04975	3.35235	0.42469
(CONSTANT)					3.03390	

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Motor: Fine

Plaster Leaf Print

Try this:

1. Gather leaves outside.
2. Put grease on paper plates. (Not needed if using milk cartons.)
3. Mix water in plaster of Paris to pouring consistency. Pour into mold.
4. After it hardens a little, press a leaf on it firmly and remove.
5. Insert hairpin for hanger.
6. When dry, remove and paint.

You need:

Leaves, small fluted paper plates or milk cartons cut off an inch from the bottom, plaster of Paris, water, container to mix it in, petroleum jelly, hairpin, paints.

Numbers Nature's Numbers

Try this:

Give the student a can with a specific number of objects in it (using the numbers that you are working with). Example: one leaf, two twigs, three flowers, etc. Hold up the beaded number card without telling the child what the number is. The child looks into the can to find the number of objects indicated. Do this until you have completed all of the numbers that you want the child to know. Reward the child for success by verbal praise.

You need:

Leaves, grass, tree twigs, sticks, flowers, open-top can

Hint:

The class should go on a walk prior to this activity, identifying and collecting things we see in nature: trees, leaves, grass, flowers, etc. The teacher needs a medium size, open-top can, beaded number cards.

Awareness

The Nose Knows

Try this:

1. Go outside and smell the air after it rains.
2. Smell grass, flowers, dirt.
3. Does this thing have a smell? (rock, flower, grass)
4. Is the smell good or bad?
5. Compare smell of flowers to perfume.

You need:

Perfume

Motor

Pea and Toothpick Building

Try this:

Soak a package of dried peas for at least six hours. Be sure they are covered by water. Get a box or two of round toothpicks. Stick the toothpicks into the peas; they will serve as connectors. Build houses, buildings, shapes. As the peas dry, they will make a strong joint. Houses may be covered with tissue paper.

You need:

Dried peas
Round toothpicks
Large bowl
Water

Hints:

Soak peas overnight or at least 6-7 hours. Be sure they are covered by at least an inch of water.

Motor: Fine

Plants and Paste

Try this:
1. Take the children outdoors and ask them to pick up small natural objects such as rocks, twigs, leaves, seeds, pods, etc., and to put them into a bag.
2. Return to the classroom and gather around a table.
3. Give each a sheet of heavy paper. Each child is to choose several of the found objects and glue them on his/her paper.

More:
The natural objects may be glued on in designs or patterns.

You need:
Bag, heavy paper for each child, glue

Hints:
Survey the area to be sure there is a diverse array of small natural objects to be found.

Numbers

Colors

Try this:

1. Give students a color card (ex. green). Have them take the card with and find something the same color as their card (grass, leaves).

2. Show students a green card for a few seconds.

3. Tell students to find something green.

You need:

Color cards, paint chips

Hints:

Be sure there are materials outside that match the colors you want the students to find.

Awareness

Show Me

To do this:

1. Show the children a picture of a tree, flower, etc.

2. Ask them to point to one like it in the outdoor environment.

You need:

Pictures of objects the teacher knows will be in the area in which the activity will take place.

Awareness: Visual

Lucky Clovers

Try this:

Go outside and hunt for four-leaf clovers.

Hints:

Locate an area with clover.

Science: Plant Growth Terrarium for the Classroom

Try this:

1. Gather plants with leaf mold, moss, small pieces of wood, rocks.
2. Put pieces of moss on bottom of container upsidedown. Add rocks, peat moss and plants. Put a few pieces of charcoal on the moss.
3. Pour in water. Add small, ceramic animals.
4. Seal with plastic wrap and put in a cool window.

You need:

Glass jar, fish bowl, or aquarium, plants with leaf mold, mosses, bird gravel or rocks, peat moss, a few pieces of charcoal, plastic wrap, long handled spoon, container for water.

Science

Seeds

Try this:

Children will visit an outdoor area and find three or four different kinds of seeds. Example: pine cones, milkweed pods. Classify them according to how they travel--air, hitch-hikers, pop from plants.

You need:

Assorted seeds

Awareness

Some Like Water When It's Hot

Try this:

Demonstrate effect of water on plants.

1. Place two plants in same window sill.
2. Water only one plant.
3. Record on calendar.
4. Observe differences in two plants as time passes.

You need:

Two small plants

Awareness

Peanut Butter Snack for the Birds

Try this:

1. Mix peanut butter with cornmeal or oats.
2. Use a knife to spread it on pine cones.
3. Tie a string around each cone.
4. Go for a walk and tie the pine cones to bushes and low tree limbs.
5. Watch for birds.

You need:

Pine cones, peanut butter, oats or cornmeal, knife, string.

Science Activity and Illustration Make a Diorama

Try this:

Take an empty tissue box with the ow intact on the top. Cut around three sides of the bottom o e box. Fold down--this will be the back of the scene. Choose seasonal pictures from cards and magazines. Mount in box. Cover opening with plastic. Close back of box.

You need:

Flee r
Cards
Magazines
Crayons or paint
Rocks, shells, etc.

Hints:

Discuss type of diorama.

Discuss scale of pictures.

Experiment while building.

Pussy Willow Rabbits

1. Pussy willow branches or bring them from home
2. Trace rabbit pattern on oak tag. Pupils or teachers cut out rabbits.
3. Insert pussy willow branches from branch.
4. Spread white glue on rabbit.
5. Press glued side onto branch.

Materials:

pussy willow branches, oak tag, rabbit pattern, white glue

Awareness

Weather

Try this:

Use flannel board to illustrate clothes for warm and cold weather. Help students differentiate between warm and cold by putting their hands out the window, placing their hand on a radiator, feeling the warmth from the sun or feeling warm and cold water from bathroom faucets.

You need:

Flannel board
Two figures--one dressed for cold and one for hot weather

Awareness

Dress Up

Try this:

Either use large cut-out dolls with cut-out clothes or use pictures of clothes. Have the children decide what to wear in various kinds of weather. If you have the dolls, have the children put the clothes on them or have them select the picture of what clothes are appropriate.

Example: If it's cold, have them select a warm coat, mittens, a hat, etc.

You need:

Pictures of clothes (seasonal clothes) or
cut-out dolls with seasonal clothes

Awareness

Falling Leaves

Try this:

Rake piles of leaves, kick, tumble, bury one another, feel, smell, listen to the noise the leaves make.

You need:

Leaves

Hints:

Locate safe area where there is no dangerous litter or debris.

Awareness

Seasonal Sort

Try this:

A table game to help the pupil identify the characteristics of each season.

Print name of season at top of each large card.

Glue seasonal pictures on small cards.

File in a large manila envelope.

You need:

Four cardboard cards 6 x 8
Sixteen cardboard cards 3 x 4
Seasonal pictures - cards
Wildlife stamps, magazines

Awareness

Weatherperson

Try this:

Use the daily weather to teach the children about the weather. Make up a calendar with large spaces for each day. Cover it with clear contact paper.

Make weather symbols. Example: a sun with a smiley face for a sunny day, a cloud with raindrops for a rainy day, etc.

Each day have the children notice the weather. Discuss it. Assign one child each day to be the "weatherperson." Select the weather symbol which fits the day. Then help place it on the calendar on the proper day.

You need:

Calendar covered with contact paper
Weather symbols backed with tape

Try this:

Collect snow and frozen soil, let children feel the cold. Melt it. Observe soil becoming moist and then softening. After melting, feel textures of soil and melting snow.

You need:

Snow and frozen soil

Science

Spring Bloomers

Try this:

Bring in branches from early-blooming plants. Place the stems in water in a warm place to force the leaves and blossoms (pussy willow, forsythia, flowering crab). Keep a record of the number of days that pass before they bloom.

You need:

Branches, jar and water

Motor: Fine Skills

Weed Seed Art

Try this:

Go outside and gather dry weeds (some with roots), seeds, and leaves for a picture.

Let pupils pick favorite color for background. Glue seeds, plants, and leaves on paper. Dot open areas with glue and sprinkle on bits of colored tissue paper. Cover with plastic wrap and staple on a black paper frame.

You need:

Dry weeds, seeds, and leaves, construction paper, tissue paper, stapler.

Hints:

Survey area for dry weeds and leaves. Cut black construction paper frames.

Science

Watching Trees

Try this:

Select a tree for the class to observe during the school year (at leas four times). Visit or observe tree. Draw a picture as a record of seasonal changes.

You need:

Tree, crayon, drawing paper

Awareness: Spring

Egg Shell Pictures

Try this:

Students place egg shells on the window sills and watch the warm sunlight dry them out during the day. After the shells have dried out, use water colors to paint them in a variety of pastel shades. Glue the pieces of painted egg shells to make pictures that have been outlined on construction paper.

You n[illegible]

- E[illegible]s, water colors, paint brushes, glue, pictures outlined on construction paper

Hints:

Teacher and pupils bring egg shells from home. The teacher outlines pictures on construction paper.

Numbers

Sand Numbers

Try this:

The class needs to go on a walk to fill medium size containers with dry sand. Use cardboard squares size 9 in. by 11 in. to write the numbers from 1 to 10, using a separate card for each number. Use any type of commercial glue to trace over the numbers that have been written in pencil. Before the glue dries, sprinkle the sand over the numbers, shaking off any excess. Allow all of the numbers to dry. The finished product of this activity will be hard, raised numbers made of sand, which serves for good tactile experiences in learning to read numbers understandably.

You need:

Sand, commercial type glue, size 9 in. by 12 in. paper, pencils

Hints:

The teacher should be sure that an area is available for obtaining sand.

Awareness: Tactile

Sand Play

Try this:

Sit around a sand pile. Let the children sift through the sand with fingers and toes. They can pour sand into containers or from container to container.

More:

Wet the sand and build a castle.

You need:

Bucket of water
Empty containers
Small hand shovel