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ANNEXURE

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete this questionnaire as accurately as possible.

AIM:

Your response to the questions will help in giving an idea of the influence of family background and home environment on the academic performance of pupils in Junior Secondary Schools in Venda.

INSTRUCTIONS

You are requested to write an **X**, in the appropriate box, e.g. **X**, or the correct information on the space to each question or statement where applicable. There are no right or wrong answers. Information gained from you will be used only by the researcher.

Of course, strict confidentiality shall be observed.

Thanking you for your cooperation.

S.K. Yeboah

(Researcher)

PARTICULARS OF THE PUPILS

001. NAME OF PUPIL : _____

002. NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

003. STANDARD : _____

004. SEX :

Male	
Female	

005. WHAT IS YOUR AGE: _____

006. LOCATION OF HOME: _____

007. DATE : _____

A. PARTICULARS OF THE FAMILY

008. How many living brothers and sisters do you have from the same mother? (Do not include yourself.)

None (apart from me)	
One other child	
Two children	
Three children	
Four children	
Five children	
Six children	
Seven children	
Eight children	
Nine children	
Ten children	
More than ten children	

009. What are the ages of these children in years?

Child number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Age										

010.1 How many wives does your father have apart from your mother?

Number of wives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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015.1 Are there any of your aunt's (makhadzi) children living with you in the same household?

Yes	
No	

015.2 If you say 'Yes', how many of your aunt's (makhadzi) children are living in the same household with you? _____

016. What are their ages (in years)?

Child number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Age										

B. HOUSEHOLD

017. What type of dwelling does this household occupy?

House	
Flat	
Huts	
Shacks	
Other (specify)	

018. In the case of a house, how many sleeping rooms does it hold where you live? _____

019. In the case of a flat, how many sleeping rooms does it hold where you live? _____

020. In the hut, how many sleeping rooms does it hold where you live? _____

021. If it is a rented dwelling (house), how much money do your parents pay in the form of rent or mortgage every month?

Rent	
Mortgage	
I don't know	

C. THE PUPIL

022. Are you living (staying) with:

Both parents everyday	
Mother only because father is away at work	
Mother only because she is a divorcee	
Mother only because she has never married	
Mother only because her husband died	
Father only because he is divorced	
Father only because he has never married	
Other relatives only because parents are living elsewhere	
Father only because his wife died	

023. In case you are not living with your father and mother, name the person or persons with whom you are living (relationship).

024. What is the highest level (standard) of education of this person?

025. Is he or she working?

Yes	
No	

026. If you say 'Yes' to question 025, what kind of work is he or she doing? _____

027. Does he or she buy 'things' e.g. food, clothes, etc for the household?

Yes	
No	

028. Which of the following persons is/are living in the same household with you?

Father and mother (parents)	
Father only	
Mother only	
Brother only	
Sister only	
Other (specify)	

D. PUPIL'S LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

029. If you are living in a house or flat, is there a separate study room?

Yes	
No	

030. If you are living in a shack, is there a separate study room?

Yes	
No	

031. If you are living in a hut, is there a separate study room?

Yes	
No	

032. If you are living in a house or flat, how many people share a bedroom with you? (Give a number.) _____

033. If you are living in a hut or shack, how many people share a bedroom with you? (Give a number.) _____

034. Do you sleep on a bed?

Yes	
No	

035. If you say 'No' to question 034, where do you sleep?

036. Do you have adequate ventilation when you sleep?

Yes	
No	

037. Do you feel refreshed after a night's sleep?

Yes	
No	

038. If you say 'No' to question 037, give reasons.

039. Do you do your school work at home?

Yes	
No	

040. If you say 'Yes' to question 039, how much time do you spend, doing your school homework at home? _____

041. If you do not do your school homework at home, where do you do your school homework? (Mention the place.) _____

042. Give reasons why you do your school homework at the place mentioned in question 041. _____

043. Do you study for a test at school?

Yes	
No	

044. If you say 'Yes' to question 043, how much time do you spend studying for a test at school? _____

045. If you say 'No' to questions 043, give reasons why you do not study for a test at school? _____

046. Do you study for a test at home?

Yes	
No	

047. If you say 'Yes' to question 046, how much time do you spend studying for a test at home? _____

048. If you say 'No' to question 046, give reasons why you do not study for a test at home. _____

049. Do you use a table when you are doing your school homework?

Yes	
No	

050. If you say 'No' to question 049, what do you use when you are doing your school homework? _____

051. What do you sit on when you are doing your school homework? _____

052. What light do you use for your private study at home?

Paraffin lamp	
Candle light	
Electric light	
Gas light	
Battery light	
Other (specify)	

053. Name the chores (i.e. the work, apart from your school work) you do at home.

054. How much time do you spend per day doing these chores at home?

055. Do these chores interfere with your school homework?

Yes	
No	

056. If you say 'Yes' to question 055, give reasons.

057. Do these chores interfere with your studies at home?

Yes	
No	

058. If you say 'Yes' to question 057, give reasons.

059.1 How many older brothers from the same mother living in the same household with you are working? _____

059.2 Do(es) he/they buy food, clothes etc for other people in the household where you are living?

Yes	
No	

060.1 How many older sisters from the same mother living in the same household with you, who are working? _____

060.2 Do(es) she/they buy food, clothes etc for other people in the household where you live?

Yes	
No	

061.1 Are there any your uncle's (malume) children mentioned in question 013.1 who are working?

Yes	
No	

061.2 Does/do he/she/they buy food, clothes etc for the household where you live?

Yes	
No	

062.1 Are there any your aunt's (makhadzi) children mentioned in question 051.1 who are working?

Yes	
No	

062.2 Does/do he/she/they buy food, clothes etc for the household where you live?

Yes	
No	

063. How many older brothers do you have who are not working?

064. How many younger brothers do you have who are not working?

065. How many older sisters do you have who are not working?

066. How many younger sisters do you have who are not working?

067. Do you have a television set at home?

Yes	
No	

068. Do you watch television at home?

Yes	
No	

069. If you do not watch television at home, where do you watch television? _____

070. How much time do you spend watching television per day?

071. Are there any other books apart from your school textbooks in your home?

Yes	
No	

072. If you say 'Yes' to question 071, do you refer to the books when you are studying in your home?

Yes	
No	

073. Do you read books (e.g. novels, magazines) for recreation or pleasure?

Yes	
No	

074. If you say 'No' to question 073, give reasons why you do not read other books for recreation or pleasure.

075.1 Do you read newspapers?

Yes	
No	

075.2 If you say 'No', give reasons.

076. Do you read magazines?

Yes	
No	

077. If you say 'No', give reasons.

078.1 What is your 'home' language?

078.2 What is your second language?

078.3 What is your third language?

078.4 Others, specify

079. What language do you speak mostly on school playgrounds?

080. What language do you speak mostly in the classroom?

081. Do you speak English in your home?

Yes	
No	

082. How do your parents motivate you to work hard at school?

084. What is the highest educational standard your parents expect you to achieve in terms of average percentage?

Percentage	
50	
60	
70	
80 +	
Uncertain	

085. What is the highest standard you would like to achieve in terms of average percentage?

Percentage	
50	
60	
70	
80 +	
Uncertain	

086. How do you get to school?

Walking	
Bus	
Taxi (Kombi)	
Bicycle	

087. In case you go to school by bus, how much money do you spend per day? _____

088. In case you go to school by taxi (Kombi), how much money do you spend per day? _____

089. How long does it take you to get to school? _____

090. What time does your school start in the morning? _____

091. Do you like the time your school starts?

Yes	
No	

092. If you do not like the time your school starts give reasons.

093. Indicate (show the persons responsible for paying your school fees).

Parents	
Other persons	

094. Are your school textbooks bought on time.

Yes	
No	

095. If you say 'No' to question 094, give reasons.

096. Do your parents sometimes ask you to look after young children (baby sitting) instead of going to school?

Yes	
No	

097. Do your parents sometimes ask you to take cattle, goats etc for grazing or dipping?

Yes	
No	

E. NUTRITION

098. What do you eat in the morning before going to school? (Mention the kind of food.) _____

100. Who prepares the meal (i.e. breakfast) in case you eat before going to school in the morning? _____

101. In case you do not have breakfast, give reasons.

102. Do you have lunch at school during lunch time?

Yes	
No	

103. If you say 'Yes' to question 102, what kind of lunch do you have? (Mention the kind of food.) _____

104. In case you do not have lunch, give reasons.

105. If you have breakfast, is the food enough?

Yes	
No	

106. If you say 'No' to question 105, give reasons.

107. In case you have lunch, is the food enough?

Yes	
No	

108. If you say 'No' to question 107, give reasons.

109. What do you have for supper? (Mention the kind of food.)

110. Who prepares the supper?

111. In case you do not have any supper, give reasons.

112. In case you have supper, is the food enough?

Yes	
No	

113. If you say 'No' to question 112, give reasons.

114. How many meals do you have on Saturday? Give a figure.

115. How many meals do you have on Sunday? Give a figure.

F. FATHER'S PARTICULARS

116. What was the highest educational standard or class your father completed?

Post-graduate (after first university degree)	
University degree (first degree)	
Post matric Diploma, Teacher Training College	
Std IX - X	
Std VI - VIII	
Std III - V	
Grade 1 - Grade 2	
Never been to school	
Do not know	

117. Is your father doing any work (employment) which brings him some regular income?

Yes	
No	

118. If you say 'Yes' to question 117, what kind of work is he doing?

119. Where does your father work most of the time?

Inside Venda	
Outside Venda	

120. If he works in Venda, does he come home every day after work?

Yes	
No	

121. If you say 'No' to question 120, why does he not come home? (Give reasons.)

122. If he works outside Venda, name the place where he works.

123. How often do you come into contact with your father?

Every day	
Once a week	
Every month end	
Every 3 to 4 months	
Every 5 to 6 months	
More than 6 months	

124. Does your father send money home, if he is working outside Venda?

Yes	
No	

125. If you say 'Yes' to question 124, how much does he send home?

Amount	
Do not know	

126. How regularly does he send the money?

1 - 2 months	
3 - 4 months	
5 - 6 months	
More than 6 months	
Do not know	

127. Name the person (i.e. relationship who receives the money) e.g.
brother, sister etc. _____

128. Does he/she use the money to buy things, e.g. food for the
household?

Yes	
No	

129. If you say 'No' to question 128, give reasons.

G. PARTICULARS OF MOTHER

130. What was the highest educational standard or class your mother completed?

Post-graduate (after first university degree)	
University degree (first degree)	
Post matric Diploma, Teacher Training College	
Std IX - X	
Std VI - VIII	
Std III - V	
Grade 1 - Grade 2	
Never been to school	
Do not know	

131. What was the highest educational standard or class your father's other wives completed?

Wife 1	
Wife 2	
Wife 3	
Wife 4	
Wife 5	
Wife 6	
Do not know	

132. Is your mother doing any work (employment) which brings her some regular income?

Yes	
No	

133. If you say 'Yes' to question 132, what kind of work is she doing?

134. In case she is doing full-time work (employment), how many hours is she away from home?

Number of hours	
Do not know	

135. In case she is doing part-time work (employment), how many hours is she away from home?

Number of hours	
Do not know	

136. Does she come home every day after work?

Yes	
No	

137. Does your mother spend her own money for buying things (e.g. food, groceries, etc) for the household?

Yes	
No	

138. If you say 'Yes' to question 137, specify (name) some of the things she buys for the household every month.
