APPENDIX
A STUDY OF LEISURE READING HABITS AND INTERESTS AMONG STUDENTS
IN ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

A study on leisure reading habits among students is currently being conducted. It is important to the success of this investigation that you answer the questions and express your views frankly, carefully, truthfully and as accurately as possible. Your answers will be treated in the strictest confidence. In order to ensure anonymity, you are not required to sign or write your name in the questionnaire. Please try not to miss out any question.

Remember that this is not a test. Therefore, there are no right or wrong answers. Most of the answers do not require a great deal of writing because you are expected merely to indicate your choice of answers by putting a tick within the box, e.g. ☑. In places where there are blank lines, you are requested to write in your answers as concisely as possible.

Thank you for your participation.

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**Q8. i. Mother’s level of education:**
- ☐ No education
- ☐ Adult / religious classes
- ☑ Primary
- ☐ Secondary
- ☐ Institutions of Higher Learning

**ii. Father’s level of education:**
- ☐ No education
- ☐ Adult / religious classes
- ☑ Primary
- ☐ Secondary
- ☐ Institutions of Higher Learning
B. Hobbies and Interests

Q9. What are the activities that you do for leisure or just to relax? (Please rank the numbers from 1 to 7 in terms of priority where 1 = most frequently, 7 = very seldom)

- [ ] Talking over the phone
- [ ] Chatting on the Internet
- [ ] Sports
- [ ] Surfing the Internet
- [ ] Watching television
- [ ] Reading
- [ ] Others (Please specify ________________)

Q10. What type of printed materials do you read during your spare time? (Can tick more than one)
For those who have ticked nothing, please go to Q11, otherwise please go to Q12 after answering this question.

- [ ] Newspapers
- [ ] Magazines
- [ ] Comics
- [ ] Novels / paperbacks
- [ ] Others (please specify ________________)
- [ ] Nothing (if you tick this, please go to Q 11, otherwise go to Q 12)

Q11. What is the reason for not reading? (Can tick more than one - Go to Q28 after answering this question)

- [ ] Expensive
- [ ] Information can be obtained from other sources
- [ ] No time
- [ ] Other work is more important
- [ ] Not interested
- [ ] Difficulty in getting reading materials
- [ ] Difficulty in understanding the language
- [ ] Propaganda tools of certain group
- [ ] Others (please specify ________________)

Q12. Where do you get your reading materials from? (Can tick more than one)

- [ ] Friends and neighbours
- [ ] Hairdressing salons
- [ ] Bookshop
- [ ] Libraries
- [ ] Clubs
- [ ] Offices
- [ ] Others (please specify ________________)

Q13. How much do you spend on your pleasure reading per month?  RM ____________

Newspapers

Q14. What type of newspapers do you read? (Can tick more than one)

- [ ] New Straits Times / Star
- [ ] Utusan Melayu / Berita Harian
- [ ] Malay Mail / Harian Metro
- [ ] Others (Please specify ________________)

Q15. How often do you read newspapers?

- [ ] Daily
- [ ] 2 – 3 times a week
- [ ] Weekends
- [ ] once a month
- [ ] Others (please specify ________________)


Q16. What sections in the newspaper do you read? (Can tick more than one)
- Local news
- Sports
- Advertisement
- Cartoons & Comics
- Letters to editors
- Foreign news
- TV programmes
- Recruitment
- Woman / Fashion column
- Special features

Q17. How long do you spend reading each newspaper? (Total amount of time spent per day)
- Less than 1/2 hour
- 1/2 hour to 1 hour
- More than 1 hour

Books

Q18. Not counting textbooks or books you have to read for assignments, do you ever read other types of books just for fun? □ Yes (Go to Q 20) □ No (Go to Q 19)

Q19. I don't read books for fun because (please go to Q 28 after answering this question)
- Expensive
- Other work is more important
- Difficulty in getting books
- Difficulty in understanding the language
- Other work is more important
- Not interested
- Content not suitable
- Others (Please specify _______________)

Q20. What are your favourite types of books that you read for pleasure? (Can tick more than one)
- Religion & philosophy
- Science fiction
- Romance
- Fantasy
- Humour
- Science and Technology
- Horror
- Mysteries
- Sports
- Adventure
- Others (Please specify _______________)

Q21. When buying a leisure book, what are the things that you normally look for? Choose THREE in order of importance where 1 = most important, 3 = important
- Content
- Price
- Title
- Author
- Reviews
- Illustrations (Coloured / uncoloured)
- Type of binding
- Publisher
- Size and thickness
- Others (Please specify ____________)

Q22. How many books do you read per year?
- More than 11 books
- Between 3 and 5 books
- 1 book
- Between 6 and 11 books
- Between 1 and 2 books
- Less than 1 book per year
Q23. Leisure books that you have borrowed / bought are in (Can tick more than one)
- Bahasa Malaysia
- English Language
- Chinese
- Tamil
- Others ____________________ (Please specify)

Q24. Have you ever borrowed books or novels that you read for pleasure from the main academic library?
- Yes ☐
- No ☐ (please state reasons ____________________)

Q25. Do you feel the main library has adequate collections for pleasure reading?
- Yes ☐
- No ☐ (please specify what they should add ____________________)

C. Influences, Attitude, Opinion & Values towards Reading

Q26. Who encouraged you to read? (Can tick more than one)
- Parents
- Friends
- Self-motivated
- Lecturers / Teachers
- Siblings
- Others (please specify ____________)

Q27. What are the factors that influenced you to read? (Can tick more than one)
- Libraries
- Bookshops
- Examinations
- Reading rooms
- Interesting reading materials
- Clubs
- Others (Please specify ____________)

(For question 28 – 31, please circle the relevant answers based on your views and opinion)

1 – fully agree
2 – agree
3 – not sure
4 – disagree
5 – totally disagree

Q28. Reading is suitable only for people who do not have any other hobby. 1 2 3 4 5
Q29. Reading is useful only for those who want to sit for examination. 1 2 3 4 5
Q30. People who read widely have a better outlook on life. 1 2 3 4 5
Q31. Everyone should be encouraged to read during their leisure time. 1 2 3 4 5

Once you have completed the questionnaire please forward it to the person who has handed it to you.