

APPENDIX

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, eg ☒. In places where there are blank lines, you are requested to write in your answers as concisely as possible.

Thank you for your participation.

Q1. Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female

Q2. Age _____

Q3. Race _____

Q4. Year at University / Institution _____

Q5. Faculty / School _____ Department _____

Q6. What is your approximate CGPA / average grade of examination _____
(If no exam has been attempted yet, please provide your SPM / STPM grade)

Q7. Occupation of Mother _____ Occupation of Father _____

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)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Talking over the phone | <input type="checkbox"/> Chatting on the Internet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Surfing the Internet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watching television | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> Magazines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comics | <input type="checkbox"/> Novels / paperbacks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Others (please specify _____) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expensive | <input type="checkbox"/> Information can be obtained from other sources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No time | <input type="checkbox"/> Other work is more important |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not interested | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty in getting reading materials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty in understanding the language | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Propaganda tools of certain group | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Others (please specify _____) | |

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

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends and neighbours | <input type="checkbox"/> Hairdressing salons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookshop | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clubs | <input type="checkbox"/> Offices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Straits Times / Star | <input type="checkbox"/> Utusan Melayu / Berita Harian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Malay Mail / Harian Metro | <input type="checkbox"/> Others (Please specify _____) |

Q15. How often do you read newspapers ?

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - 3 times a week |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekends | <input type="checkbox"/> once a month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Others (please specify _____) | |

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

- Q17. How long do you spend reading each newspaper ? (Total amount of time spent per day)
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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than ½ hour | <input type="checkbox"/> ½ hour to 1 hour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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)
- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expensive | <input type="checkbox"/> No time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other work is more important | <input type="checkbox"/> Not interested |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty in getting books | <input type="checkbox"/> Content not suitable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty in understanding the language | <input type="checkbox"/> Others (Please specify _____) |

- Q20. What are your favourite types of books that you read for pleasure ? (Can tick more than one)
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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religion & philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Science and Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Horror |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Romance | <input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Humour | <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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

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|----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Content | <input type="checkbox"/> Illustrations (Coloured / uncoloured) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Price | <input type="checkbox"/> Type of binding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Publisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Author | <input type="checkbox"/> Size and thickness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reviews | <input type="checkbox"/> Others (Please specify _____) |

- Q22. How many books do you read per year ?
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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> More than 11 books | <input type="checkbox"/> Between 6 and 11 books |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between 3 and 5 books | <input type="checkbox"/> Between 1 and 2 books |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 book | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 book per year |

Q23. Leisure books that you have borrowed / bought are in (Can tick more than one)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bahasa Malaysia | <input type="checkbox"/> English Language |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Tamil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Lecturers / Teachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Siblings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-motivated | <input type="checkbox"/> Others (please specify _____) |

Q27. What are the factors that influenced you to read ? (Can tick more than one)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading rooms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Interesting reading materials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Examinations | <input type="checkbox"/> Clubs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Others (Please specify _____) | |

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

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|---|---|------------------|
| 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.