

Private College Student Survey

The purpose of this survey is to find out more about the study and social behaviors of students in private colleges, to provide a basis for improving the quality of tertiary education. All the information provided by you will be kept strictly confidential, and it will only be used for statistical analysis. Your cooperation in filling up this questionnaire truthfully is very much appreciated.

Section A: Personal Particulars

Student No: _____

1. Age _____
2. Gender: [1] Male [2] Female
3. Ethnic group [1] Malays [2] Chinese [3] Indians [4] Others _____
Specify
4. Parents' current place of residence: Name of state or country _____
5. Are your parents living in a town or a kampong? [1] Town [2] Kampong
6. Parent's house: [1] Bungalow [2] Semi-D [3] Double terrace [4] Single terrace
[5] Condo [6] Apartment [7] Flat [8] Shop house [9] Others _____
7. Where are you staying now? [Circle one only]
[1] Subang Jaya [2] PJ [3] Shah Alam [4] Klang [5] KL
[6] Other parts of Selangor [7] Other state _____
(Specify)
8. Who are you staying with now? [Circle one only]
[1] Parents [2] Relatives [3] Rent a room alone [4] Rent a room with friends
[5] Rent a house with friends [6] Hostel [7] Others _____ Specify
9. How do you usually travel to the College? [Circle one -- the most frequently used mode of transport]
[1] Walking [2] Ride bike/pillion ride [3] Drive [4] Follow friend's car
[5] by bus [6] Commuter [7] Others
10. How many brothers and sisters do you have? [Write "0" if none]
_____ (number of elder brothers) _____ (number of elder sisters)
_____ (number of younger brothers) _____ (number of younger sisters)
11. How many of your brothers and sisters have graduated with diploma or degree from: [write "0" if none]
Local university _____ Private college _____ Foreign university _____
12. How many of your brothers and sisters are still studying in: [write "0" if none]
Local university _____ Private college _____ Foreign university _____
13. How many of your brothers and sisters are working? _____ (Number) [write "0" if none]
14. Father's education [1] Primary [2] Secondary [3] College/university
15. Mother's education [1] Primary [2] Secondary [3] College/university

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16. Father's occupation _____
17. Mother's occupation _____
18. Do you own a hand-phone? [1]Yes [2]No
19. Do you own a credit card (include supplementary card)? [1]Yes [2]No

Section B: Academic information

1. Medium of instruction in former school [1]Malay [2]English [3]Chinese
[Circle one only] [4]Others _____ Specify
2. Arts streams or science streams (Form V) [1]Arts [2]Science
3. State your SPM (or equivalent) results: [1]Grade 1 [2]Grade 2 [3]Grade 3
[4]Others _____ Specify
SPM aggregate results _____
- Number of distinctions _____ Number of strong credits (3, 4) _____
Number of weak credits (5,6) _____ Number of passes(7,8) _____
[For those taking O level, state the number of A _____ B _____ C _____
D _____ E _____]
4. When did you join this college? _____ Month _____ Year
5. Courses taken at present: [1]SAM [2]CPU [3]A-Level [4]ADP
[5]BTP [6]UTS [7]Business Foundation [8]Others _____
[Specify]
6. Discipline: [1]Pure Science [2]Bio. Science [3]Humanity
[4]Math-Humanity [5]Engineering [6]Business [7]Others _____
7. Attend private tuition? [1]Yes [2]No
8. Examination results (last semester) -- Total number of subjects _____
No. of distinctions _____ No. of credits _____ No. of passes _____
[Or Number of A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____]
9. Examination results (*semester before last – for those who have taken at least two examinations at any level in this college*)
Total number of subjects _____
No. of distinctions _____ No. of credits _____ No. of passes _____
[Or Number of A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____]
10. How do you feel about the workload in your present course:
[1]Unmanageable [2]Heavy [3]Just nice [4]Easy [5]Too easy
11. How useful is your present course to your future undertaking
[1]Very useful [2]Useful [3]Not sure [4]Not useful [5]Not useful at all
12. The decision of joining this college was made by: [Circle one only]
[1]My own self [2]Parents [3]Jointly with parents [4]Others _____ (specify)

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13. Most important reason for choosing this college: *[Circle one only]*
[1] Good reputation/track record [2] Environment/atmosphere [3] Follow friends
[4] Twinning with good universities [5] Parents' decision [6] Near to where I live
[7] To do specific courses [8] Others _____ (*specify*)
14. How did you learn about this college? *[Circle one only]*
[1] Advertisement/publicity [2] Parents, siblings and friends [3] Pamphlets
[4] Presentation/road show [5] Live nearby [6] Others _____ (*specify*)
15. The decision to join this course was made by: *[Circle one only]*
[1] My own self [2] Parents [3] Jointly with parents [4] Others _____ (*specify*)
16. Where do you intend to pursue further education after finishing your course at this college?
[Circle one only]
[1] Malaysia [2] Australia [3] New Zealand [4] USA [5] UK
[6] Other countries _____ specify [9] Do not intend to continue
17. IF INTEND TO STUDY FURTHER: What course would you be taking? _____
18. Do you join any study group? [1] Yes [2] No
19. Average time you spend studying on your own (including study group, if any)
per week : _____ HRS

Section C: Knowledge and Use of Computer

1. Do you use the internet for the following?
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| Course work | [1] Yes | [2] No |
| Sending mails | [1] Yes | [2] No |
| General information and news | [1] Yes | [2] No |
| Chatting/IRC/ICQ | [1] Yes | [2] No |
| Games | [1] Yes | [2] No |
| Downloading games/music | [1] Yes | [2] No |
| Free e-mail (registered) | [1] Yes | [2] No |
3. Do you use the following computer packages for your course work? *[Tick as many as it applies to you]*
- | | | | | |
|-----------|------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Word [] | Word perfect [] | Wordpro [] | Ami pro [] | Excel [] |
| Lotus [] | Power Point [] | Dbase [] | Access [] | Others _____ |
3. Do you own a computer? [1] Yes [2] No
4. IF YES: What model? [1] 386 and below [2] 486 [3] Pentium I [4] Pentium II
6. For how many years have you been using computer? _____ YRS.
6. Have you attended any formal training in computer? [1] Yes [2] No

Section D: Social Interaction and Attitude Towards Life

1. Encouragement from parents in your study:
 [1]Very frequently [2]Frequently [3]Sometimes [4]Seldom [5]Not at all

2. How would you rate your relationship with your father, mother, brothers/sisters in general, teachers and friends? [Tick once for each category of persons]

Persons	Excellent	Good	So so	Bad	Very bad
Father					
Mother					
Brothers/sisters					
Teachers					
Friends					

3. Do your parents allow you to mix freely? [1]Yes [2]No

4. Do your parents allow you to go out freely? [1]Yes [2]No

5. Extra curricula activities at college [Circle as many as it applies to you]
 [0]None [1]Games [2]Music [3]Societies [4]Martial arts
 [5]Others _____ Specify

6. How many good friends do you have? _____ Males _____ Females

7. How often do you go out with your friends in a typical week?
 [1]Everyday [2]Few times a week [3]Once a week [4]Less than once a week

8. Do you have a steady boyfriend/girlfriend? [1]Yes [2]No

9. On average, how much time a week do you spend on each of the following activities/places:
 [Write "0" if none]

Watch TV/Video _____ HRS Visit friends _____ HRS Cyber cafe _____ HRS
 Shopping complexes _____ HRS Pub/disco _____ HRS Cinema _____ HRS
 Video games arcades _____ HRS Bowling _____ HRS Others _____ HRS

10. How much do you spend on the following items per month (RM)

[Write "0" if none]
 Transportation : RM _____ Food: RM _____ Rental: RM _____
 Books/photocopying: RM _____ Entertainment: RM _____ Tuition: RM _____
 Others (specify) _____ : RM _____

11. Please tick whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements:

Statements	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Getting ahead in life is a matter of luck					
One can control one's own fate					
It is necessary to have high education to succeed in life					
I study hard to fulfill my parents' expectation					
I try hard to excel because of "Kiasu" syndrome					

12. Do you write with your right hand or left hand? [1]Right [2]Left

Appendix II

A. List of questions asked during the focus group discussions:

1. Can you tell me about your family background such as your parents' educational level & occupation?
2. How did you get to know this college & why did you choose this college?
3. What were the factors you have considered before you choose this college?
4. What are the factors you think are essential when you or your parent choose a college to study?
5. Who was the one that made the decision on the choice of college and choice of course?
6. Have your parents ever discussed with you before you enrolled as a student in this college?
7. Have they ever considered your opinion?
8. When did you starting thinking of pursuing your education in a private institution?
9. Do you think you are now pursuing a course that suits you? Is the medium of instruction from your previous schools a barrier?
10. Do you feel that the course you are pursuing now very difficult?

Appendix II (Cont.)
 B. The social background details of those involved in the focus group discussion

Focus Group	Name	Sex	Age	Programme	Medium of Instruction from previous schools	Mother's Education	Father's Education	Mother's occupation	Father's occupation
Group 1	1. David	M	18	CAL	Malay	Tertiary	Secondary	Housewife	Businessman
	2. George	M	16	CAL	English	Tertiary	Tertiary	Doctor	Doctor
	3. Elaine	F	16	CAL	English	Tertiary	Secondary	Housewife	Consultant
	4. Low BH	M	17	CAL	Malay	Tertiary	Tertiary	Company Director	Engineer
	5. Jack Khoo	M	18	CAI	Malay	Tertiary	Secondary	Housewife	Manager
	6. Michele	F	17	SAM	Malay	Secondary	Tertiary	Nurse	Chief Executive
	7. Ong	M	18	SAM	Malay	Secondary	Tertiary	Teacher	Accountant
	8. Jason	M	18	SAM	Malay	Secondary	Secondary	Director	Retired
	9. Poh Lian	F	18	SAM	Malay	Secondary	Secondary	Self employed	Self employed
	10. Hong	F	18	SAM	Malay	Tertiary	Tertiary	Housewife	Retired
	11. Alvin	M	20	Others	Chinese	Primary	Secondary	Housewife	Businessman
Focus Group 2	Name	Sex	Age	Programme	Medium of Instruction from previous schools	Mother's Education	Father's Education	Mother's occupation	Father's occupation
1.	Lee	F	17	CAL	Malay	Secondary	Tertiary	Civil Servant	Medical Specialist
2.	Doo	M	18	CAL	Malay	Tertiary			
3.	Meng Hui	M	18	CAL	Malay	Secondary	Secondary	Business	Deceased
4.	Jo Lyn	F	18	CAL	Malay	Secondary	Tertiary	Housewife	Engineer
5.	Khor	F	18	CAL	Malay	Tertiary	Secondary	Lecturer	Businessman
6.	Sumathi	F	17	CAL	English	Secondary	Secondary	Secretary	Self employed
7.	Navin	M	18	CAL	Malay	Tertiary	Tertiary	Civil Servant	Civil Servant
8.	Tan	F	18	SAM	Malay	Tertiary	Tertiary	Housewife	Doctor
9.	Rajesh	M	18	SAM	Malay	Tertiary	Tertiary	Accountant	Lawyer
10.	Lim	M	18	SAM	Malay	Tertiary	Tertiary	Teacher	Sales Manager
11.	Kok Onn	M	18	SAM	Malay	Secondary	Secondary	Teacher	Supervisor
12.	Nick	M	17	SAM	English	Primary	Tertiary	Housewife	Exec. Director
13.	Lai	M	18	SAM	Malay	Tertiary	Tertiary	Auditor	Engineer

Appendix IIB (Cont.)

Focus Group 3	Name	Sex	Age	Programme	Medium of Instruction from previous schools	Mother's Education	Father's Education	Mother's occupation	Father's occupation
1.	Peter	M	18	Others	Malay	Tertiary	Secondary	Housewife	Businessman
2.	Jane	F	18	Others	Malay	Tertiary	Tertiary	Lawyer	Lawyer
3.	Jimmy	M	20	Others	Malay	Tertiary	Tertiary	Lawyer	Manager
4.	Jia Ming	M	18	Others	Malay	Secondary	Tertiary	Teacher	Lecturer
5.	Kenneth	M	19	Others	Malay	Tertiary	Tertiary	Housewife	Self employed
6.	Zhong Liew	M	18	CAL	Malay	Secondary	Tertiary	Director	Director
7.	Liew	M	19	CAL	Malay	Tertiary	Secondary	Real Estate Agent	M. Director
8.	F T Mooi	M	18	CAL	Malay	Tertiary	Tertiary	Housewife	Accountant
9.	Jean	F	17	CAL	English	Secondary	Tertiary	Housewife	Consultant
10.	Mary	F	17	CAL	English	Secondary	Tertiary	Business	Businessman
11.	Pek Fun	F	18	CAL	Malay	Secondary	Secondary	Housewife	Self employed
12.	S P Tan	M	17	CAL	Malay	Tertiary	Tertiary	Sales	Factory Manager
13.	Ong T Y	M	18	CAL	Malay	Secondary	Tertiary	Administrator	Bank Manager
14.	Anusha	F	18	SAM	Malay	Tertiary	Tertiary	Lecturer	C.E. Officer
15.	See Ann	F	18	SAM	Malay	Secondary	Primary	Housewife	Housing Developer
16.	Pang	F	18	SAM	Malay	Primary	Tertiary	Housewife	Civil Servant
17.	Bong	M	18	SAM	Malay	Secondary	Tertiary	Clerk	General Manager
18.	Aw Yong	M	18	SAM	Malay	Tertiary	Secondary	Accountant	Businessman
19.	Navina	F	17	SAM	Malay	Tertiary	Secondary	Teacher	Businessman

Appendix III

Table I : Variables & their abbreviation

Variables	Abbreviation
Gender = 2 (Female)	GE(2)
Medium = 2(English)	MD(2)
Medium = 3(Chinese)	MD(3)
Stream = 2 (Science)	SM(2)

Table II : Variables & their abbreviation

Variables	Abbreviation
Mother Ed = 2(Secondary)	ME(2)
Mother Ed = 3(Tertiary)	ME(3)
Ways to know college= 2 (Tertiary)	KC(2)
Ways to know college= 3 (Tertiary)	KC(3)
Father Occupation = 2 (Professionals)	FO(2)
Father Occupation = 3 (Others)	FO(3)

Appendix III (cont.)

Table III : Variables & their abbreviation

Variables	Abbreviation
Mother Ed = 2(Secondary)	ME(2)
Mother Ed = 3(Tertiary)	ME(3)
Medium = 2(English)	MD(2)
Medium = 3(Chinese)	MD(3)