

SALDRU, UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

Project for Statistics on Living Standards and Development

LITERACY ASSESSMENT MODULE [LAM]

PART ONE: INSTRUCTIONS TO ENUMERATORS

(NOT TO BE SHOWN TO RESPONDENTS)

ENUMERATORS, PLEASE NOTE:

1. *CHOOSE TWO RESPONDENTS IN EACH HOUSEHOLD. One of them should be between 13 and 18 years and the other should be between 18 and 50 years*
2. *For each section, the respondent should spend the approximate time indicated on the answer sheet.*
3. *Respondents must not consult with each other or with anyone else for the duration of the module.*

**SECTION A: LISTENING COMPREHENSION and PRACTICAL MATHS
(about 5 minutes)**

Enumerator instruction: *Read each of the following word problems once. Repeat once at respondent's request. After reading each question, give respondents time to fill in their answer. This segment should not last longer than 5 minutes.*

Question 1

“Imagine that you are taking a trip on the bus to a township that is located 280 kilometres away. The bus driver says that he will drive at a speed of 80 kilometres per hour. How many hours will the trip take to complete?”

Question 2

(in Mother Tongue): “Meshack would like to set up a fruit stand in the town market. The manager of the market says that Meshack must pay him R 100 to set up his stand. He must also pay R 25 per month to the market manager. Over the first year, how much in total must Meshack pay to the manager?”

SECTION B: READING COMPREHENSION (about 15 minutes)

Please read the following passages. Then, answer the questions that follow the passage.

Question 3

“When Mbaya was a child, he got very excited when his mother, Corfu, asked if he would like to go to the meat market with her. As they walked into the centre of town, the wonderful odours of meat — both fresh and spoiled — could be smelled up to one kilometre away. The hundreds of market stalls formed a row of almost 1 and ½ kilometres long. It took almost one hour to walk slowly from one end of the meat market to the other.

“Sometimes Corfu would let Mbaya choose what meat they would buy that morning. The smell of fresh beef was Mbaya’s favorite. But sometimes Mbaya would accidentally choose the beef that was not fresh. Corfu would go up close to the big piece of meat hanging from the rack and smell it. Once she was close to it, Corfu could tell immediately that the beef was not fresh. Then, she would laugh at Mbaya and tease him for picking spoiled meat. But the meat seller would be angry, as Corfu let on to other shoppers that his beef was not fresh. Mbaya would then start looking around for beef that seemed more fresh, no longer trusting that his nose is the best instrument for finding fresh meat.”

Q3a. How long was the row of meat stalls, from one end to the other end? (Tick one.....)

- a. 1 and 1/2 kilometers long.
- b. 1 kilometre long.
- c. It was very close from one end to the other end.
- d. Hundreds of stalls were lined up.

Q3b. What did Mbaya most like to do inside the meat market?) (Tick one....)

- a. Try to find spoiled meat.
- b. Walk from one end to the other end of the market.
- c. Have his mother tease him when he found spoiled meat.
- d. Find fresh beef for his mother to buy.

Q3c What did not happen when Mbaya would choose a spoiled piece of meat? (Tick one....)

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PART TWO: ANSWER SHEET

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DISTRICT CODE	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> 1-3
CLUSTER NUMBER	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> 4-6
HOUSEHOLD NUMBER	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> 7-9
NAME			
PERSON CODE	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	10-11
AGE (YEARS)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	12-13
GENDER	<input type="text"/>		14
MOTHER TONGUE	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	15-16

SECTION A: LISTENING COMPREHENSION AND PRACTICAL MATHS

Question 1

Work space 17

Question 2

Work space 18

SECTION B: READING COMPREHENSION (15 MINUTES)

Please read the following passages. Then, answer the questions that follow the passage.

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- a. Try, to find spoiled meat.
- b. Walk from one end to the other end of the market.
- c. Have his mother tease him when he found spoiled meat.
- d. Find fresh beef for his mother to buy.

Q3c. What did not happen when Mbaya would choose a spoiled piece of meat? (Tick one.....)

- a. The meat seller would get angry.
- b. Mbaya and his mother would leave the market.
- c. Corfu would tease Mbaya.
- d. They would keep shopping for fresh meat.

“Zenariah was riding to work in her usual combi. The driver and the woman sitting next to him, named Roseline, were arguing over whether it was any use for the woman’s son to stay in school. The son, named Philemon, was 16. His secondary school had been closed for many days over the past 6 months. Teachers often did not show-up for work. But the woman felt that if he could pass matric, Philemon could eventually find a good job, perhaps as a clerk or office worker. The driver, however, claimed that even university graduates were having difficulty finding jobs as clerks. Zenariah had graduated from the University of the Western Cape, and it had taken her 3 months to find her job as an assistant accountant. She was sympathetic to the woman’s position, but also had to agree that until the economy improved, education would not guarantee a good job.”

Q4a. When Zenariah goes to work in the morning.. (Tick one....)

- a. She usually takes the same combi.
- b. She always sits next to Roseline.
- c. She tries to find different drivers and combis.
- d. She usually talks about her son, Philemon, in the combi.

Q4b. What kind of job did Philemon’s mother hope he would find? Tick one ...)

- a. Assistant accountant
- b. Combi driver
- c. Office worker
- d. Teacher

Q4c. What was the combi driver's position? (Tick one.....)

- a. Schools are of high quality.
- b. Philemon should go to University of the Western Cape.
- c. Completing school will lead to a good job.
- d. Schooling does not guarantee a good job.

SECTION C: COMPUTATIONAL PROBLEMS (15 minutes)

Please solve the following maths problems.

Question 5. $103 \text{ kg} - 37 \text{ kg} = \dots\dots\dots\text{kg}$

Question 6. $R35.50 \times 7 = R\dots\dots$

Question 7. $25\% \text{ of } R225 = R\dots\dots$

Question 8. $R22.25 - R7.88 = R\dots\dots$

SECTION D: PRACTICAL MATHS PROBLEMS (10 minutes)

Question 9

“According to the doctor, the mother must buy 0,30 litres of cough mixture for her two sick children. She can either buy three bottles, each containing 0,10 litres. for R 9.50 per bottle or she can buy four bottles, each containing 0.08 litres, for R 7.00 per bottle. What is the least amount of Rand she needs to spend to get the 0,30 litres required by the doctor?

Answer»» R.....

Question 10

“Namane was trying to figure-out her transport costs from the township to the city to get to her job. The combi cost R 2.00 each day. If she took a combi, then a taxi for part of the trip, she would have to spend R 3.50 each day. How much more would the taxi plus the combi cost for the week, than just taking a taxi, if she went to work five days during the week?”

Answer »».....

SECTION E: SPOKEN LANGUAGES AND GENERAL READING

What language do you speak?

- a. at home or when talking with friends?

Answer»» _____

- b. at work (if currently working, otherwise Go to Q12)

Answer »>

012. During the past two weeks, did you read any parts of the following items?

a. A newspaper? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, in what language? _____ No _____

b. A magazine? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, in what language?

c. **A book of any kind?** Yes _____ No _____

If yes, in what language?

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WAS MODULE COMPLETED IN LESS THAN 45 minutes?

YES = 1

N0 = 2