#### **Identification Label**

School ID:	
Stratum ID:	
Teacher ID:	Link:
Name:	
Class ID:	
Name of Class:	
Subject:	Grade:

### Science Teacher Questionnaire Main Survey

Your school has agreed to participate in the Third International Mathematics and Science Study - Repeat (TIMSS-R), an educational research project sponsored by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA). TIMSS-R is investigating mathematics and science achievement in about forty countries around the world. It is designed to measure and interpret differences in national education systems in order to help improve the teaching and learning of mathematics and science worldwide.

This questionnaire is addressed to teachers of science, who are asked to supply information about their academic and professional backgrounds, instructional practices, and attitudes towards teaching science. Since your class has been selected as part of a nationwide sample, your responses are very important in helping to describe science classes in <country>.

Some of the questions in this questionnaire ask about **your science class**. This is the class which is identified at the top of this page, and which will be tested as part of TIMSS-R in your school.

It is important that you answer each question carefully so that the information provided reflects your situation as accurately as possible. It is estimated that it will require approximately 60 minutes to complete this questionnaire.

Your cooperation in completing this questionnaire is greatly appreciated.

TIMSS Study Center Boston College Chestnut Hill, MA 02467 USA

(Institute Address)

#### **GENERAL DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Identify a place and a time when you will be able to complete this questionnaire without being interrupted. This questionnaire has been designed to be completed within 60 minutes by most teachers. However, the amount of time you will need may vary. To make it as easy as possible for you to respond, most items may be completed simply by checking the appropriate box.
- 2. There are no "right" or "wrong" answers to any of these items. The questionnaire is designed to provide information about teachers' professional experiences, opinions, and classroom activities. Remember, "your science class" is the class which is identified on the cover of this questionnaire, and which will be tested as part of TIMSS-R in your school.
- 3. More specific instructions to assist you in responding are found in *italics* for each item.

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### **Section A**

#### 1. How old are you?

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under 25		
25-29		
30-39		
40-49		
50-59		
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4.	7.	cal calendar week from Monday to Sunday, fo iods> are you formally <scheduled time-table<br="">ether?</scheduled>	, ,
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7.	APPROXIMATELY how many hours per week do you normally spend on
	each of the following activities outside the formal school day?
	Do not include time already accounted for in Question # 6.

		Check one box in each row.				
		None	Less than 1 hour	1 - 2 hours	3 - 4 hours	More than 4 hours
a)	preparing or grading student tests or exams					
b)	reading and grading other student work					
c)	planning lessons by yourself					
d)	meeting with students outside of classroom time (e.g., tutoring, guidance)					
e)	meeting with parents					
f)	professional reading and development activity (e.g., seminars, conferences, etc.)					
g)	keeping students' records up to date					
h)	administrative tasks including staff meetings (e.g. photocopying, displaying students' work)					
i)	other					
APPROXIMATELY how many hours per week do you normally spend on your teaching activities altogether (include time spent in and out of school)?						
	Please round to the nearest whole hour					

8.

### 12. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

		Check one box in each row.			
		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a)	Science is primarily an abstract subject	. 🗆			
b)	Science is primarily a formal way of representing the real world.	. 🗆			
c)	Science is primarily a practical and structured guide for addressing real situations.	. 🗆			
d)	Some students have a natural talent for science and others do not.	. 🗆			
e)	It is important for teachers to give students prescriptive and sequential directions for doing science experiments.	. 🗆			
f)	Focusing on rules is a bad idea. It gives students the impression that the sciences (physics, chemistry, biology, and earth science) are a set of procedures to be memorized.				
g)	If students get into debates in class about ideas or procedures covering the sciences, it can harm their learning.				
h)	Students see a science task as the same task when it is represented in two different ways (picture, concrete material, symbol set, etc.)	. 🗆			
i)	A liking for and understanding of students are essential for teaching science	. 🗆			

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14.	How well prep	ared do you	feel you ar	Check <b>one</b> I do not	Not		Very well
14.	How well prep	ared do you	feel you ar	Check <b>one</b> I do not	Not		Very well

15.	What is the highest level of formal education you have completed?						
	Check one box only.						
	<did complete="" not="" school="" secondary=""></did>		🗆				
	<secondary only=""></secondary>		🗆				
	<ba equivalent="" or=""></ba>		🗆				
	<ma phd=""></ma>		🗆				
16a.	Do you have a <teacher certificate="" training="">?</teacher>						
	Check one box only	Yes $\square$	No $\square$				
16b.	How many years of <pre><pre><pre><pre>teacher training</pre>&gt; have years</pre></pre></pre>	you had?					
	Please round to the nearest whole number(Write in 0 (zero), if you have not had any teacher training.)						
16c.	If you have had <pre-service teacher="" training="">, did you be secondary school?</pre-service>	egin this	training in				
	Check one box only	$Yes \square$	No $\square$				

17.	While studying to obtain your <ba certificate="" equivalent="" or="" teacher="" training="">, what was your major or main area of study?</ba>							
	I do not have a <ba certificate.="" equivalent="" or="" teacher="" training=""></ba>							
		<b>e</b> box in e	ach row.					
			Yes	No				
	a)	Mathematics						
	b)	Biology						
	c)	Physics						
	d)	Chemistry						
	e)	Education						
	f)	Mathematics Education						
	g)	Science Education						
	h)	Other						
18.	-	ou have a master's degree, what was your major or main are not have a master's degree		udy?				
		Check on	<b>e</b> box in e	ach row.				
			Yes	No				
	a)	Mathematics						
	b)	Biology						
	c)	Physics						
	d)	Chemistry						
	e)	Education						
	f)	Mathematics Education						
	g)	Science Education						
	h)	Other						

## **International Option**

19.	Was teaching your first choice as a career when beginning university or teacher education college?		
	Check only <b>one</b> box	Yes $\square$	No □
20.	Would you change to another career if you had the oppo	rtunity?	
	Check only <b>one</b> box	Yes $\square$	No □
21.	Do you think that society appreciates your work?		
	Check only <b>one</b> box	Yes $\square$	No □
22.	Do you think your students appreciate your work?		
	Check only <b>one</b> box	Yes $\square$	No □
23.	Approximately how many books are in your home?		
	(Do not count magazines or newspapers.)		
		Check	one box only.
	none or very few (0-10)		🗆
	enough to fill a shelf (11-25)		🗆
	enough to fill a bookcase (26-100)		🗆
	enough to fill two bookcases (101-200)		🗆
	enough to fill three or more bookcases (more than 200)		🗆

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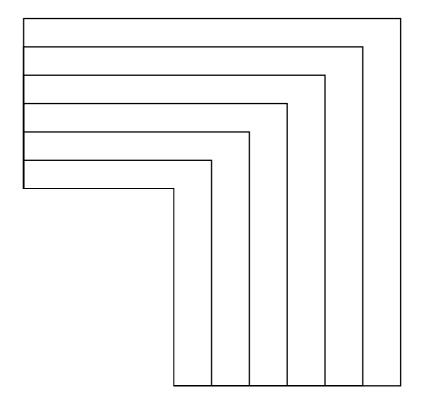
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### **Section B**



1.	How many students are in your science class?								
	Write in a number for each. Write 0 (zero) if there are none.								
	boys girls _								
 2.	What subject matter do you emphasize most in your science class?								
	Check one	box only.							
	General/integrated science								
	Earth science								
	Biology								
	Chemistry								
	Physics								
	Physical science (chemistry/physics)								
	Other, please specify								
3.	How many minutes per week do you teach science to your science cla	ass?							
	Minutes:	_							
4a.	Do you use a textbook in teaching science to your class?								
	Check one	box.							
	Yes	No 🗆							
4b.	If yes, approximately what percentage of your weekly science teachin is based on your science textbook?	g time							
		one box.							
	0-25%	Ц							
	26-50%								
	51-75%								
	76-100%								

5.		the students in your science class ha ring science lessons?	ve cal	culator	's avail	able to u	se			
						Check one	box only.			
						Yes $\square$	No □			
6.		what extent are the students in your s culators in science lessons?	cienc	e class	permi	tted to us	 se			
		unrestricted use				Check <b>one</b>	box only. $\Box$			
		restricted use								
		calculators are not permitted	•••••	•••••						
<b>7.</b>	How often do students in your science class use calculators for the following activities?									
			Check	one box	in each	row.				
			Almos every class	tv	nce or vice a week	Once or twice a month	Never, or hardly ever			
	a)	Checking answers								
	b)	Tests and exams								
	c)	Routine computation								
	d)	Solving complex problems								
	e)	Exploring number concepts								
8.		the students in your science class ha	ve coi	mputer	s availa	able to us	se			
	<b>3.3.</b>			Check o	<b>ne</b> box i	n each row.				
			a	Never or almost never	Some lessons	Most lessons	Every lesson			
	a)	in the classroom								
	b)	in other instructional rooms (computer labs science lab, reading lab, library, etc.)								
	If c	omputers are available,				V	<b>N</b> 7.			
	c)	do any of the computers have access				Yes	No			
		to the Internet?	•••••	•••••		. Ц	Ц			
	d)	do you use the Internet for instructional/educational purposes?				. 🗆				



# 10. In your science lessons, how often do you usually ask students to do the following?

Check one box in each row.

		Never or almost never	Some lessons	Most lessons	Every lesson
a)	explain the reasoning behind an idea	. 🗆			
b)	represent and analyze relationships using tables, charts, or graphs	. 🗆			
c)	work on problems for which there is no immediately obvious method of solution	. 🗆			
d)	use computers to solve exercises or problems	. 🗆			
e)	write explanations about what was observed and why it happened	. 🗆			
f)	put events or objects in order and give a reason for the organization	. 🗆			
g)	use graphing calculators to solve exercises or problems	. 🗆			

ln s	science lessons, how often do students	Check <b>one</b> box in each row.				
		Never or almost never	Some lessons	Most lessons	Every lesson	
a)	work individually without assistance from the teacher					
b)	work individually with assistance from the teacher					
c)	work together as a class with the teacher teaching the whole class					
d)	work together as a class with students responding to one another					
e)	work in pairs or small groups without assistance from the teacher					
f)	work in pairs or small groups with assistance from the teacher					
10 (	spent on each of the following activities?			ite in a per each activ	vity.	
				The total add to 1		
a)	adminstrative tasks (not related to lesson's content	nt/purpose	e)			
b)				•••	%	
c)	homework review					
٦/	homework reviewlecture-style presentation by teacher				%	
d)					% %	
e)	lecture-style presentation by teacher				% % %	
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e)	lecture-style presentation by teacherteacher-guided student practicere-teaching and clarification of content/procedure	es			% % % %	
e) f)	lecture-style presentation by teacher  teacher-guided student practice  re-teaching and clarification of content/procedure student independent practice	es			_% _% _% _% _%	
e) f) g)	lecture-style presentation by teacher  teacher-guided student practice  re-teaching and clarification of content/procedure student independent practice  tests and quizzes	es			%%%%%	

# 13. The following list includes the main topics addressed by the TIMSS science test. Check the response that describes when students in your class have been taught each topic.

If a topic has been taught before this year and also in the current year, check the two boxes that apply.

Otherwise, check **one** box in each row.

a) Ea	arth Science	Taught before this year	Taught 1-5 periods this year	Taught more than 5 periods this year	Not yet taught	I do not know
1)	Earth's physical features (layers,					
	landforms, bodies of water, rocks, soil)	. 🗆				
2)	Earth's atmosphere (layers, composition, temperature, pressure)	· 🗆				
3)	Earth processes and history (weather and climate, physical cycles, plate tectonics, fossils)	. 🗆				
4)	Earth in the solar system and the universe (interactions between Earth, sun, and moon; relationship to planets and stars)	· 🗆				
<b>b</b> ) <b>B</b> i	iology					
5)	Human body - structure and function of organs and systems	· 🗆				
6)	Human bodily processes (metabolism, respiration, digestion)	· 🗆				
7)	Human nutrition, health, and disease	. 🗆				
8)	Biology of plant and animal life (diversity, structure, life processes, life cycles)	· 🗆				
9)	Interactions of living things (biomes and ecosystems, interdependence)	· 🗆				
10)	Reproduction, genetics, evolution, and speciation	· 🗆				
<b>c</b> ) <b>C</b>	hemistry					
11)	Classification of matter (elements, compounds, solutions, mixtures)	. 🗆				
12)	Structure of matter (atoms, ions, molecules, crystals)	· 🗆				
13)	Chemical reactivity and transformations (definition of chemical change, oxidation, combustion)	· 🗆				
14)	Energy and chemical change (exothermic and endothermic reactions, reaction rates)	. 🗆				

d) Pi	nysics			
15)	Physical properties and physical changes of matter (weight, mass, states of matter, boiling, freezing)			
16)	Subatomic particles (protons, electrons, neutrons)			
17)	Energy types, sources, and conversions (chemical, kinetic, electric, light energy; work and efficiency)			
18)	Heat and temperature			
19)	Wave phenomena, sound, and vibration			
20)	Light			
21)	Electricity and magnetism			
22)	Forces and motion (types of forces, balanced/unbalanced forces, fluid behavior, speed, acceleration)			
e) Ei	nvironmental and Resource Issues			
23)	Pollution (acid rain, global warming,			

## 14. In your view to what extent do the following limit how you teach your science class?

		Check <b>one</b> box in each row.			
		Not at all	A little	Quite a lot	A great deal
a)	students with different academic abilities				
b)	students who come from a wide range of backgrounds, (e.g., economic, language)				
c)	students with special needs, (e.g., hearing, vision, speech impairment, physical disabilities, mental or emotional/psychological impairment)				
d)	uninterested students				
e)	disruptive students				
f)	parents interested in their children's learning and progress				
g)	parents uninterested in their children's learning and progress				
h)	shortage of computer hardware				
i)	shortage of computer software				
j)	shortage of other instructional equipment for students' use				
k)	shortage of equipment for your use in demonstrations and other exercises				
1)	inadequate physical facilities				
m)	high student/teacher ratio				
n)	low morale among fellow teachers/administrators				
o)	low morale among students				
p)	threat(s) to personal safety or the safety of students				

15.	How often do you usually assign science homework?	
	Check	one box.
	never	
	less than once a week	
	once or twice a week	
	3 or 4 times a week	
	every day	
16.	If you assign science homework, how many minutes of science homework do you usually assign your students?	work
	(Consider the time it would take an average student in your class.)	
	Check	one box.
	less than 15 minutes	
	15-30 minutes	
	31-60 minutes	
	61-90 minutes	
	more than 90 minutes	

If you assignsc ience homework, how often do you assignseach of the?	)

(Check the box and skip to the next question.)				
	Check o	<b>ne</b> box in	each row.	
	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Always
record whether or not the homework was completed				
collect, correct and keep assignments				
collect, correct assignments and then return to students				
give feedback on homework to whole class				
have students correct their own assignments in class				
have students exchange assignments and correct them in class				
use it as a basis for class discussion				
use it to contribute towards students' grades or marks				
,	of ass	essmen	ıt?	h
	Check o	<b>ne</b> box in		
	None	Little	Quite a lot	A great deal
standardized tests produced outside the school				
teacher-made short answer or essay tests that require students to describe or explain their reasoning			П	
	collect, correct and keep assignments			

20.	students to					
			Check one box in each row.			
			None	Little	Quite a lot	A great deal
	a)	provide students' grades or marks?				