

### **The Questionnaire for Teachers**

*This questionnaire is to be filled in by teachers of Life Orientation and Human and Social Sciences learning areas at Grade 9 level only. This questionnaire is part of a research project on human rights, democracy and citizenship education being conducted by some members of the Education Department of the University of the Witwatersrand. We guarantee anonymity and confidentiality of the individuals and institutions that participate in this research. We thank you in advance for the taking the time to fill in this questionnaire. Your co-operation is highly appreciated.*

**Name of school:**

**Age:**

**Gender:**

**Race:**

**Years of teaching experience:**

**Years of teaching in current school:**

**Level of employment at current school (eg. head of department; deputy principal, etc.)**

**Highest level of qualification obtained (eg. teacher's diploma, degree, etc.)**

**Subjects and levels taught at current school (eg. Geography at Grade 7).**

**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BY SIMPLY CROSSING OUT THE OPTION OF YOUR CHOICE. EG.**

Never                      To certain extent                      Always

1. Do you design your own lessons?

Never                      To a certain extent                      Always

2. Are you expected to follow a set syllabus?

Never                      To a certain extent                      Always

3. Are you inspected often?

Never                      Sometimes                      Often

4. Do you often use teacher packages or teaching kits produced by other people?

Never                      Sometimes                      Often

5. Do you use computer aided instructional programmes in your teaching?

Never                      Sometimes                      Often

6. Have you been for any in-service teacher upgrading programmes in the last four years?

Yes                      No                      Not available

7. Are you expected to perform duties for your school after school hours?

More than once a week                      Once a week                      Less than once a week.

8. Do you have access to a housing subsidy?

Yes                      No

9. Do you have access to medical aid?

Yes                      No

10. Do you have access to a pension fund?  
Yes                      No
11. When was the last time you had a salary increase?  
In the past two years    In the past five years      More than five years ago
12. Do you carry other jobs besides your teaching?  
Yes                      No
13. Do you belong to a teacher association, organisation or union?  
Yes                      No
14. Do you have a role in making decisions on your staff?  
Yes                      Sometimes              No
15. Do you participate in making decisions on the governing body of your school?  
Yes                      Through a representative              No

AGAIN SIMPLY ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BY CROSSING OUT THE OPTION OF YOUR CHOICE. EG.

Strongly agree      Agree      Depends      Disagree      Strongly disagree

i) Obedience and respect for authority are the most important virtues children should learn.  
Strongly agree      Agree      Depends      Disagree      Strongly disagree

ii) What the youth needs most is strict discipline, rugged determination, and the will to work and fight for your family and country.  
Strongly agree      Agree                      Depends                      Disagree                      Strongly disagree

iii) Young people sometimes get rebellious ideas but as they grow up they ought to get over them.  
Strongly agree      Agree                      Depends                      Disagree                      Strongly disagree

iv) What this country needs most, more than laws and political programs, is a few courageous, tireless leaders in whom the people can put their faith.  
Strongly agree      Agree                      Depends                      Disagree                      Strongly disagree

v) Sex crimes, such as rape and attacks on children, deserve more than mere imprisonment: such criminals ought to be publicly whipped, or worse.

Strongly agree      Agree      Depends      Disagree      Strongly disagree

vi) The businessmen and the manufacturers are much more important to society than the artist and the professor.

Strongly agree      Agree      Depends      Disagree      Strongly disagree

vii) For any group to succeed, it is most important to find an energetic, strict and just leader whom everybody should respect and obey.

Strongly agree      Agree      Depends      Disagree      Strongly disagree

viii) In every society there must be a leader whom all people would completely believe and whose decisions will be realised without objections.

Strongly agree      Agree      Depends      Disagree      Strongly disagree

*(Opinions about Democracy)*

i) The occurrence of multi-party systems has contributed more harm than good to our society.

Strongly agree      Agree      Depends      Disagree      Strongly disagree

ii) One should not allow certain people to vote.

Strongly agree      Agree      Depends      Disagree      Strongly disagree

iii) Although political democracy is important, it should be postponed for better times.

Strongly agree      Agree      Depends      Disagree      Strongly disagree

iv) Some political parties that exist today should be forbidden.

Strongly agree      Agree      Depends      Disagree      Strongly disagree

v) Democracy in politics results in fights and conflicts, and not in solutions of social problems.

Strongly agree      Agree      Depends      Disagree      Strongly disagree

vi) Democracy makes it possible for incompetent persons to have an impact on people's future.

Strongly agree      Agree      Depends      Disagree      Strongly disagree

vii) It is important that family matters are discussed jointly before decisions are taken.

Strongly agree      Agree      Depends      Disagree      Strongly disagree

viii) It is not realistic that common neighbourhood matters are decided upon directly by the residents.

Strongly agree      Agree      Depends      Disagree      Strongly disagree

ix) Employers do not need to consult the employees on important matters.

Strongly agree      Agree      Depends      Disagree      Strongly disagree

x) The method of referendum should not be used for policy making because ordinary people don't understand complicated issues.

Strongly agree      Agree      Depends      Disagree      Strongly disagree

xi) Students should not take part in decision-making in schools.

Strongly agree      Agree      Depends      Disagree      Strongly disagree

xii) Do you think it is important for people to belong to some group or organisation?

Yes

No

xiii) Which of the following groups or organisations would you support? You may choose to support as many of the following groups or organisations as you want.

A women's group

Will Support

Neutral

Will not Support

A group for disabled people

Will Support

Neutral

Will not Support

A group for homeless children

Will Support

Neutral

Will not Support

A group that wants to protect the environment

Will Support

Neutral

Will not Support

A group to fight against crime

Will Support

Neutral

Will not Support

A group for sports development

Will Support

Neutral

Will not Support

A group for the development of Arts

Will Support

Neutral

Will not Support

A group for the development of African culture

Will Support

Neutral

Will not Support

A group for gay and lesbian rights

Will Support

Neutral

Will not Support

A group for the assistance of the aged or elderly

Will Support

Neutral

Will not Support

(Knowledge)

Please read the following questions and try to give correct answers.

1. Imagine that a man is accused of theft and he is on trial. During the trial it can't be proved that he is guilty, but on the other hand the man can't prove that he is innocent. What will happen?
  - a) he will be punished
  - b) he will be released
  - c) the decision will rely on the judge

2. A three-year-old cannot be accused of something in a trial; a 30-year-old person can. At what age can someone who is breaking the law be accused and undergo a trial?

From ..... years.

3. What is the minimum age for someone to be married?

From ..... years

4. Until what age are parents obliged by law to support their children?

Until the child is ..... years old.

5. At what age can someone get a driving licence?

At minimum ..... years.

6. Who makes the laws in the country? Choose as many answers as you wish.

Parliament	Courts	President	Other
1990-1994	1990-1994	1990-1994	1990-1994
1995-1999	1995-1999	1995-1999	1995-1999
2000-2004	2000-2004	2000-2004	2000-2004
2005-2009	2005-2009	2005-2009	2005-2009
2010-2014	2010-2014	2010-2014	2010-2014
2015-2019	2015-2019	2015-2019	2015-2019
2020-2024	2020-2024	2020-2024	2020-2024

7. What do you think human rights mean?

8. What do you think children rights mean?

9. Are you aware of the human rights in the new South African Constitution?

Yes No

Can you give more detail eg. What are you aware of? What do you think about it?

10. What do you think 'rights' mean?
11. Do you think that 'rights' always come with 'responsibilities'?  
 Yes No  
 Can you give an example of 'rights' that include 'responsibilities'.
12. Who do think has the role to make sure that people's 'rights' are protected?
13. Why do you think people have elections in their countries?
14. Do you think racists should have the right to vote in the country's elections?  
 Yes No  
 Why?

**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BY CROSSING OUT THE NUMBER OF YOU CHOICE. PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH NUMBER MEANS THE FOLLOWING.**

1	2	3	4	5
I totally disagree	I do not agree	I neither agree nor disagree	I agree	I fully agree

**ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS SIMPLY CROSS OUT THE NUMBER THAT CORRESPONDS WITH THE CHOSEN ANSWER. EG.**

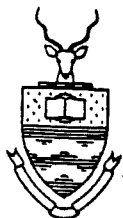
1 2 3 4 5

### *Attitude scale*

1	2	3	4	5
I totally disagree	I do not agree	I neither agree nor disagree	I agree	I fully agree
i) The one who intervenes in someone else's conflict emerges as the greatest culprit				1 2 3 4 5
ii) The goodwill of an individual is just a drop in the sea of violence which surrounds us				1 2 3 4 5
iii) The ones who try to make peace between sides in a conflict only expose themselves to a risk in vain				1 2 3 4 5
iv) Intervention from outside may only intensify the conflict				1 2 3 4 5
v) Only a fool intervenes in other people's conflicts				1 2 3 4 5
vi) If someone offends you, you should return twice as much				1 2 3 4 5
vii) An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth - only this is just				1 2 3 4 5
viii) You should always get even with the one who offends you				1 2 3 4 5
ix) If someone treads on your toes, you should get even				1 2 3 4 5
x) Some people are just born bad				1 2 3 4 5
xi) You have nothing to discuss with people who hate you				1 2 3 4 5
xii) Some people you simply cannot get along with				1 2 3 4 5
xiii) The one who deliberately or accidentally hurts someone deserves to be hurt in the same way				1 2 3 4 5
xiv) The one who forgets all the inflicted pain has learnt nothing about life				1 2 3 4 5
xv) He who takes dignity seriously will break off every contact with the person who has seriously offended him				1 2 3 4 5
xvi) In a conflict, both sides cannot win				1 2 3 4 5

- xvii) A person is either right or wrong 1 2 3 4 5
- xviii) Apologies are usually just a smoke screen 1 2 3 4 5
- xix) If someone does you wrong, apologies and good gestures do not help 1 2 3 4 5
- xx) It is foolish to accept an apology from someone who has wronged you deliberately 1 2 3 4 5
- xxi) Always having understanding for others' opinions means not having your own 1 2 3 4 5
- xxii) To yield is a sign of weakness 1 2 3 4 5

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR TAKING THE TIME TO FILL IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. YOUR CO-OPERATION IS REALLY APPRECIATED. THANKS!



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***Thank you so much for spending the time to complete and return this questionnaire.  
Your cooperation is highly appreciated.***