

APF Evaluation Instruments

I. Direct Self Assessment

In this form of assessment, learners give their own assessment of the change in their attitude. One might use a Lickert scale questionnaire with simple scenario-based questions. The way to analyze this data would be correlational (comparing the frequency of responses).

This is a direct tool administered to the student. It has a **Yes**, **No** or **Maybe** response option to make it easy for children to make their choices.

Instructions for administering:

1. Explain to the children what needs to be done.
2. Emphasize that there are no marks, no right or wrong answers.
3. Explain that by their filling up this form, they would be playing a pivotal role in the improvisation of the CD contents, thereby helping other children.
4. Give them as much time as required.

Questions	Response		
1. I take pride in respecting the national flag.	Yes	No	Maybe
2. When I see someone disrespect the national flag, I feel sad.	Yes	No	Maybe
3. Singing the national anthem is a matter of pride and honour for me.	Yes	No	Maybe
4. I hope to follow the noble ideas of our freedom fighters in my life.	Yes	No	Maybe
5. Given the choice between helping myself and others, I would help others.	Yes	No	Maybe
6. Service to the country and the society is far better than service to self.	Yes	No	Maybe
7. I enjoy celebrating the festivals of our country even though they don't belong to my religion.	Yes	No	Maybe
8. Festivals help me celebrate the common spirit of brotherhood.	Yes	No	Maybe
9. I would try to change my daily habits in order to make sure that my actions do not harm the environment.	Yes	No	Maybe
10. The purpose of my education is to be informed about the world around me.	Yes	No	Maybe
11. I would never blindly believe in superstitious practices.	Yes	No	Maybe

12. I feel it is wrong to separate people on the basis of their caste or gender.	Yes	No	Maybe
13. Young children need to be aware of the diversity of this country and the message of unity that is spread by all religions.	Yes	No	Maybe
14. If I saw some injustice being carried out, I would find peaceful ways of protesting against that injustice.	Yes	No	Maybe
15. People's blind belief in superstition bothers me. I feel that people should have a more logical approach.	Yes	No	Maybe

II. Indirect Self Assessment:

Since a learner's self assessment of his/her attitudes is not reliable in itself, one needs to augment it with scenario based questions that evaluate attitudes. This is achieved by presenting scenarios where the learner is presented with conflict or competition of resources where the learner's level of commitment can be tested. This data would also be analyzed using correlational method of analysis.

This tool administered to the student by an adult. The student needs to necessarily select any one option from the ones given. The role of the adult is to explain the meaning of the scenario and the options. The supervising adult will need to be careful about not influencing the student.

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Scenario 1:

Ram is a playful 10 year old boy. One day, while playing he started singing the National Anthem. While singing he mispronounced the words of the anthem, he was not standing in attention (since he was playing), and he was singing it for no particular reason. Ram's sister Supriya, stopped him from singing the national anthem in a disrespectful way. Ram's cousin argues with Supriya that it's a free country and everyone can do what they please. So there is no need for Ram to stop singing the national anthem.

What is your view about this situation?

- a. Ram has to stop singing because his elder sister has ordered him to do so.
- b. Ram should stop singing because his elder sister is right. The national anthem needs to be respected and cannot be sung in a playful manner.
- c. Ram should not stop singing because it's his right to express himself in the manner that he likes. He is not hurting anyone.
- d. Ram can do what he pleases, since he is a child and he does not need to bother about these things.

Scenario 2:

Badri Kedar worked as a teacher in the government school for 22 years. He has retired two years ago but has not received his pension yet. The pension office has informed him that his papers got lost in a recent fire, hence there will be an additional delay of 3 months before he gets his first cheque. As a sign of protest, Badri Kedar plans a hunger strike outside the pension office.

Do you support Badri Kedar's decision?

- a. Yes, because he is right. He has suffered a loss and it is his constitutional right to show protest.
- b. No, because the pension office has had a genuine problem and they have kept him informed.
- c. Yes, only if he makes his protest in a manner where he does not hurt himself or embarrass the officials at the pension office.
- d. This situation is the same everywhere and I feel all this will make no difference to anyone.

Scenario 3:

My neighbour, Savitri akka, gives Rs 5/- to a pujari everyday who has promised to appease the gods on her behalf. This expense is a strain to Savitri akka, but she believes it will keep her family safe from unknown evil. When I tried to reason with her, Savitri akka refused to listen, instead proclaimed that she was free to practice any religious practice or ritual any way she wanted so long as she did not hurt anyone.

What's your view of this situation?

- a. Savitri akka is right. In our country we have the right to follow any religion, any religious practice so long as no one is hurt.
- b. Savitri akka should not believe in practices that go against scientific thinking.
- c. Savitri akka is an adult and has full right to do what she wants for her family as long as she does not hurt anyone.
- d. The neighbour should mind her own business and not worry about what Savitri akka is doing.

Scenario 4:

Ramdev Nath runs a small factory that manufactures a chemical used in the making of dyes. His factory releases many toxic waste materials which enter a near-by stream. This stream also supplies water to the neighbouring farms. Because of the toxic waste present in them, the growth of the crops in the farm is poor. Ramdev is approached by the farmers who request him to do something about the toxic waste. Ramdev says that his work is of that nature and that he has no choice.

What would you do if you were in Ramdev's place?

- a. Ramdev needs to look after himself and his family's needs. He need not worry about the world.
- b. Just as Ramdev has a right to work he cannot destroy other's livelihood through his actions or negligence. He needs to do something about it.

- c. Just as Ramdev looks after his own needs, the farmers should also find a solution to their problems on their own. They should keep Ramdev out of this.
- d. Ramdev should change his job or business.

Scenario 5:

Neeta and her brother Gopal play very good hockey. Both are good enough to play in the local matches. However, Neeta's parents do not allow her to play because she is a girl. They feel that it is better for her practice and learn skills that will help her later in life and sports in not one of them.

What would you say to Neeta's parents?

- a. Girls have a different set of priorities in life. Hence Neeta's parents should only focus on those priorities.
- b. It is incorrect to think separately on the basis of one's gender. Neeta has as much right to choose her activities as Gopal.
- c. Both Neeta and Gopal need to follow the advice and order of their parents.
- d. Neeta should go on a hunger strike to make her dreams come true.

Scenario 6:

Your aunt and uncle have come to visit you from the city. They bring a gift you—a shirt in the colours of the Indian National Flag. You request your aunt to return it to the shop because you feel that wearing the shirt would be disrespecting the flag. Your aunt brushes aside your concern and laughs saying that you should not practice in real life everything taught in school.

What do you think you should do?

- a. Your aunt is right. Not everything taught in school needs to be practiced at home.
- b. You should not worry about these things. If you like the shirt you must wear it and not worry about it too much.
- c. This is a case of the National Flag and not a minor matter. If your conscience says that it is wrong to do something like this, you should listen to your conscience and do what is right.
- d. You should seek the advice of your parents and do whatever they say.

Scenario 7:

Dr. Rajani Pandya is a US citizen representing the UN. She has come to stay in your village for one year for an ongoing eye health camp. During her stay she gets friendly with the local women realizes that they lack the knowledge of basic daily hygiene. She starts holding lectures every afternoon to help women understand the need to follow simple basic hygiene rules. The local panchayat feel that since the doctor is not an Indian citizen she has no right to involve herself in local matters.

What would you say to this?

- a. The Indian government has a set of rules that apply to aliens it does not stipulate them to do something that can benefit the country.
- b. The panchayat is right. Only Indian citizens can work for the country.
- c. The Doctor can carry on her work as long as she keeps a local person involved in this activity.
- d. The doctor should seek help from the local politicians.