

### Attitudes towards Current Education System (Survey Questions)

Q1. From what you have heard and read about the education system and standard in developed countries, how would you rate our Malaysian education standard? (**SHOW CARD**) Would you say it is poorer, fair, comparable, better or much better? (*Question refer to report, slide 9*)

Q1				
Poor	Fair	Comparable	Better	Much Better
1	2	3	4	5

Q2. (**SHOW CARD**) Here is a list of statements regarding our education system. What is your feeling about these things? I'd like you to look through these statements and please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree or strongly disagree with the statements. (*Question refer to report, slide 10*)

Q2	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1. Our education system should add more learning of life-skills subjects.	1	2	3	4	5
2. I am happy with our current education system.	1	2	3	4	5
3. We should increase the teaching of foreign languages in schools.	1	2	3	4	5
4. PMR should be made a school-based assessment rather than a national examination.	1	2	3	4	5
5. I think most students should enroll into vocational schools (mechanics, construction, etc.) to meet the requirements for high skills employment demand.	1	2	3	4	5
6. We should modify our education system to become more competitive as practiced in the more developed countries.	1	2	3	4	5
7. We should make English a must pass subject.	1	2	3	4	5
8. We should make History a must pass subject.	1	2	3	4	5

Q3. If the government wants to improve the education system, what are the main items of improvement would you propose? (*Question refer to report, slide 11*)

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Q4. If the government wants to improve the education system, what are the main items of improvement would you propose (*SHOW CARD*)? **You can choose all that apply.** (*Question refer to report, slide 12*)

Q4	Aided
1. Motivate teachers to have more passion in teaching.	1
2. Standardize the management for all schools (e.g. PIBG fees, curriculum and etc)	2
3. Establish a monitoring system for the teachers and schools performance.	3
4. Provide more computer classes.	4
5. Have more extra classes/tuitions in schools.	5
6. Increase the number of teachers.	6
7. Reduce the number of students in a class.	7
8. Improve the level of communication between parent and teachers.	8
9. Provide more subsidies for students from lower income family (e.g. transportation/food subsidies).	9
10. Do not segregate students in different classes based on academic performance.	10

Q5. Are you a parent? (*Question refer to report, slide 14*)

Q5	
1. Yes	1
2. No	2

Q6. How many children of school going age (at least seven years old) do you have? (*Question refer to report, slide 14*)

Q6	a
None	1
One	2
Two	3
Three.	4
Four.	5
Five	6
Six.	7
More (Please specify: _____ )	8

Q7. How many are in primary school? (*Question refer to report, slide 14*)

<b>Q7</b>	
None	<b>1</b>
One	<b>2</b>
Two	<b>3</b>
Three.	<b>4</b>
Four.	<b>5</b>
Five	<b>6</b>
Six.	<b>7</b>
More (Please specify:_____)	<b>8</b>

Q8. How many are in secondary school? (*Question refer to report, slide 14*)

<b>Q8</b>	
None	<b>1</b>
One	<b>2</b>
Two	<b>3</b>
Three.	<b>4</b>
Four.	<b>5</b>
Five	<b>6</b>
Six.	<b>7</b>
More (Please specify:_____)	<b>8</b>

Q9. How many are in tertiary education (Pre-U, diploma courses, University)? (*Question refer to report, slide 14*)

<b>Q9</b>		<b>d</b>
None		<b>1</b>
One		<b>2</b>
Two		<b>3</b>
Three.		<b>4</b>
Four.		<b>5</b>
Five		<b>6</b>
Six.		<b>7</b>
More (Please specify:_____)		<b>8</b>

Q10. (**SHOW CARD**) In what language or dialect do you (your wife/husband) **usually** speak with your children at home? **You can only choose one.** (*Question refer to report, slide 16*)

Q11. (**SHOW CARD**) What other languages or dialects do you speak with your children? **You can choose all that apply.** (*Question refer to report, slide 17*)

	Q10	Q11
1. English	1	1
2. A Chinese dialect (Cantonese, Hokkien, Hakka, Tewchew & etc)	2	2
3. Chinese – Mandarin	3	3
4. Bahasa Malaysia	4	4
5. Tamil (or other Indian dialects such as Telegu, etc)	5	5
6. Another language dialect. Please specify:	6	6
7. Do not speak in any other language with my children.		99

Q12. (**SHOW CARD**) How often do you speak English to your children? (*Question refer to report, slide 17*)

Q12	
1. Always	1
2. Most of the time	2
3. Sometimes	3
4. Seldom	4
5. Never	5

Q13. Here is a list of statements in regards to parental involvement in their children's education (**SHOW CARD**), which statements do you feel apply to you? **You can choose more than one answer.** (*Question refer to report, slide 18&19*)

Q13	
1. I spend some time everyday to help my children with his/her homework.	1
2. I make it a point to go to the parent-teacher meetings (PIBG) at my children's school.	2
3. I arrange tuition sessions for my children.	3
4. I spend some time everyday talking with my children about their school matters.	4
5. I (or my wife/husband) always send and pick up my children from school.	5
6. My children go to school by school bus.	6
7. My children go to school by public transports (not school bus).	7
8. None of the above	8

- Q14. Based on the statements below regarding your children's future career (**SHOW CARD**), which statement suits you most? **You can only select one answer.** (*Question refer to report, slide 20*)

Q14	
1. I'd like to influence my children towards a career they should have in life.	<b>1</b>
2. I'd let them decide for themselves.	<b>2</b>

- Q15. If you can choose a career for your children who is currently studying in primary, secondary and tertiary level, what would you choose (**SHOW CARD**) from a list of possible jobs/professions. **You can only select one job for each children studying in primary, secondary and tertiary level.** (*Question refer to report, slide 20&21*)

Q15	(a) Son	Q15	(b) Daughter
1. Accounting/Finance	<b>1</b>	1. Accounting/Finance	<b>1</b>
2. Admin/HR	<b>2</b>	2. Admin/HR	<b>2</b>
3. Sales/Marketing	<b>3</b>	3. Sales/Marketing	<b>3</b>
4. Arts/Media/Communication	<b>4</b>	4. Arts/Media/Communication	<b>4</b>
5. Customer Services	<b>5</b>	5. Customer Services	<b>5</b>
6. Legal Services	<b>6</b>	6. Legal Services	<b>6</b>
7. Science	<b>7</b>	7. Science	<b>7</b>
8. Computer/IT	<b>8</b>	8. Computer/IT	<b>8</b>
9. Engineering	<b>9</b>	9. Engineering	<b>9</b>
10. Manufacturing	<b>10</b>	10. Manufacturing	<b>10</b>
11. Building/Construction	<b>11</b>	11. Building/Construction	<b>11</b>
12. Hotel/Restaurant	<b>12</b>	12. Hotel/Restaurant	<b>12</b>
13. Health Care	<b>13</b>	13. Health Care	<b>13</b>
14. Education/Training	<b>14</b>	14. Education/Training	<b>14</b>
15. Government servant	<b>15</b>	15. Government servant	<b>15</b>
16. Military	<b>16</b>	16. Military	<b>16</b>
17. I do not have a son/ I do not have a son who is currently studying	<b>17</b>	17. I do not have a daughter/ I do not have a daughter who is currently studying	<b>17</b>

- Q16. (**SHOW CARD**) How important is it for your child to be proficient in more than one language after he or she leaves secondary school? (*Question refer to report, slide 23*)

Q16				
Not important at all	Not important	Neither	Important	Very important
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

- Q17. (**SHOW CARD**) If you could choose any second language (other than your mother tongue) for your child to speak with proficiency, which one will you select as your first, second and third choice? (*Question refer to report, slide 23*)

Q17	First	Second	Third
1. English	1	1	1
2. Bahasa Malaysia	2	2	2
3. Chinese	3	3	3
4. Tamil	4	4	4
5. Others (Please Specify: _____)	5	5	5
6. No other languages		99	99

- Q18. (**SHOW CARD**) From your observation of your children learning habits, in which language your children find it easier to learn Math and Science? **Please select only one answer.** (*Question refer to report, slide 24*)

Q18	
1. English	1
2. Bahasa Malaysia	2
3. Chinese	3
4. Tamil	4
5. Others (Please Specify: _____)	5

- Q19. The Ministry of Education recently announced the policy of Upholding the Malay Language and Strengthening the Command of English (MBMMBI) among students. Under the new policy, the learning of English as a subject will be significantly improved in order to enhance students' command of the language. As the same time, Maths and Science will be taught in Bahasa Malaysia or Chinese in sekolah jenis kebangsaan Cina and Tamil di sekolah jenis kebangsaan Tamil. Do you agree with the policy? (**SHOW CARD**) (*Question refer to report, slide 24*)

Q19				
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1	2	3	4	5

- Q20. In your opinion, who do you think has made the most contribution to improve your children's command of English (**SHOW CARD**)? **You may choose only one.** (*Question refer to report, slide 25*)

Q20	
1. Government	1
2. Schools	2
3. Teachers	3
4. Yourself (as a father or mother)	4

- Q21. (**SHOW CARD**)As part of the policy to strengthen the command of English, the Education Ministry is implementing the following measures. Please go through these statements and tell me if you strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree or strongly disagree with the statements. (*Question refer to report, slide 26*)

Q21	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
1. Increase the English teaching and learning hours in school.	1	2	3	4	5
2. Improve the method of teaching and learning of English.	1	2	3	4	5
3. Provide more training to increase teacher's English ability.	1	2	3	4	5
4. Hire expert English teachers from abroad.	1	2	3	4	5

- Q22. From what you have read or heard in the main media recently, there are several issues about Malaysia that attract the attention of Malaysians because they are concerned about these issues. As for you, what are the issues that you are concerned about? (*Question refer to report, slide 28*)

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- Q23. Here is a list (**SHOW CARD**) of current issues some people say they are concerned about nowadays. Which among these issues that you think is most, second and third of concern to you? (*Question refer to report, slide 29*)

Q23	First	Second	Third
1. The Bersih 2.0 rally.	1	1	1
2. Increase in prices of goods (cost of living).	2	2	2
3. Amendment to ISA.	3	3	3
4. To discontinue PPSMI (teaching Math and Science in English).	4	4	4
5. Replacement of public exam (PMR) with school assessment/school term exam.	5	5	5
6. Increase the level of English in schools.	6	6	6
7. Government Transformation Programmes (GTP).	7	7	7
8. Economic Transformation Programme (ETP).	8	8	8
9. Movements by groups (e.g. PAGE) to make learning Maths and Science in English an option.	9	9	9