

LEARNERS' ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION QUESTIONNAIRE

We want to find out about types of programmes offered at Environmental Education Centres in KwaZulu-Natal. We'd like to see how they can encourage "environmental learning." Please answer every question, and give your true reaction when doing so.

- A. I am a MALE FEMALE (please tick ✓ the correct box)
- B. I am in Grade (please write in what school grade you are now in).
- C. I am years of age (please write in how old you are).
- D. My school is based in District (please write in).
- E. The nearest Environmental Education Centre to my school is situated in (please write in the town's name).



PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH A TICK (✓) IN THE BOX OF YOUR CHOICE:

	QUESTION	AGREE	UNCERTAIN	DISAGREE
1.	If the sun was suddenly and permanently extinguished (it was taken away), all life on Earth would eventually die.			
2.	Without plant life (vegetation), there would ultimately be no food for any creature on Earth.			
3.	The biggest threat to South Africa's plant life – is <i>other</i> plants from around the world that are taking over our countryside.			
4.	Earth's atmosphere is heating up (the so-called "Greenhouse Effect") because of escaping refrigeration gases, in aerosol vapours, and in the production of foam rubber.			

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5.	More South African children die each year from diarrhoea caused by polluted or disease-carrying water than from any other single cause.			
6.	Proteins in our diet serve mainly to build and maintain the cells in our bodies and to provide us with energy. The best source of proteins is obtained from the meat of animals.			
7.	Most of South Africa's electricity is generated by hydroelectric power, as water rushes through dams.			
8.	Fumes from coal-fired power stations cause acid rain to form – but it is not as serious, in this respect, as the exhaust gases from motor vehicles.			
9.	Recently, the Government banned 4x4's (four-wheel drive vehicles) from South Africa's beaches. This is an attempt to slow down fishing, to preserve shoals off our coasts.			
10	Rubbish dumps in South Africa and around the world are becoming over-full. The following products of a normal home could be recycled to help conserve space in rubbish dumps: left-over food, thrown-away paper, glass and plastic, and ashes.			
11	Your municipality decides that everyone must put out their rubbish each week in three separate bags: one for glass, another with plastics, and a third with general rubbish. Would you co-operate with this move?			
12	You would buy a deodorant that used CFC's rather than one that stated that it			

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	was “ozone friendly.”			
13	Having a shower saves much more water than having a normal bath.			
14	Having a deep, warm bath uses more electricity than leaving on all the lights of the house for an hour.			
15	If was safe and convenient to do so, more people should walk or cycle to school or work.			
16	We need areas like game parks, mountains, wetlands and beaches set aside to allow animals and plants to develop without danger.			
17	The jacarandas and syringa trees of a city, or the black wattles and blue gum trees of a farm, are safe to the environment if they are not allowed to spread from those areas.			
18	Because you care for the environment, you prefer mutton chops to a plate of mixed salads for lunch.			
19	There is nothing wrong with racing 4x4's, scramblers or quads through forests, over the veldt, or on lonely beaches.			
20	Eating vegetables and fruit is the most efficient way of getting energy.			
21	I know that there are Environmental Education Centres in KwaZulu-Natal.			
22	I have visited an Environmental Education Centre.			

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23	I understand what is meant by "Environmental Education"			
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		I do not know of a Centre	I have no money to go to a Centre	my School has not arranged a trip to a Centre	I do not know why I have not visited a Centre
24.	I have not visited an Environmental Education Centre because...				

		school subjects	newspapers, magazines, TV or radio	from my parents	from reading books
25.	I learn about the environment from				

26. To me, the term "Environmental Education" means

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26. Give ways in which you think people destroy the environment:

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27. Give examples of environmental problems that exist near your school:

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28. Learners and educators in my school are doing these things to help our environment:

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH INDEED FOR YOUR KIND HELP!