





Students' Perception of Geography Education in Middle and Higher Secondary Schools: A study in Dagana Dzongkhag

The survey questionnaire has three sections i.e. A, B and C. Section A requires you to provide your demographic and educational details. Section B requires you to provide your perception of geography education in schools. Section C requires you to provide your views on factors that impacts the perception of Geography education in schools. It requires your views on class IX to XII geography curriculum with regard to its content, relevancy, application, assessment standards, teaching strategies, teacher's competency and students learning attitude in Geography.

Section A: Demographic information (Please choose the most appropriate response by marking tick $\lceil \checkmark \rceil$ in the box provided)

| 1. | . Name of the school: | |
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| 2. | . Gender: 1. Male 2. | Female 3. Others |
| 3. | . Class 1. IX and X | 2. XI and XII |
| 4. | . Last Exam Mark: 1. Less 35 36-55 | 56-75 Above 76 |
| 5. | . Parents/Guardian: 1. Educated | 2. Uneducated |

Section B: Students' perception of geography education (It refers to students' interpretation of geography education in the school and other related issues)

Please read the following statement carefully and tick [✓] the appropriate option 1=Strongly Agree (SA), 2= Agree (A), 3= Somewhat Agree (SWA), 4= Somewhat Disagree (SWD), 5= Disagree (DA), 6= Strongly Disagree (SD)

| | SA | A | SWA | SWD | DA | SD |
|--|----|---|-----|-----|----|----|
| Students' perception | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 1. I like to learn geography | | | | | | |
| 2. It consumes lots of time for me to learn Geography | | | | | | |
| 3. I find Geography an interesting subject. | | | | | | |
| 4. I believe Geography is one of the easiest subjects to learn | | | | | | |

| 5. Geography helps me to develops essential geographical skills | | | |
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| 6.Geography helps me to develop my essential geographical | | | |
| knowledge | | | |
| 7. Geography is relevant for my future studies | | | |
| 8. Geography is useful subject in my life | | | |
| 9. Geography is unique for me from other disciplines | | | |
| 10. I score good marks in Geography | | | |
| 11. Geography helps me to improve my language | | | |
| 12. I learn Geography because of parent's motivation | | | |
| 13. I learn Geography because of teachers' motivation | | | |
| 14. I study Geography the most of the time | | | |
| 15. Geography is an important academic subject | | | |
| 16.The role of Geography teacher is important to make the subject enjoyable | | | |
| 17. Geography will enhance my chances of employment in future. | _ | | |

Section C: Factors that impacts the perception of Geography Education: refers to IX to XII geography curriculum with regard to its content, relevancy, application, assessment standards, teaching strategies, teacher's influence in learning Geography, students' attitudes, values, scope and parents influence in learning Geography.

Please read the following statement carefully and tick [✓] the appropriate option 6=Strongly Agree (SA), 5= Agree (A), 4= Somewhat Agree (SWA), 3= Somewhat Disagree (SWD), 5 Disagree (DA), 1= Strongly Disagree (SD)

| | SA | A | SWA | SWD | DA | S D |
|---|----|---|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Curriculum | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 1.The concepts of the contents of Geography textbook are clear and easily understandable for me | | | | | | |
| 2. The contents of the text book are arranged in good order | | | | | | |
| 3. Geography text book has participatory exercises/activities. | | | | | | |
| 4. Content of Geography curriculum is relevant | | | | | | |
| 5. Knowing Geography helps me earn a living | | | | | | |
| 6. Geography skills are useful in my daily life. | | | | | | |
| 7. Geography concepts given in the text book are clear and easily understandable | | | | | | |
| 8. Geographical skills can be applied in my real-life situation. | | | | | | |
| 9. Assessment in Geography is clear and fair. | | | | | | |

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| Teaching Strategies used by teacher in teaching Geography | SA 6 | A 5 | SWA 4 | SWD 3 | DA 2 | S D 1 |
| 11. My Geography teacher uses varieties of teaching strategies | | | | | | |
| 12. My Geography teacher teaches through lecture method | | | | | | |
| 13. My Geography teacher motivates me to participate in the class | | | | | | |
| 14. My Geography teacher uses maps while teaching about places. | | | | | | |
| 15. My Geography teacher provides clear instruction during the lesson | | | | | | |
| 16. My Geography teacher expects me to learn through discussion in the class | | | | | | |
| 17. My Geography teacher promotes student- centered learning attempt | | | | | | |
| 18. My Geography teacher gives me group assignments | | | | | | |
| 19. My Geography teacher frequently practices activity-based method of teaching. | | | | | | |
| 20. My Geography teacher takes us for fieldwork to teach some concepts | | | | | | |
| Teacher influences learning in Geography | SA 6 | A 5 | SWA 4 | SWD 3 | DA 2 | S D 1 |
| 21.My Geography teacher is very approachable | | | | | | |
| 22. My Geography teacher allows me to express my views freely in the class | | | | | | |
| 23. My Geography teacher expresses his/her expectations in geography | | | | | | |
| 24. My Geography teacher helps me when I face difficulty in learning geography | | | | | | |
| 25. My Geography teacher is competent in teaching Geography | | | | | | |
| 26. My Geography teacher has good content knowledge | | | | | | |
| 27. I like the way my Geography teacher influence me in learning Geography. | | | | | | |
| 28. I hardly like the teaching strategies used by my Geography teacher. | | | | | | |
| 29. My Geography teacher explains the difficult concepts in different ways | | | | | | |
| Students attitude towards learning Geography | SA 6 | A 5 | SWA 4 | SWD 3 | DA 2 | S D 1 |
| 30. enjoy doing activities during Geography lesson. | | | | | | |
| | 1 | - | 1 | | | |
| 31. Most of the things I learn in Geography lesson are interesting. | | | | | | |

| 33.I use Geography knowledge in my everyday life | | | | | | |
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| 34. Geography is a subject quickly learned by most students. | | | | | | |
| 35. I like working on the homework given by my Geography teacher. | | | | | | |
| 36. I spend less time studying Geography because it is not a major | | | | | | |
| subject in school curriculum. | | | | | | |
| 37. I put a lot of effort in learning geography | | | | | | |
| Values acquired through Geography education | SA | A | SWA | SWD | DA | S D |
| | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 38. Through Geography I understand our changing and interconnected world better. | | | | | | |
| 39. Learning Geography increases my sense of belongingness to my place | | | | | | |
| 40. Geography imparts citizenship knowledge | | | | | | |
| 41. Learning Geography develops the cultural knowledge | | | | | | |
| 42. Learning Geography develops the environmental knowledge | | | | | | |
| 43. Learning Geography nurtures curiosity and wonder about the world | | | | | | |
| 44. Geography helps me to develop skills in using information and | | | | | | |
| communication technology (ICT) 45. Geography education develops personal and social skills | | | | | | |
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| 46. Studying geography develops skills to construct maps for a learning | | | | | | |
| purposes and general use | SA | A | SWA | SWD | DA | SD |
| Scope of Geography | 6 | 5 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 47. Learning Geography increases my employment opportunity in future | | | | | | |
| 48. I am interested to learn Geography because I want to learn Geography in my higher education | | | | | | |
| 49. Geography subject is the source of information that is not provided by other subjects | | | | | | |
| 50. Geography subject makes learners better humans | | | | | | |
| 51. Geography helps me to connect my knowledge of Geography to the global knowledge | | | | | | |
| Parent's influence | SA | A | SWA | SWD | DA | SD |
| 52.16 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 52. My parents encourage me to learn Geography | | | | | | |
| 53. My parents expect me to score good marks in Geography | | | | | | |
| 54. My parents want me to learn Geography in my future studies | | | | | | |
| 55. My parents motivate me to share Geographical skills and knowledge at home. | | | | | | |
| 56. My parents always inquiries about my Geography performance in | | _ | | | | |
| exam | | | | | | |







Appendix B Consent Letter Students Focus Group Discussion

Dear Participants,

I am a student of Samtse College of Education, currently pursuing Masters in Geography studies. For the partial fulfillment of my study, I am carrying out the study on "Students' Perception of Geography Education in Middle and Higher Secondary Schools: A study in Dagana Dzongkhag"

Views and opinion shared on the above topic will enable our geography teachers, school administration and relevant agencies to understand how students perceive about geography education in school under Dagana Dzongkhags. Your honest and truthful support is important for me since the value and trustworthiness of the findings of the study greatly depend on your genuine responses.

Therefore, information provided by you in this interview will be used for research purpose. It will not be used in any manner, which would allow identification of your individual responses. The information will remain Confidential and there is no risk involved.

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this interview.

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Interview protocol for students (Guiding Questions for FGD)

- 1. What are your views about Geography education in school?
- 2. Do you think geography education is important? Please provide reasons to your answer.
- 3. What are your perceptions on learning Geography comparing to other subjects?
- 4. What factors do you think would influence Geography learning in the school?
- 5. Would you choose geography for your higher education? Provide reasons for your answer.
- 6. What challenges do you face in the study of geography?
- 7. What do you think should be done to address those challenges?