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Analysis of Reading Fluency and Comprehension Measures for Fifth Grade Students

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#### Abstract

This technical report describes an analysis of a fifth-grade District Reading assessment kit containing Oral Reading Fluency (ORF), Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension measures. The comparability of forms was analyzed for the ORF and Reading Comprehension measures. For all measures, performance was compared across gender, ethnicity, special education status, ELL status, and school income level. For the ORF measure, no significant difference was found between the two alternate forms. Significant differences were found for all demographic comparisons. For the District Vocabulary test, significant differences were found for all demographic comparisons except for gender. For the District Reading Comprehension assessment, significant differences in difficulty were found across the two alternate forms. For Form A, significant performance differences were found in all demographic comparisons except for ethnicity. For Form B, significant performance differences were found in all demographic comparisons except for school income level. A summary of item difficulties and discriminating powers is also provided for the Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension assessments.


## Introduction

In response to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, school districts are working to develop assessment systems to monitor student progress. In the area of reading, three measures can provide useful information about students’ developing proficiency: a test of oral reading fluency (ORF), a vocabulary test, and a reading comprehension test comprised of selection response and constructed response items. To be most useful at the district level, it is helpful to have a variety of comparable forms available for each of these measures to allow multiple testing during the school year.

This report details an analysis conducted on the fifth-grade version of District Reading Tests (Oral Reading Fluency, Vocabulary, and Reading Comprehension). The analysis had the purpose of: (a) examining the comparability between forms; (b) examining group performance, item difficulty, and item discrimination power; and (c) abbreviating two forms of selection and constructed response items. First, we describe the methods of the analysis and then we present results before closing with a brief conclusion.

## Methods

## Setting and Subjects

This report summarizes the spring 2003 reading achievement data for fifth-grade students ( $N=1443$ ) from 29 schools representing a school district in a mid-sized city in the Pacific Northwest.

## Design and Operational Procedures

Three databases of student reading achievement scores were used in this analysis: (a) District Reading Comprehension, (b) District Vocabulary, and (c) state reading achievement. Prior to merging the three databases, formulas and scoring for Reading Comprehension and

Vocabulary were verified by randomly selecting cases and testing the formulas used to compute total scores. A copy of both forms of the Reading Comprehension Test (with scores) was examined and the scoring formula used in the database was verified. No copy of the constructed response scoring rubric or the Vocabulary Test was available for this analysis. Therefore, the accuracy of the scoring formula for Constructed Responses and Vocabulary was not verified other than checking the accuracy of the calculation of total and percent correct.

Three data files were merged on common student identification numbers (ID). Other relevant data (e.g., student names) were used to match the few records missing IDs. The combined database included students who had multiple records. In cases such as this, multiple records were combined by deleting empty cells or creating average scores for students who had multiple scores on the state reading test.

Dependent variables analyzed in this report include scores from the following measures: Oral Reading Fluency (ORF) ( $n=1376$ ), District Vocabulary Test ( $n=1369$ ), and District Reading Comprehension Test ( $n=1392$ ). Prior to analysis, schools in the district were coded into two regions that roughly corresponded with income level. Independent variables analyzed in this report include income level, gender, ethnicity, and Special Education (SPED) and English Language Learner (ELL) designation. Measurement/Instrument Development

## Oral Reading Fluency (ORF)

The test of Oral Reading Fluency was administered individually to each student by trained assessors. Students read aloud for exactly one minute one of two comparable passages deemed grade-level appropriate on the Flesch-Kincaid reading scale. At the end of one minute,
assessors marked the last word read then counted the total words read as well as any words read incorrectly to arrive at a final ORF score.

## Vocabulary

Students were administered a 25-word, multiple-choice Vocabulary Test. Each item on the test consisted of one correct answer and two distracters. Students bubbled in their answers on the form itself and all tests were machine scored.

## Reading Comprehension

Students were administered one of two Reading Comprehension Tests (Form A or Form B). Form A was based on the fiction passage entitled "The Stag." Form B was based on the nonfiction passage entitled "Bessie Coleman." Each form of the Reading Comprehension Test consisted of a reading passage followed by multiple-choice as well as constructed response questions. Multiple-choice selection response (SR) questions were machine scored while constructed response (CR) questions were all scored by the same scorer using scoring guides provided by the district. Scorers were trained by two district administrators who also checked every fifth paper to ensure that their scores were consistent with district expectations. Responses for which the scorer was unable to decide on an appropriate score were discussed with both trainers before having a final score assigned.

## Data Preparation and Analysis

Comparable forms. Comparability of the two forms of District ORF and Reading Comprehension were examined using Analysis of Variance (ANOVA).

Group performance. Group performance on District Reading Comprehension and District Vocabulary measures was examined using multiple ANOVAs. Type I Error in post hoc comparisons was controlled using Tukey’s Honestly Significant Difference adjustment.

Item analysis. Item analyses were conducted for the District Reading Vocabulary Test and both forms of the District Reading Comprehension Test. First, the top and bottom 27\% of examinees were classified based on total score. Responses for top and bottom $27 \%$ of examinees were tabulated for each item on each test (i.e., percent correct for each item, percent of students selecting distracters). Tabulated item data were used to determine: (a) performance of each distracter, (b) item difficulty (total correct divided by total number of top and bottom 27\% of examinees), and (c) item discriminating power (using item-total score correlations of the entire dataset). Item difficulty is reported as a percentage. The percentage represents how many students, in the upper and lower 27\%, correctly answered the item. The higher the percentage, the easier the item.

Item discrimination is reported as a correlation coefficient, ranging from .00 to 1.0 . The closer to 1 , the greater the item discriminates. Higher item discrimination coefficients indicate that the item is closely aligned with the total score (based on data from all examinees). Poorer functioning items will have lower item discrimination coefficients (approaching zero).

## Results

## Oral Reading Fluency (ORF)

Comparability of forms. Oral Reading Fluency (ORF) did not significantly differ between Form A $(M=130, S D=36)$ and Form B $(M=130, S D=33)$ of the fifth-grade District Reading Comprehension Test, $F(1,1374)=0.149, p=.700$.

Group performance. Analysis of variance revealed significant differences between groups on ORF scores (across both forms). Females outperformed males, Asian students outperformed African American and Hispanic students, regular education students outperformed SPED students, and students from high income regions outperformed students from low income
regions. Non-parametric analysis (Mann-Whitney U) indicated non-ELL students significantly outperformed ELL students ( $Z=2.645, p=.008$ ). Descriptive statistics and results of ANOVAs are depicted in tables 1 and 2 .

Table 1
Descriptive Statistics for Grade 5 District ORF Test

| Group |  | $n$ | M | SD |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gender | Male | 693 | 128 | 33 |
|  | Female | 683 | 132 | 36 |
| Ethnicity | White | 959 | 132 | 33 |
|  | Hispanic | 51 | 119 | 36 |
|  | African American | 30 | 120 | 35 |
|  | Asian | 70 | 142 | 36 |
|  | Native American | 33 | 122 | 40 |
|  | Other | 58 | 134 | 29 |
| SPED | SPED | 168 | 99 | 36 |
|  | Non-SPED | 1208 | 134 | 32 |
| ELL | ELL | 6 | 99 | 10 |
|  | Non-ELL | 1370 | 130 | 34 |
| Income | Low | 807 | 126 | 33 |
|  | High | 569 | 134 | 35 |
| Total |  | 1376 | 130 | 34 |

Table 2
Analysis of Variance Summary Table for Grade 5 District ORF Test

| Source | $d f$ | $F$ | $\eta^{2}$ | $P$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gender | 1 | $5.54^{*}$ | .004 | .019 |
| Ethnicity | 1374 |  |  |  |
| SPED | 5 | $4.01^{* *}$ | .016 | .001 |
| Income | 1124 |  |  |  |
|  | 1374 | $20.09^{* *}$ | .014 | 0.00 |
| $* p<05 * * p<01$ | 1374 |  |  | .000 |

*p<.05, **p<.01.

## District Vocabulary Test

Group performance. Analysis of variance revealed significant differences between groups on the District Vocabulary scores. White and "other" students outperformed Hispanic students, regular education students outperformed SPED students, and students from high income regions outperformed students from low income regions. Non-parametric analysis (Mann-Whitney U) indicated non-ELL students significantly outperformed ELL students $(Z=3.773, p<.000)$. No significant gender differences in Vocabulary scores were found. Descriptive statistics and results of ANOVAs are depicted in tables 3 and 4.

Table 3
Descriptive Statistics for Grade 5 District Vocabulary Test

| Group |  | $N$ | M | SD |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gender | Male | 686 | 22 | 4 |
|  | Female | 683 | 22 | 4 |
| Ethnicity | White | 956 | 23 | 3 |
|  | Hispanic | 52 | 20 | 4 |
|  | African <br> American | 31 | 21 | 4 |
|  | Asian | 69 | 22 | 4 |
|  | Native American | 32 | 21 | 4 |
|  | Other | 57 | 22 | 4 |
| SPED | SPED | 171 | 19 | 5 |
|  | Non-Sped | 1198 | 22 | 3 |
| ELL | ELL | 7 | 15 | 6 |
|  | Non-ELL | 1362 | 22 | 4 |
| Income | Low | 799 | 22 | 4 |
|  | High | 570 | 23 | 4 |
| Total |  | 1369 | 22 | 4 |

Table 4
Analysis of Variance Summary Table for Grade 5 District Vocabulary Test

| Source | $d f$ | $F$ | $\eta^{2}$ | $P$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gender | 1 | 1.39 | .001 | .239 |
| Ethnicity | 137 | $(45197.17)$ |  |  |
| SPED | 5 | $5.73^{* *}$ | .023 | .000 |
| Income | 14728.34 |  | $139^{* *}$ | .092 |
|  | 1367 | $(19217.92)$ |  | .000 |
| $* p<.05, * * p<.01$. | 1367 | $15.27^{* *}$ | .011 | .000 |

Item analysis. The upper $27 \%$ of examinees $(n=370)$ scored between 25 and $26(M=25$, $S D=.50)$ and the lower $27 \%$ of examinees $(n=370)$ scored between 3 and $21(M=17, S D=4)$ on the fifth-grade District Vocabulary Test. Responses to each item by upper and lower 27\% of examinees, item difficulties, and item discriminating power are summarized in Appendix A. District Reading Comprehension Test

Comparability of Forms. Students taking Form A $(M=16, S D=4)$ of the $S R$ portion of the fifth-grade District Reading Comprehension Test scored significantly higher than students taking Form B $(M=14, S D=3), F(1,1390)=68.31, p<.001$. However, students taking Form A ( $M=5.2$, $S D=2.2$ ) of the $C R$ portion of the fifth-grade District Reading Comprehension Test did not score significantly higher than students taking Form $B(M=5.3, S D=2.2), F(1,1383)=1.48, p=.224$.

Group performance (Form A). Analysis of variance revealed significant differences between groups on Form A of the District Reading Comprehension Test. Females outperformed
males, regular education students outperformed SPED students, and students from high income regions outperformed students from low income regions. Numbers were too small to analyze potential differences between ELL ( $n=1$ ) and non-ELL students. No significant differences in total scores across ethnic groups were found. Descriptive statistics and results of ANOVAs are depicted in tables 5 and 6.

Group performance (Form B). Analysis of variance revealed significant differences between groups on Form B of the District Reading Comprehension Test. Females outperformed males; Asian, White, and "other" students outperformed African American students; and regular education students outperformed SPED students. Numbers were too small to analyze potential differences between ELL ( $\underline{N}=4$ ) and non-ELL students. No significant differences in total scores of students from high and low income regions were found. Descriptive statistics and results of ANOVAs are depicted in tables 7 and 8.

Table 5
Descriptive Statistics for Grade 5 District Reading Test: SR (Form A)

| Group |  | $n$ | M | SD |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gender | Male | 319 | 15.4 | 4.2 |
|  | Female | 317 | 16.1 | 3.8 |
| Ethnicity | White | 377 | 16.3 | 3.7 |
|  | Hispanic | 17 | 14.9 | 4.4 |
|  | African American | 13 | 17.2 | 3.1 |
|  | Asian | 30 | 16.6 | 3.8 |
|  | Native <br> American | 19 | 14.8 | 4.4 |
|  | Other | 17 | 15.7 | 4.1 |
| SPED | SPED | 62 | 13.8 | 4.2 |
|  | Non-Sped | 574 | 16.0 | 3.9 |
| Income | Low | 390 | 15.0 | 4.1 |
|  | High | 246 | 16.9 | 3.6 |
| Total |  | 636 | 15.7 | 4.0 |

Table 6 Analysis of Variance Summary Table
Grade 5 District Reading Test: SR (Form A)

| Source | $d f$ | $F$ | $\eta^{2}$ | $P$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gender | 1 | $4.02^{*}$ | .006 | .045 |
| Error | 634 |  |  |  |
| Ethnicity | 5 | 1.20 | .013 | .309 |
| Error | 467 | 1 |  |  |
| SPED | 634 | $34.11^{* *}$ | .025 | .000 |
| Error | 1 |  | .052 | .000 |
| Income | 634 |  |  |  |
| Error | 1 |  |  |  |

Note. Values enclosed in parentheses represent mean square errors.
*p $<.05,{ }^{* *} p<.01$.

Table 7
Descriptive Statistics for Grade 5 District Reading Test: SR (Form B)

|  | Group | $n$ | $M$ | $S D$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Gender | Male | 385 | 14.0 | 3.0 |
|  | Female | 371 | 14.4 | 2.8 |
|  | White | 595 | 14.3 | 2.8 |
|  | Hispanic | 35 | 13.2 | 3.8 |
|  | African | 17 | 11.8 | 3.4 |
|  | American | 38 | 14.3 | 3.1 |
|  | Asian | 15 | 13.9 | 3.7 |
|  | Native | 41 | 14.8 | 2.5 |
|  | Otherican | 111 | 12.4 | 3.5 |
| SPED | SPED | 645 | 14.5 | 2.6 |
|  | Non-Sped | 420 | 14.3 | 2.9 |
| Income | Low | 336 | 14.1 | 2.9 |
|  | High | 756 | 14.2 | 2.9 |

Table 8 Analysis of Variance Summary Table
Grade 5 District Reading Test: SR (Form B)

| Source | $d f$ | $F$ | $\eta^{2}$ | $P$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gender | 1 | $3.94^{*}$ | .005 | .047 |
| Ethnicity | 754 |  |  |  |
| SPED | 5 | $3.82^{* *}$ | .025 | .002 |
|  | 735 |  |  |  |
| Income | 754 | 1 | .070 | .000 |
|  | 754 | 1.15 | .002 | .285 |

Note. Values enclosed in parentheses represent mean square errors.
*p $<.05,{ }^{* *} p<.01$.
Item analysis: SR. Separate item analyses were conducted on Form A, "Bessie Coleman," ( $n=636$ ) and Form B, "The Stag" ( $n=756$ ). The upper $27 \%$ of examinees ( $n=172$ ) scored between 19 and $21(M=20, S D=.74)$ and the lower $27 \%$ of examinees ( $n=172$ ) scored between 1 and 14 ( $M=10, S D=3$ ) on the SR portion of the Reading Comprehension Test of Form A. Responses to each item by the upper and lower $27 \%$ of examinees, item difficulties, and item discriminating power for Form A "Bessie Coleman" are summarized in Appendix B.

The upper $27 \%$ of examinees $(n=204)$ scored between 16 and $18(M=17, S D=.57)$ and the lower $27 \%$ of examinees ( $n=204$ ) scored between 2 and $13(M=10, S D=3)$ on the SR portion of the Reading Comprehension Test of Form B. Responses to each item by the upper and lower 27\% of examinees, item difficulties, and item discriminating power for Form B "The Stag" are summarized in appendix C.

Item analysis: CR. Separate item analyses were conducted on Form A "Bessie Coleman" ( $n=630$ ) and Form B "The Stag" ( $n=746$ ). The upper $27 \%$ of examinees ( $n=170$ ) scored between 7 and $8(M=7.5, S D=.50)$ and the lower $27 \%$ of examinees ( $n=170$ ) scored between 0 and 4 ( $M=2.2, S D=1.3$ ) on the CR portion of the Reading Comprehension Test of Form A. Responses to each item by the upper and lower $27 \%$ of examinees, item difficulties, and item discriminating power for Form A "Bessie Coleman" are summarized in table 9.

The upper $27 \%$ of examinees $(\mathrm{N}=201)$ scored between 7 and $8(\mathrm{M}=7.8, \mathrm{SD}=.40)$ and the lower $27 \%$ of examinees $(N=201)$ scored between 0 and $4(M=2.5, S D=1.2)$ on the CR portion of the Reading Comprehension Test of Form B. Responses to each item by the upper and lower 27\% of examinees, item difficulties, and item discriminating power for Form B "The Stag" are summarized in table 9.

Table 9
Item Analysis: CRs

| Form | Item | Difficulty | Differentiation (Item-Total <br> Correlation) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | 1 | $66 \%$ | .65 |
| A | 2 | $63 \%$ | .71 |
| A | 3 | $60 \%$ | .76 |
| A | 4 | $55 \%$ | .76 |
|  |  |  |  |
| B | 1 | $69 \%$ | .65 |
| B | 2 | $79 \%$ | .75 |
| B | 3 | $56 \%$ | .58 |
| B | 4 |  | .73 |

Item reduction. Items were removed, based on a combination of difficulty score and differentiation power, from Forms A and B for both SRs and CRs. Discrimination power was given the most weight followed by item difficulty (i.e., easier items that did not effectively discriminate). Table 10 summarizes eliminated items and the resulting impact on mean difficulty and mean discrimination.

Table 10
Items for Removal from Grade 5 Reading Test and Impact of Removal

| Item <br> Type <br> and <br> Form | Item \#s <br> Removed | Mean Difficulty | Mean Discrimination <br> (Item-Total Correlation) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SR: A | $1,2,7,8,13,14$ | $72 \%$ | $70 \%$ | Before <br> Removal | After Removal |
| Before |  |  |  |  |  |
| Removal |  |  |  |  |  |$\quad$ After Removal

SR: Selection Response CR: Constructed Response

## Discussion

## Oral Reading Fluency

The ORF scores did not differ between forms A and B of the District Reading
Comprehension Assessment. This finding suggests that ORF is stable across both forms.

However, the present analysis suggests that there are differences in performance across gender, ethnicity, SPED classification, income region, and ELL classification.

## District Vocabulary Test

The present analysis found significant differences in performance on the District Vocabulary Test for Grade 5 across ethnicity, special education classification, income region, and English language learner classification. The average difficulty of the District Vocabulary Test was $82 \%$. The average discrimination power was .45 . Eliminating easy items and items that do not sufficiently discriminate (e.g., item 17_Adulthood) could help improve the functioning of the Vocabulary assessment. Fifth-Grade District Reading Comprehension Test: SR

Student performance on Form A, "Bessie Coleman," and Form B, "The Stag," of the SR portion of the District Reading Assessment differed significantly - suggesting lack of comparability of forms. Significant differences on Form A in performance by group (i.e., gender, SPED classification, income region) were found. On Form B, significant group differences (gender, ethnicity, special education classification) also were found. SR items, on Forms A and B, were reduced to 15 questions. CR items, of Forms A and B, were reduced to two items. The removal of items improved the discrimination power of selection and CRs for both Forms A and B.

The forms remain non-comparable. This may be due to the content of the forms (fiction vs. non-fiction). After having removed the items (bringing both forms to 15 items), students on Form B ( $M=12.2, S D=2.6$ ), on average, significantly outperform students on Form A ( $M=11.6$, $S D=2.8$ ). Making Form B more difficult would help align the performance between forms.

The district's current Reading Assessment kit is a commendable model. It can offer insights into strengths of particular programs, schools, and teachers and provides school
personnel with information that can help them measure their progress toward promoting reading proficiency for all students.

## Appendix A

Item Analysis -- District Vocabulary Test

| Item | Group | \% <br> Selecting <br> Alternative | \% <br> Selecting <br> Alternative | $\%$ Selecting Alternative | Difficulty | Discrimination (Item-Total Correlation) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 |  |  |
| 1_Ambition | Lower | 42.2\% | 23.6\% | 34.2\% | 70\% | . 46 |
|  | Upper | 97.8\% | 1.1\% | 1.1\% |  |  |
| 2_Blunder | Lower | 28.9\% | 54.0\% | 17.2\% | 60\% | . 38 |
|  | Upper | 90.0\% | 8.6\% | 1.4\% |  |  |
| 3_Powerless | Lower | 4.6\% | 7.3\% | 88.0\% | 94\% | . 34 |
|  | Upper |  |  | 100.0\% |  |  |
| 4_Postpone | Lower | 58.1\% | 31.2\% | 10.7\% | 79\% | . 52 |
|  | Upper | 99.5\% | .3\% | .3\% |  |  |
| 5_Boldness | Lower | 32.9\% | 19.6\% | 47.6\% | 72\% | . 44 |
|  | Upper | 1.6\% | 1.1\% | 97.3\% |  |  |
| 6_Distress | Lower | 30.2\% | 17.2\% | 52.6\% | 56\% | . 31 |
|  | Upper | 81.9\% | 1.1\% | 17.0\% |  |  |
| 7_Visual | Lower | 9.5\% | 10.9\% | 79.6\% | 90\% | . 51 |
|  | Upper |  |  | 100.0\% |  |  |
| 8_Captivity | Lower | 14.2\% | 63.1\% | 22.7\% | 81\% | . 46 |
|  | Upper | .3\% | 99.2\% | .5\% |  |  |
| 9_Navigate | Lower | 11.7\% | 78.5\% | 9.8\% | 89\% | . 49 |
|  | Upper | . $3 \%$ | 99.7\% |  |  |  |
| 10_Bleach | Lower | 4.6\% | 10.9\% | 84.5\% | 92\% | . 43 |
|  | Upper |  |  | 100.0\% |  |  |
| 11_Transfer | Lower | 83.7\% | 7.1\% | 9.2\% | 92\% | . 48 |
|  | Upper | 99.7\% | .3\% |  |  |  |
| 12_Vanish | Lower |  |  |  | 95\% | . 47 |
|  | Upper |  | 100.0\% |  |  |  |
| 13_Penalty | Lower | 11.8\% | 23.1\% | 65.1\% | 82\% | . 47 |
|  | Upper |  | .8\% | 99.2\% |  |  |
| 14_Difficult | Lower | 4.6\% | 3.0\% | 92.4\% | 96\% | . 40 |
|  | Upper |  |  | 100.0\% |  |  |
| 15_Effort | Lower | 7.7\% | 83.8\% | 8.5\% | 92\% | . 52 |
|  | Upper |  | 100.0\% |  |  |  |
| 16_Notice | Lower | 4.6\% | 20.2\% | 75.1\% | 87\% | . 33 |
|  | Upper |  | 1.9\% | 98.1\% |  |  |


| 17_Adulthood | Lower <br> Upper | $\begin{gathered} 13.2 \% \\ .8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 84.1\% } \\ & 99.2 \% \end{aligned}$ | 2.7\% | 92\% | . 38 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 18_Modern | Lower | 34.7\% | 15.7\% | 49.6\% | 65\% | . 45 |
|  | Upper | 95.1\% | .3\% | 4.6\% |  |  |
| 19_Rude | Lower | 85.8\% | 7.9\% | 6.3\% | 93\% | . 47 |
|  | Upper | 100.0\% |  |  |  |  |
| 20_Defend | Lower | 10.8\% | 8.6\% | 80.7\% | 90\% | . 48 |
|  | Upper | .3\% | .3\% | 99.5\% |  |  |
| 21_Anxious | Lower | 21.5\% | 16.5\% | 62.0\% | 81\% | . 53 |
|  | Upper | .8\% |  | 99.2\% |  |  |
| 22_Gossip | Lower | 63.5\% | 17.9\% | 18.7\% | 81\% | . 46 |
|  | Upper | 97.3\% | .8\% | 1.9\% |  |  |
| 23_Paralyze | Lower | 36.3\% | 53.0\% | 10.7\% | 75\% | . 45 |
|  | Upper | 3.5\% | 96.5\% |  |  |  |
| 24_Pledge | Lower | 54.6\% | 22.4\% | 23.0\% | 76\% | . 44 |
|  | Upper | 97.6\% | 1.9\% | .5\% |  |  |
| 25_Usatisfactory | Lower | 66.9\% | 13.3\% | 19.9\% | 84\% | . 56 |
|  | Upper | 100.0\% |  |  |  |  |
| 26_Clatter | Lower | 24.3\% | 24.0\% | 51.7\% | 75\% | . 49 |
|  | Upper | 1.1\% | .3\% | 98.6\% |  |  |

## Appendix B

Item Analysis: SR (Form A)

| Item | Group | \% <br> Selecting <br> A | \% <br> Selecting B | \% Selecting C | \% Selecting D | Difficulty | Discrimination (Item-Total Correlation) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Lower | 13.5\% | 5.8\% | 78.4\% | 2.3\% | 89\% | . 37 |
|  | Upper | .6\% | .6\% | 98.8\% |  |  |  |
| 2 | Lower | 5.8\% | 9.9\% | 7.0\% | 77.2\% | 89\% | . 40 |
|  | Upper |  |  |  | 100.0\% |  |  |
| 3 | Lower | 42.1\% | 33.9\% | 11.7\% | 12.3\% | 71\% | . 53 |
|  | Upper | 99.4\% |  |  | .6\% |  |  |
| 4 | Lower | 26.9\% | 32.7\% | 22.8\% | 17.5\% | 60\% | . 52 |
|  | Upper | 2.9\% | .6\% | 96.0\% | .6\% |  |  |
| 5 | Lower | 37.1\% | 31.8\% | 18.2\% | 12.9\% | 65\% | . 45 |
|  | Upper | 92.5\% | 1.2\% | 6.4\% |  |  |  |
| 6 | Lower | 15.7\% | 68.6\% | 3.5\% | 12.2\% | 84\% | . 57 |
|  | Upper |  | 100.0\% |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Lower | 29.4\% | 7.6\% | 14.7\% | 48.2\% | 71\% | . 38 |
|  | Upper | 6.4\% | .6\% |  | 93.1\% |  |  |
| 8 | Lower | 63.7\% | 7.6\% | 23.4\% | 5.3\% | 81\% | . 41 |
|  | Upper | 98.3\% | 1.2\% | .6\% |  |  |  |
| 9 | Lower | 20.7\% | 10.7\% | 6.5\% | 62.1\% | 81\% | . 51 |
|  | Upper |  |  |  | 100.0\% |  |  |
| 10 | Lower | 9.4\% | 51.2\% | 20.6\% | 18.8\% | 75\% | . 48 |
|  | Upper |  | 98.8\% | .6\% | .6\% |  |  |
| 11 | Lower | 52.9\% | 5.3\% | 25.3\% | 16.5\% | 76\% | . 55 |
|  | Upper | 98.8\% |  | .6\% | .6\% |  |  |
| 12 | Lower | 17.8\% | 46.2\% | 10.7\% | 25.4\% | 69\% | . 46 |
|  | Upper | 6.4\% | 91.3\% |  | 2.3\% |  |  |
| 13 | Lower | 13.5\% | 46.5\% | 12.4\% | 27.6\% | 50\% | . 31 |
|  | Upper | 2.3\% | 22.7\% | 2.9\% | 72.1\% |  |  |
| 14 | Lower | 20.0\% | 6.5\% | 66.5\% | 7.1\% | 83\% | . 41 |
|  | Upper |  |  | 98.8\% | 1.2\% |  |  |
| 15 | Lower | 22.5\% | 17.2\% | 55.0\% | 5.3\% | 76\% | . 49 |
|  | Upper | 1.7\% | 1.2\% | 96.5\% | .6\% |  |  |


| 16 | Lower | $\mathbf{2 4 . 9 \%}$ | $16.6 \%$ | $37.3 \%$ | $21.3 \%$ | $53 \%$ | .42 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Upper | $\mathbf{8 0 . 3 \%}$ | $4.0 \%$ | $15.6 \%$ |  |  |  |
| 17 | Lower | $35.5 \%$ | $27.8 \%$ | $24.3 \%$ | $12.4 \%$ | $66 \%$ | .48 |
|  | Upper | $\mathbf{9 5 . 4 \%}$ | $4.6 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | Lower | $10.1 \%$ | $33.1 \%$ | $22.5 \%$ | $34.3 \%$ | $64 \%$ | .47 |
|  | Upper |  | $94.8 \%$ | $.6 \%$ | $4.6 \%$ |  |  |
| 19 | Lower | $9.2 \%$ | $34.8 \%$ | $34.8 \%$ | $21.3 \%$ | $64 \%$ | .45 |
|  | Upper |  | $\mathbf{8 7 . 9 \%}$ | $6.4 \%$ | $5.8 \%$ |  |  |
| 20 | Lower | $13.5 \%$ | $17.0 \%$ | $22.0 \%$ | $\mathbf{4 7 . 5 \%}$ | $72 \%$ | .47 |
|  | Upper |  |  | $7.6 \%$ | $92.4 \%$ |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  | $51.5 \%$ | $28.7 \%$ | $78 \%$ | .56 |

## Appendix C

Item Analysis: SR (Form B)

| Item | Group | \% Selecting A | Selecting B | Selecting C | Selecting D | Difficulty | Discrimination (Item-Total Correlation) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Lower | 9.90\% | 7.40\% | 77.30\% | 5.40\% | 88\% | . 40 |
|  | Upper | 0.50\% | 0.50\% | 98.50\% | 0.50\% |  |  |
| 2 | Lower | 3.90\% | 6.90\% | 4.90\% | 84.30\% | 92\% | . 43 |
|  | Upper |  |  |  | 100.00\% |  |  |
| 3 | Lower | 6.40\% | 69.50\% | 19.70\% | 4.40\% | 83\% | . 41 |
|  | Upper | 2.00\% | 97.10\% | 0.50\% | 0.50\% |  |  |
| 4 | Lower | 80.90\% | 6.90\% | 4.40\% | 7.80\% | 89\% | . 34 |
|  | Upper | 98.00\% |  | 2.00\% |  |  |  |
| 5 | Lower | 23.20\% | 38.90\% | 30.50\% | 7.40\% | 67\% | . 52 |
|  | Upper | 3.90\% | 94.60\% | 1.00\% | 0.50\% |  |  |
| 6 | Lower | 48.80\% | 21.70\% | 9.90\% | 19.70\% | 70\% | . 44 |
|  | Upper | 91.20\% | 3.90\% |  | 4.90\% |  |  |
| 7 | Lower | 17.70\% | 8.40\% | 12.80\% | 61.10\% | 80\% | . 48 |
|  | Upper | 1.50\% |  |  | 98.50\% |  |  |
| 8 | Lower | 36.80\% | 26.90\% | 28.40\% | 8.00\% | 42\% | . 13 |
|  | Upper | 47.10\% | 1.50\% | 51.50\% |  |  |  |
| 9 | Lower | 75.90\% | 3.90\% | 5.40\% | 14.80\% | 87\% | . 46 |
|  | Upper | 98.00\% |  |  | 2.00\% |  |  |
| 10 | Lower | 15.80\% | 41.90\% | 22.70\% | 19.70\% | 67\% | . 42 |
|  | Upper | 5.90\% | 91.70\% | 1.50\% | 1.00\% |  |  |
| 11 | Lower | 19.70\% | 14.80\% | 29.60\% | 36.00\% | 56\% | . 38 |
|  | Upper | 2.90\% | 2.50\% | 81.90\% | 12.70\% |  |  |
| 12 | Lower | 7.40\% | 13.80\% | 22.20\% | 56.70\% | 77\% | . 39 |
|  | Upper |  | 2.00\% | 1.50\% | 96.60\% |  |  |
| 13 | Lower | 16.90\% | 15.40\% | 7.50\% | 60.20\% | 79\% | . 48 |
|  | Upper | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 0.50\% | 96.60\% |  |  |
| 14 | Lower | 16.70\% | 16.70\% | 59.10\% | 7.40\% | 79\% | . 49 |
|  | Upper |  | 0.50\% | 99.50\% |  |  |  |
| 15 | Lower | 41.60\% | 20.30\% | 30.20\% | 7.90\% | 69\% | . 53 |
|  | Upper | 96.60\% | 1.00\% | 2.00\% | 0.50\% |  |  |


| 16 | Lower | $10.90 \%$ | $16.80 \%$ | $24.80 \%$ | $47.50 \%$ | $71 \%$ | .48 |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Upper | $2.00 \%$ | $0.50 \%$ | $2.90 \%$ | $94.60 \%$ |  |  |
| 17 | Lower | $9.40 \%$ | $33.70 \%$ | $52.50 \%$ | $4.50 \%$ | $75 \%$ | .52 |
|  | Upper | $2.50 \%$ | $1.00 \%$ | $96.60 \%$ |  |  |  |
| 18 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Lower | $14.10 \%$ | $38.70 \%$ | $30.20 \%$ | $17.10 \%$ | $64 \%$ | .38 |
|  | Upper | $4.40 \%$ | $89.20 \%$ | $2.50 \%$ | $3.90 \%$ |  |  |

