

Appendix B

Questionnaire for Parents

Hello I am conducting a study on sexism in lower level English language textbooks of standard VIII, IX, and X in vernacular medium schools in Vadodara city I would be interested to know your views regarding gender based discrimination and bias in schools. I will read out questions that I would like you to answer I would be very grateful if you could spend some time answering these questions Everything you tell me will be kept strictly confidential Also, you are not obliged to answer any question you don't want to, and you may withdraw from the interview at any time May I continue?

Name. _____
Name of Children _____
Age _____
Sex _____
Educational Qualification _____
Occupation _____

1 Who should get more education?

Boys _____ Girls _____ Both according to their ability _____

Why?

2. Up to what level should boys and girls be educated?

Boys up to _____

Girls up to _____

Ask Q 3. only to those whose children are in co-education school.

3. Do you like your children to be in a co-education school?

Yes _____ No _____ Don't know _____

If yes, why?

4. How should boys and girls sit in co-education schools?

Together _____ Separate _____

Why?

5 Who should get more facilities at the school to study?

Boys _____ Girls _____ Both according to their need _____

Why?

6. Who should get more facilities at home to study?

Boys _____ Girls _____ Both according to their need _____

Why?

7. Do girls need more attention in school?

Yes _____ No _____ Don't know _____

Why?

8. Who have more problem solving attitudes in the schools?

Boys _____ Girls _____ Both _____

Why do you say so?

9 Who are found more co-operative in the school?

Boys _____ Girls _____ Both _____

Why do you say so?

10 On whom should parents and teachers have more control?

Boys _____ Girls _____ Both _____

Why do you think so?

11 Do you impose any restrictions on your daughters and sons? If yes, specify

Yes _____ No _____

Type of restrictions imposed?

12 Who should be given more responsibility in the school?

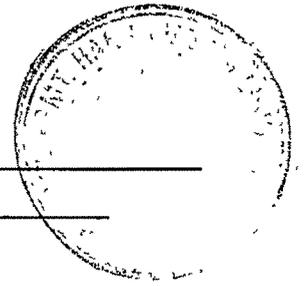
Boys _____ Girls _____ Both, irrespective of sex _____

Why do you think so?

13 Who should be given more responsibility for **team work** in schools?

Boys _____ Girls _____ Both according to their ability _____

Why?



14 Who should be given more opportunities or chances in academic activities?

Boys _____ Girls _____ Both according to their ability _____

Why?

15 Who should be given more non-academic task in schools?

Boys _____ Girls _____ Both _____

Why?

16 Who should be given more tasks in school co-curricular activities?

Boys _____ Girls _____ Both according to their ability _____

Why?

17 Who do you think is more competent in teaching?

A male teacher _____ A female teacher _____ Both _____

Why?

18 Who should be the principal of a school?

A male _____ A female _____ A capable person of either sex _____

Why?

19 Who is more competent in school administration?

A male _____ A female _____ A capable person of either sex _____

Why?

20 Do you think that gender bias prevails in our school education system?

Yes _____ No _____ Don't know

21 Do you find the secondary English textbook is sex biased or neutral?

Sex biased _____ Neutral _____ Don't know

22 Do you think that male teachers are more biased towards students of a particular sex?

Yes _____ No _____ Don't know

If yes, to which sex?

Boys _____ Girls _____

Why do you say so?

23 Do you think that female teachers are more biased towards students of a particular sex?

Yes _____ No _____ Don't know

If yes, to which sex?

Boys _____ Girls _____

Why do you say so?

24 What can be done to overcome sexism in the secondary school teaching-learning process?

Thank you for your time and participation in this study!