

CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF LEARNING AND PERFORMANCE

# SAGE

# Student Attitudes Toward Group Environments

This questionnaire is part of a study being conducted by the Centre for the Study of Learning and Performance, Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The purpose of this study is to assess student attitudes toward small group learning. We want to find out how you think, feel and behave when working with other students to learn.

The results from this research will be used to predict how student attitudes toward small group work influence student learning and motivation. Also, we expect information from this study will help teachers make small group learning a more productive and enjoyable experience.

Please be informed:

- This is **not a test**; there are no right or wrong answers.
- Your answers will be kept confidential.
- Your teacher will not see your individual responses to any of the questions.
- Your answers will not affect your grades in any way.
- You are free to discontinue at any time.

Please answer the items as honestly as possible. Your cooperation in completing this questionnaire is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

# **Instructions:**

- 1. Please use an **HB** pencil.
- 2. Place your answers directly on this questionnaire.
- 3. Fill in only one answer per question (i.e., do not circle two answers).
- 4. Do not leave answers blank (if you are uncertain make your best guess).
- 5. If you change your answer, make sure that you erase your previous answer completely.

# **Directions**:

This questionnaire asks about your attitudes toward small group learning in this classroom. Use your experiences from this class to answer these statements.

Whenever there is a statement about group members, other students, etc., think of the students who have been in your group in this class. If you have been in several groups in this class, base your answers on the group that you were in most recently.

For each of the statements, circle the answer that most closely corresponds to how you think and feel about the statement.

#### **Response Scale:**

a) Strongly Disagree
b) Disagree
c) Undecided
d) Agree
e) Strongly Agree

If you *strongly disagree* with the statement, circle  $\mathbf{a}$ ; if you *disagree* with the statement, circle  $\mathbf{b}$ ; if you *can not decide*, or feel in between, choose  $\mathbf{c}$ ; if you *agree* with the statement, circle  $\mathbf{d}$ ; and if you *strongly agree* with the statement, circle  $\mathbf{e}$ .

#### 1. When I work in a group, I do better quality work.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $c\,)\,\,\text{Undecided}$
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 2. When I work in a group, I end up doing most of the work.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $c\,)\,\,\text{Undecided}$
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 3.When I work with other students, I am able to work at my own pace.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\boldsymbol{c}$  ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 4. When I work in a group, I want to be with my friends.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $c\,)\,\,\text{Undecided}$
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 5. The work takes longer to complete when I work with other students.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $c\,)\,\,\text{Undecided}$
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 6. My group members do not respect my opinions.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\boldsymbol{c}$  ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 7. I enjoy the material more when I work with other students.

- **a**) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 8. My group members help explain things that I do not understand.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $c\,)\,\,\text{Undecided}$
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 9. I become friends with my group members.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\mathbf{c}$ ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 10. When I work in a group, I am able to share my ideas.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\mathbf{c}$ ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 11. My group members make me feel that I am not as smart as they are.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\mathbf{c}$ ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 12. The material is easier to understand, when I work with other students.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\mathbf{c}$ ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 13. My work is better organized, when I am in a group.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\mathbf{c}$ ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 14. My group members like to help me learn the material.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 15. My group members get a good grade even if they do not do much work.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\boldsymbol{c}$  ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 16. The workload is usually less when I work with other students.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 17. I feel I am part of what is going on in the group.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- $\mathbf{b}$ ) Disagree
- $\mathbf{c}$ ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 18. One student usually makes the decisions in the group.

- **a**) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\boldsymbol{c}$  ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 19. Our job is not done until everyone has finished the assignment.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 20. I find it hard to express my thoughts, when I work in a group.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\boldsymbol{c}$  ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- $\boldsymbol{e}$  ) Strongly Agree

# 21. I do not think a group grade is fair.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $c\,)\,\,\text{Undecided}$
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 22. I try to make sure my group members learn the material.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 23. My grade depends on how much we all learn.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree

- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 24. It is difficult to get together outside of class.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $c\,)\,\,\text{Undecided}$
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 25. I learn to work with students who are different from me.

- **a**) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\mathbf{c}$ ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 26. My group members do not care about my feelings.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\mathbf{c}$ ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 27. I do not like the students I am assigned to work with.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 28. I let the other students do most of the work.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\mathbf{c}$ ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 29. I get to know my group members well.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\boldsymbol{c}$  ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### **30.** I feel working in groups is a waste of time.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\mathbf{c}$ ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 31. When I work in a group, I get the grade I deserve.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\mathbf{c}$ ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 32. My group members do not like me.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

### 33. I have to work with students who are not as smart as I am.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $c\,)\,\,\text{Undecided}$
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 34. When I work in a group, there are opportunities to express your opinions.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\mathbf{c}$ ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 35. When I work with other students, the work is divided equally.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 36. We can not complete the assignment unless everyone contributes.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 37. My marks improve when I work with other students.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 38. I help my group members with what I am good at.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $c) \ \text{Undecided} \\$
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### **39.**My group members compete to see who does better work.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\mathbf{c}$ ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 40. The material is more interesting when I work with other students.

a) Strongly Disagree

- **b**)Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 41. When I work in a group, my work habits improve.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 42. I like to help my group members learn the material.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\boldsymbol{c}$  ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- $\boldsymbol{e}$  ) Strongly Agree

# 43. Some group members forget to do the work.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\boldsymbol{c}$  ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 44. I do not care if my group members get good grades.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $c\,)\,\,\text{Undecided}$
- d) Agree
- $\boldsymbol{e}$  ) Strongly Agree

# 45. It is important to me that my group gets the work done on time.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\boldsymbol{c}$  ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 46. I am forced to work with students I do not like.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 47. I learn more information, when I work with other students.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- ${\bf e}$  ) Strongly Agree

# 48. It takes less time to complete the assignment, when I work with others.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- $\boldsymbol{c}$  ) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

## 49. I also learn when I teach the material to my group members.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

### 50. I become frustrated when my group members do not understand the material.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 51. When I work in a group, I get the grade I deserve.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 52. Everyone's ideas are needed if we are going to be successful.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 53. When I work with other students, we spend too much time talking about other things.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

# 54. I prefer to choose the students I work with.

- a) Strongly Disagree
- **b**) Disagree
- c) Undecided
- d) Agree
- e) Strongly Agree

#### 55. Your sex.

- a) Male
- b) Female

#### 56. Grade you are presently in.

- **a)** 7-8
- **b**) 9-10
- **c**) 11-12
- d) College-University
- e) Other

#### 57. Subject you learn in this class.

- a) Languages (English, French, etc.)
- **b**) Mathematics and Science
- c) Social Studies (History, Geography, etc.)
- **d**) Computers and Technology
- e) Other