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ICCS 2009 Released Items

Overview

This document contains released items used in the ICCS 2009 main survey. Seven clusters of items were used in the study in a rotated booklet design with three clusters per test booklet.

Clusters 1 and 7 comprise the released item set. Cluster 1 comprises items that were newly developed for ICCS 2009 and Cluster 7 is drawn from previously secure trend items from the Civic Education Study (CIVED) in 1999. The CIVED 1999 items contributed to the ICCS 2009 civic knowledge scale and were also used as the basis for reporting differences in performance between CIVED 1999 and ICCS 2009 for relevant countries on the civic content knowledge scale. For further details see the *ICCS 2009 International Report* (Schulz, Ainley, Fraillon, Kerr, & Losito, 2010).

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About the Released Items

Summary item information is presented on pages 3 to 6. This information includes:

Item ID:	The unique item identifier used in the test and reported in the ICCS International Database.
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The released items are presented following the summary item information. The items are presented in the same order as they appeared in the clusters. Each item is presented on a separate page with summary information for that item.

In ICCS, items were typically presented as “units” in which a brief contextual stimulus (such as text or an image) was followed by one or more related items. In the released item set there are two units comprising more than one item. Released Items 3 and 4 comprise a single unit and Released Items 7 and 8 comprise a single unit. In each case the relevant stimulus material has been included with the first released item only. In the test instrument the items appeared immediately following the relevant stimulus material.

Released Item 5 is a constructed response item. It has been presented with an abbreviated scoring guide. In ICCS, each constructed response item scoring guide included extensive examples of student responses for each score category. These examples have not been included with the scoring guide for Released Item 5.

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4	10	CI2MLM2	MC	3	1	Civic principles	Equity	N/A	Reasoning and analyzing
5	11,12	CI2PDO1	CR	N/A	2	Civic principles	Social cohesion	N/A	Reasoning and analyzing
6	13	CI2RDM2	MC	4	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Legislatures/parliaments	Reasoning and analyzing
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15	22	CI137M1	MC	4	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Governments	Knowing
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18	25	CI104M1	MC	4	1	Civic society and systems	Citizens	N/A	Knowing
19	26	CI115M1	MC	2	1	Civic society and systems	Citizens	N/A	Reasoning and analyzing
20	27	CI119M1	MC	3	1	Civic society and systems	Citizens	N/A	Knowing
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23	30	CI127M1	MC	3	1	Civic society and systems	Civil institutions	Companies/corporations	Knowing
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25	32	CI129M1	MC	3	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Governments	Reasoning and analyzing

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27	34	CI106M1	MC	3	1	Civic principles	Equity	N/A	Knowing

Released Item 1

Item ID	CI2COM1	Max Score	1	Key	3
Content domain	Civic principles				
Content sub domain	Equity	Content aspect	N/A		
Cognitive domain	Reasoning and analyzing				

Below is a sticker that people can buy on the internet.



The sticker is made up of symbols that represent different ways of thinking about the world. The symbols have been put together to look like the English word 'coexist' which means 'live together'.

CI2COM1

Q What is the **most likely** purpose of this sticker?

- to show that different ways of thinking are all the same
- to show that people should think carefully about what they believe
- to show that people can accept others even if they have different beliefs
- to show that people with different ways of thinking about the world can never happily live together

Released Item 2

Item ID	CI2MOM1	Max Score	1	Key	4
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	Civil institutions	Content aspect	The media		
Cognitive domain	Reasoning and analyzing				

In many countries, media such as newspapers, radio stations and television stations are privately owned by media companies. In some countries, there are laws which limit the number of media companies that any one person or business group can own.

CI2MOM1

Q Why do countries have these laws?

- to increase the profits of media companies
- to enable the government to control information presented by the media
- to make sure there are enough journalists to report about the government
- to make it likely that a range of views is presented by the media

Released Item 3

Item ID	CI2MLM1	Max Score	1	Key	3
Content domain	Civic principles				
Content sub domain	Equity	Content aspect	N/A		
Cognitive domain	Reasoning and analyzing				

In <Zedland>, there is a minority group of people whose main language is different from the official language of the country. The group has its own schools where the children are taught and learn only in their own traditional language.

The government of <Zedland> decides that **all** schools should teach **all** children only in the official language of the country. The government makes this decision because it believes it will help the children of the minority group.

CI2MLM1

Q Which of the following arguments **best** supports the government's decision?

- It will stop the children from speaking their own traditional language at home.
- It will make school more interesting to the children.
- It will give the children a greater chance to participate fully in the wider community.
- It will help the children learn their traditional language at home more easily.

Released Item 4 (paired in a unit with released item 3)

Item ID	CI2MLM2	Max Score	1	Key	3
Content domain	Civic principles				
Content sub domain	Equity	Content aspect	N/A		
Cognitive domain	Reasoning and analyzing				

CI2MLM2

Q What is the **best** argument against the government's decision?

- The subjects schools teach should not be influenced by governments.
- Governments should accept the need for more than one official language.
- Governments have a responsibility to protect the cultures of minority groups.
- The children of the minority group may complain about learning the official language.

Released Item 5

Item ID	CI2PDO1	Max Score	2	Key	N/A
Content domain	Civic principles				
Content sub domain	Social cohesion	Content aspect	N/A		
Cognitive domain	Reasoning and analyzing				

Public debate is when people openly exchange their opinions. Public debate happens in letters to newspapers, TV shows, radio talkback, internet forums and public meetings. Public debate can be about local, state, national or international issues.



CI2PDO1

Q How can public debate benefit society?

Give **two different** ways.

1. _____

2. _____

Released Item 5: Scoring

Code 2: Refers to benefits from **two different categories** of the five categories listed below.

Benefit Categories

1. better knowledge or understanding of the substance of an issue or situation
2. provides solutions to problems OR a forum from which solutions can come
3. increase in social harmony, acceptance of difference, or reduction of frustration
4. increases people's confidence or motivation to participate in their society
5. represents/enacts the principle of freedom of expression for people

[**Note 1:** two different benefits from the same category are to be scored only as one benefit].

Code 1: Refers only to benefits from **one** of the five listed categories (including responses in which **different benefits from the same category** are provided).

Code 0: Repeats the question (either explicitly or as a statement that people express their opinions **WITHOUT** the extension to the representation of the principle of freedom of expression), indicates that public debate will result in all people agreeing (incorrect) or provides an irrelevant OR incoherent response.

Released Item 6

Item ID	CI2RDM2	Max Score	1	Key	4
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Legislatures/parliaments		
Cognitive domain	Reasoning and analyzing				

In most countries, one group of people makes laws in parliament. Another group of people applies the laws in the courts.

CI2RDM2

Q What is the **best** reason for having this system?

- It allows many people to make changes to laws.
- It makes the legal system easy to understand for ordinary citizens.
- It means that laws can be kept secret until they are applied in the courts.
- It means that no one group has all the power over laws.

Released Item 7

Item ID	CI2SHM1	Max Score	1	Key	2
Content domain	Civic participation				
Content sub domain	Influencing	Content aspect	Selective purchasing of products according to ethical beliefs about the way they were produced		
Cognitive domain	Reasoning and analyzing				

<Male Name> buys new school shoes. <Male Name> then learns that his new shoes were made by a company that employs young children to make the shoes in a factory and pays them very little money for their work. <Male Name> says he will not wear his new shoes again.

CI2SHM1

Q Why would <Male Name> refuse to wear his new shoes?

- He thinks that shoes made by children will not last very long.
- He does not want to show support for the company that made them.
- He does not want to support the children that made them.
- He is angry that he paid more for the shoes than they are actually worth.

Released Item 8 (paired in a unit with released item 7)

Item ID	CI2SHM2	Max Score	1	Key	4
Content domain	Civic participation				
Content sub domain	Influencing	Content aspect	Developing proposals for action or advocacy		
Cognitive domain	Reasoning and analyzing				

<Male Name> wants other people to refuse to buy the shoes.

CI2SHM2

Q How can he **best** try to do this?

- buy all of the shoes himself so no one else can buy them
- return the shoes to the shop and ask for his money back
- block the entrance to the shop so people cannot enter it
- inform other people about how the shoes are made

Released Item 9

Item ID	CI2TGM1	Max Score	1	Key	2
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	Citizens	Content aspect	Rights/responsibilities		
Cognitive domain	Reasoning and analyzing				

Governments keep records of their activities, decisions, and the information they use to make their decisions.

Some countries have laws that allow people to look at many of these government records.

CI2TGM1

Q Why is it important in a democracy for people to be able to look at government records?

- It proves to people that the government's decisions are right.
- It allows people to make informed judgments about the government's decisions.
- It means that the government will only make decisions that everyone agrees with.
- It stops people from criticizing decisions made by the government.

Released Item 10

Item ID	CI2TGM2	Max Score	1	Key	2
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Governments		
Cognitive domain	Reasoning and analyzing				

Most countries have laws that allow their government to keep some records secret.

CI2TGM2

Q Which of the following records would a government **most likely** want to keep secret?

- statistics showing the amount of money spent on hospitals
- plans about how to defend the country from attack
- the number of people allowed to immigrate into the country
- the names of ambassadors from other countries

Released Item 11

Item ID	CI101M1	Max Score	1	Key	2
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	Citizens	Content aspect	N/A		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

CI101M1

Q Which of these statements best describes the role of the citizen in democratic countries? The citizen ...

- can vote on the national budget.
- can vote for representatives who then vote for laws.
- must always vote for the same political party.
- must obey leaders without question.

Released Item 12

Item ID	CI109M1	Max Score	1	Key	4
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Governments		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

CI109M1

Q Which of the following is most likely to be a serious threat to democracy?

- peaceful protests being held about unpopular laws
- many different opinions being expressed in newspapers
- candidates saying that other candidates are lying
- national leaders ignoring human rights

Released Item 13

Item ID	CI108M1	Max Score	1	Key	3
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	Civil institutions	Content aspect	Trade unions		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

CI108M1

Q What is the main purpose of <labor/trade unions>? Their main purpose is to ...

- improve the quality of products produced.
- increase the amount that factories produce.
- improve conditions and pay for workers.
- establish a fairer tax system.

Released Item 14

Item ID	CI128M1	Max Score	1	Key	4
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Legislatures/parliaments		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

CI128M1

Q A country's constitution contains ...

- statements about current relations with neighboring countries.
- statements made by the <Prime Minister> to the national legislature.
- statements made by the political parties to their supporters.
- statements of principle establishing the system of government and laws.

Released Item 15

Item ID	CI137M1	Max Score	1	Key	4
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Governments		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

The next question differs from those earlier in the test. The question contains three statements of opinion and one statement of fact. Read the question, and then choose the fact.

CI137M1

Q Three of these statements are opinions and one is a fact. Which of the following is a fact?

- It is harmful for the family when women work.
- Men are better political leaders than women.
- Women should become more involved in politics.
- Most leaders of the world's countries are men.

Released Item 16

Item ID	CI110M1	Max Score	1	Key	4
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	Civil institutions	Content aspect	Pressure groups		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

CI110M1

Q Which of the following would be against the law for a citizens' political organization in democratic countries?

- to ask for public debates about a political issue
- to peacefully demonstrate against a law they oppose
- to send political statements to citizens by mail
- to damage the offices of another organization

Released Item 17

Item ID	CI113M1	Max Score	1	Key	2
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Legislatures/parliaments		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

CI113M1

Q In democratic countries a main task of the national <legislature/Parliament> is to ...

- enforce laws by catching criminals.
- discuss and vote on laws.
- supervise the courts.
- protect the system of laws from change.

Released Item 18

Item ID	CI104M1	Max Score	1	Key	4
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	Citizens	Content aspect	N/A		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

A reporter was arrested because she spoke on television giving evidence of government corruption.

CI104M1

Q Which of the reporter's rights was violated?

- the right to freedom of choice of occupation
- the right to a fair trial
- the right to freedom of movement
- the right to freedom of the press

Released Item 19

Item ID	CI115M1	Max Score	1	Key	2
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	Citizens	Content aspect	N/A		
Cognitive domain	Reasoning and analyzing				

CI115M1

Q Which of the following is the clearest violation of civil liberties in a democratic political system?

- An armed policeman in uniform enters a religious shrine.
- A policeman breaks up a private meeting where people are criticizing political leaders.
- A policeman arrests members of a group who were plotting to blow up a government building.
- A person carrying an unregistered gun is fined.

Released Item 20

Item ID	CI119M1	Max Score	1	Key	3
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	Citizens	Content aspect	N/A		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

CI119M1

Q Which of the following is necessary in democratic countries?

- There are laws protecting the environment.
- Many companies are owned by the government.
- Citizens can influence public debate and decisions.
- Political leaders are rarely criticized.

Released Item 21

Item ID	CI120M1	Max Score	1	Key	3
Content domain	Civic principles				
Content sub domain	Freedom	Content aspect	N/A		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

CI120M1

Q Which of the following is included in the U. N. Convention on the Rights of the Child? The right for children to ...

- choose their school.
- join a political party.
- be protected from violence.
- earn the same salary as an adult.

Released Item 22

Item ID	CI121M1	Max Score	1	Key	1
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	Civil institutions	Content aspect	Companies/corporations		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

CI121M1

Q Most multinational businesses are owned and managed by ...

- companies from developed countries.
- companies from developing countries.
- the United Nations.
- the World Bank.

Released Item 23

Item ID	CI127M1	Max Score	1	Key	3
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	Civil institutions	Content aspect	Companies/corporations		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

CI127M1

Q What is the <essential characteristic/central feature> of a <free market> economy?

- compulsory <trade union> membership
- extensive regulation of the economy by the national government
- active competition between businesses
- wealth for all people

Released Item 24

Item ID	CI132M1	Max Score	1	Key	3
Content domain	Civic identities				
Content sub domain	Civic connectedness	Content aspect	N/A		
Cognitive domain	Reasoning and analyzing				

The next question differs from those earlier in the test. The question contains three statements of fact and one statement of opinion. Read the question, and then choose the opinion.

CI132M1

- Q** Three of these statements are facts and one is an opinion. Which of the following is an opinion?
- Every country has its own flag and national anthem.
 - The United Nations has its own flag even though it is not a country.
 - Everyone should feel respect for his or her country's flag and anthem.
 - Flags are often found on ships belonging to a nation.

Released Item 25

Item ID	CI129M1	Max Score	1	Key	3
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Governments		
Cognitive domain	Reasoning and analyzing				

CI129M1

Q A dictator agrees to restore democracy in his country. Which of the following actions would be the most convincing evidence to support the claim that he is promoting democracy?

- He makes statements supporting other leaders in his party.
- He holds a Parade for Democracy in the largest city.
- He agrees to a date for national elections including several parties' candidates.
- He speaks to a newspaper reporter about the need for democracy.

Released Item 26

Item ID	CI130M1	Max Score	1	Key	4
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Legislatures/parliaments		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

CI130M1

Q Which of the following actions by a member of a national <parliament/legislature> is the clearest example of corruption?

- making a speech criticizing recent government spending
- complaining about a negative article in the newspaper
- asking the <Minister> of Agriculture to pay farmers whose crops were damaged in a flood
- accepting money from voters in exchange for supporting a law they favor

Released Item 27

Item ID	CI106M1	Max Score	1	Key	3
Content domain	Civic principles				
Content sub domain	Equity	Content aspect	N/A		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

CI106M1

Q Which of the following is the main purpose of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?

- to promote the political rights of well-educated people
- to decrease political conflicts between countries
- to guarantee the same basic rights to everyone
- to make it possible for new countries to be established

Released Items of the European Module Test

About the Released Items

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E1A	39	ES2T01A	T/F	N/A	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing
E1B	39	ES2T01B	T/F	1	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing
E1C	39	ES2T01C	T/F	1	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing
E2	40	ES2T02	MC	2	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing
E3	41	ES2T03	MC	3	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing
E4	42	ES2T04	MC	2	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing
E5	43	ES2T05	MC	4	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing
E6	44	ES2T06	MC	2	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing

Released item No.	Page	Item ID	Format	Key	Max Score	Content Domain	Content sub domain	Content aspect	Cognitive domain
E7	45	ES2T07	MC	3	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing
E8	46	ES2T08	MC	3	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing
E9A	47	ES2T09A	MC	2	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing
E9B	47	ES2T09B	MC	1	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing
E9C	47	ES2T09C	MC	1	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing
E9D	48	ES2T09D	MC	1	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing
E9E	48	ES2T09E	MC	1	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing
E10	49	ES2T10	MC	1	1	Civic society and systems	Citizens	Citizens' and groups' assigned and desired rights within their civic society	Knowing

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E11A	50	ES2T11A	MC	2	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing
E11B	50	ES2T11B	MC	2	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing
E11C	50	ES2T11C	MC	1	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing
E12	51	ES2T12	MC	2	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies	Knowing

Released Item E1

Item ID	ES2T01A	Max Score	1	Key	Country specific
Item ID	ES2T01B	Max Score	1	Key	1
Item ID	ES2T01C	Max Score	1	Key	1
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

Show whether each statement is true or false by writing a <cross> (X) next to 'True' or 'False' in each row of the table.

Write **only one** <cross> in each row of the table.

ES2T01

Q Are these statements true or false?

a)	<Country of test> is a member of the European Union.	<input type="checkbox"/>	True	False	<input type="checkbox"/>
b)	The European Union is an economic and political partnership between countries.	<input type="checkbox"/>	True	False	<input type="checkbox"/>
c)	People get new political rights when their country joins the European Union.	<input type="checkbox"/>	True	False	<input type="checkbox"/>

Released Item E2

Item ID	ES2T02	Max Score	1	Key	2
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

ES2T02

Q What is the flag of the European Union?



Released Item E3

Item ID	ES2T03	Max Score	1	Key	3
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

ES2T03

Q How many countries are member states of the European Union?

- 1 to 10
- 11 to 20
- 21 to 30
- 31 to 40

Released Item E4

Item ID	ES2T04	Max Score	1	Key	2
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

ES2T04

Q What is one requirement for a country to be allowed to join the European Union?

- The EU considers it to be a republic.
- The EU considers it to be democratic.
- It must be a member of the United Nations <(UN)>.
- It must have a written constitution.

Released Item E5

Item ID	ES2T05	Max Score	1	Key	4
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

ES2T05

Q Which of the following cities is a meeting place for the European Parliament?

- Rome
- Berlin
- Paris
- Brussels

Released Item E6

Item ID	ES2T06	Max Score	1	Key	2
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

ES2T06

Q Who votes to elect Members of the European Parliament <(MEPs)>?

- National governments of European Union countries
- Citizens in each European Union country
- Heads of State of European Union countries <(presidents, kings, queens etc.)>
- The European Commission <(EC)>

Released Item E7

Item ID	ES2T07	Max Score	1	Key	3
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

ES2T07

Q The European Union collects money from member countries to spend on projects. What determines how much each member country contributes to the European Union?

- The five richest European Union countries contribute all the money.
- All European Union countries contribute the same amount of money.
- All European Union countries contribute, but the amount depends on how rich they are.
- Each country chooses how much to contribute based on how well they think the European Union has been using the money.

Released Item E8

Item ID	ES2T08	Max Score	1	Key	3
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

ES2T08

Q Here are some statements about the possible enlargement of the European Union (i.e. the possibility of more countries joining the European Union). Which of the following statements is true?

- The European Union has decided not to accept any more countries as new members.
- The European Union may accept more member countries in the future but there are currently no countries being considered as candidates for membership.
- The European Union may accept more member countries in the future and is currently considering granting membership to some specific countries.
- The European Union has decided to only accept new member countries if any existing member countries decide to leave the European Union.

Released Item Eg

Item ID	ES2T09A	Max Score	1	Key	2
Item ID	ES2T09B	Max Score	1	Key	1
Item ID	ES2T09C	Max Score	1	Key	1
Item ID	ES2T09D	Max Score	1	Key	1
Item ID	ES2T09E	Max Score	1	Key	1
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

Show whether each statement is true or false by writing a <cross> (X) next to 'True' or 'False' in each row of the table.

Write **only one** <cross> in each row of the table.

ES2T09

Q Are these statements true or false?

a)	The European Union decides what is taught in your school about the European Union.	<input type="checkbox"/>	True	False	<input type="checkbox"/>
b)	The European Union aims to promote peace, prosperity and freedom within its borders.	<input type="checkbox"/>	True	False	<input type="checkbox"/>
c)	All European Union countries have signed the European Convention on Human Rights.	<input type="checkbox"/>	True	False	<input type="checkbox"/>

Show whether each statement is true or false by writing a <cross> (X) next to 'True' or 'False' in each row of the table.

Write **only one** <cross> in each row of the table.

ES2T09

Q Are these statements true or false?

d)	The European Union has made laws to reduce pollution.	<input type="checkbox"/>	True	False	<input type="checkbox"/>
e)	The European Union pays money to farmers in European Union countries to use environmentally friendly farming methods.	<input type="checkbox"/>	True	False	<input type="checkbox"/>

Released Item E10

Item ID	ES2T10	Max Score	1	Key	1
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	Citizens	Content aspect	Citizens' and groups' assigned and desired rights within their civic society		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

ES2T10

Q What can all citizens of the European Union do by law?

- Study in any European Union country without needing a special permit.
- Travel to any European Union country without needing to carry any identity documents with them.
- Work in any European Union country without needing a special permit.
- Vote in the national elections of any European Union country.

Released Item E11

Item ID	ES2T11A	Max Score	1	Key	2
Item ID	ES2T11B	Max Score	1	Key	2
Item ID	ES2T11C	Max Score	1	Key	1
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

Show whether each statement is true or false by writing a <cross> (X) next to 'True' or 'False' in each row of the table.

Write **only one** <cross> in each row of the table.

ES2T11

Q Are these statements true or false?

a)	The Euro is the official currency of all countries in Europe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	True	False	<input type="checkbox"/>
b)	The Euro is the official currency in all European Union countries.	<input type="checkbox"/>	True	False	<input type="checkbox"/>
c)	Euro banknotes have the same design in every country where it is the official currency.	<input type="checkbox"/>	True	False	<input type="checkbox"/>

Released Item E12

Item ID	ES2T12	Max Score	1	Key	2
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Supranational/intergovernmental governance bodies		
Cognitive domain	Reasoning and analyzing				

ES2T12

Q Which of the following is an advantage for countries that have the Euro as their official currency?

- The prices of goods are the same in every country that uses the Euro.
- Buying and selling goods between countries which use the Euro is made easier.
- Wages paid to employees are the same in all countries that use the Euro.
- It is harder for criminals to produce fake coins and banknotes.

Released Items of the Latin American Module Test

About the Released Items

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L2	55	LS2T13	MC	2	1	Civic society and systems	Citizens	Citizens' and groups' assigned and desired rights within their civic society	Knowing
L3	56	LS2T01	MC	4	1	Civic principles	Equity	N/A	Reasoning and analyzing
L4	57	LS2T14	MC	1	1	Civic society and systems	Citizens	Citizens' and groups' assigned and desired rights within their civic society	Knowing
L5	58	LS2T04	MC	4	1	Civic society and systems	State institutions	Legislatures/Parliaments	Reasoning and analyzing

Released Item L1

Item ID	LS2T06	Max Score	1	Key	3
Content domain	Civic principles				
Content sub domain	Freedom	Content aspect	N/A		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

LS2T06

Q Which of the following was one of the consequences of last century's Latin American dictatorships?

- Poverty was significantly reduced in countries ruled by dictatorships.
- Many new immigrants settled in countries ruled by dictatorships.
- Many common criminals were freed in countries ruled by dictatorships.
- Many dissidents had to flee from countries ruled by dictatorships.

Released Item L2

Item ID	LS2T13	Max Score	1	Key	2
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	Citizens	Content aspect	Citizens' and groups' assigned and desired rights within their civic society		
Cognitive domain	Knowing				

LS2T13

Q What characterises an authoritarian government?

- Fewer police officers and military personnel are needed because the country is at peace.
- Citizens' opinions have no influence on government decisions.
- Citizens must take the law into their own hands.
- Citizens vote directly on laws.

Released Item L3

Item ID	LS2T01	Max Score	1	Key	4
Content domain	Civic principles				
Content sub domain	Equity	Content aspect	N/A		
Cognitive domain	Reasoning and analyzing				

LS2T01

Q Which of the following is one way organised crime groups affect the lives of all citizens?

- Improving the financial situation of citizens.
- Helping citizens to feel safer.
- Strengthening reliability on the government.
- Weakening the power of the State.

Released Item L4

Item ID	LS2T14	Max Score	1	Key	1
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	Citizens	Content aspect	Citizens' and groups' assigned and desired responsibilities within their civic society		
Cognitive domain	Reasoning and analyzing				

Residents of a town thought a person was guilty of stealing. They caught him and beat him up before the police arrived.

LS2T14

- Q** Why is the behaviour of the residents inappropriate?
- Because the State is the only entity responsible for administering justice.
 - Because theft is not a grave enough offence to justify beating someone.
 - Because the punishment was not severe enough.
 - Because only the police are authorised to beat this person for what he did.

Released Item L5

Item ID	LS2T04	Max Score	1	Key	4
Content domain	Civic society and systems				
Content sub domain	State institutions	Content aspect	Legislatures/Parliaments		
Cognitive domain	Reasoning and analyzing				

LS2T04

- Q** Why do some countries enact laws banning the sale of alcohol and tobacco to minors?
- To keep young people from contaminating the environment with cigarette butts and empty alcohol containers.
 - Because they believe young people should save this money to buy food, clothing, and educational material.
 - To keep young people from buying tobacco and alcohol for their parents.
 - Because they believe young people are not mature enough to make decisions concerning the use of tobacco and alcohol.

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