1. Gender
   - Male
   - Female

2. Subject(s) Studied

3. Age
   - Under 21
   - 21-30
   - 31+

4. When did you start to learn English?
   - Before age 4
   - Between 4 and 10
   - After age 10

5. What language did you have most of your secondary education in?

6. Do you SPEAK any other language(s) as well as, or almost as well as, (or better than) English? (list ALL languages you speak so well)
   - No
   - Yes, (list ALL languages you speak so well): ______________________________

7a. If you answered ‘No’ in question 6:
Could you READ a newspaper in any language other than English?
   - No
   - Yes, I could read a newspaper in this/these language(s): ____________________

7b. If you answered ‘Yes, in question 6:
Compared to other university-educated readers of this language, what do you think of your READING skills in the language(s) you indicated?

Language: ______________________________
   - Above average
   - Average
   - Below average
   - Can’t read/read poorly

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   - Above average
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8. Compared to other university students at your level and in your country, what do you think of your English READING skills?
   - Above average
   - Average
   - Below average

9. When did your mother finish formal education?
   - Age 14 or under
   - Age 15-16
   - Completed secondary education (17-19)
   - Some post-school education/training
   - Completed university degree
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10. When did your father finish formal education?
   - Age 14 or under
   - Age 15-16
   - Completed secondary education (17-19)
   - Some post-school education/training
   - Completed university degree

Leisure reading

11. In an average week in term time, what sort of paper material do you read, apart from university textbooks, etc.? (Tick everything that applies)
   - One or more novels
   - Non-fiction books
   - Newspapers, magazines
   - Other________________________(specify)

12. In an average week in term time, how much time do you spend on leisure reading from the paper sources you mentioned?
   - Less than 3.5 hours (30 min a day)
   - 3.5-7 hours
   - 8-14 hours
   - 15-21 hours
   - More than 21 hours

13. In an average week in term time, what sort of Internet material do you read, apart from university textbooks, etc.? (Tick everything that applies)
   - Internet fiction
   - Internet non-fiction
   - Internet news
   - Other________________________(specify)

14. In an average week in term time, how much time do you spend on leisure reading from the Internet sources you mentioned?
   - Less than 3.5 hours (30 min a day)
   - 3.5-7 hours
   - 8-14 hours
   - 15-21 hours
   - More than 21 hours

15. In vacation time, do you do more or less leisure reading than in term time?
   - Twice as much or more
   - Between the same amount and twice as much
   - About the same
   - Between the same amount and half as much
   - Half as much or less

16. Is your vacation reading the same sort of thing as your term-time reading?
   - Yes
   - No___________________________________________________(specify)

Study reading

17. In an average week in term time, how much time do you spend on study reading?
   - Less than 3.5 hours (30 min a day)
   - 3.5-7 hours
   - 8-14 hours
   - 15-21 hours
   - More than 21 hours
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18. How much of the assigned reading for your university course do you usually manage to read?
- All
- Only parts of the compulsory reading
- Everything that is compulsory
- Very little

19. If you manage to read less than ‘all’, why don’t you read ‘all’? (tick all possible reasons)
- I would like to read more but I haven’t time.
- I can’t absorb/understand any more than I am doing.
- I would like to read more but the reading is too boring.
- What I am reading is enough.
- Other__________________________________________________(specify)