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?
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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?
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4. How should boys and girls sit in co-education schools?
Together _____ Separate _____
Why?
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5. Who should get more facilities at the school to study?
Boys _____ Girls_____ Both according to their need _____
Why?
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6. Who should get more facilities at home to study?
Boys _____ Girls_____ Both according to their need _____
Why?
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7. Do girls need more attention in school?
Yes _____ No _____ Don't know _____
Why?
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8. Who have more problem solving attitudes in the schools?
Boys _____ Girls_____ Both _____
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Why do you say so?

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9. Who are found more co-operative in the school?
Boys _______ Girls _______ Both _______
Why do you say so?

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10. On whom should parents and teachers have more control?
Boys _______ Girls _______ Both _______
Why do you think so?

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11. Do you impose any restrictions on your daughters and sons? If yes, specify
Yes _______ No _______
Type of restrictions imposed?

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12. Who should be given more responsibility in the school?
Boys _______ Girls _______ Both, irrespective of sex _______
Why do you think so?

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13. Who should be given more responsibility for team work in schools?
Boys _______ Girls _______ Both according to their ability _______
14 Who should be given more opportunities or chances in academic activities?
Boys_______ Girls_______ Both according to their ability_______

Why?

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15 Who should be given more non-academic tasks in schools?
Boys_______ Girls_______ Both_______

Why?

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16 Who should be given more tasks in school co-curricular activities?
Boys_______ Girls_______ Both according to their ability_______

Why?

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17 Who do you think is more competent in teaching?
A male teacher_______ A female teacher_______ Both_______

Why?

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18 Who should be the principal of a school?
A male_______  A female_______  A capable person of either sex_______

Why?
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19 Who is more competent in school administration?
A male_______  A female_______  A capable person of either sex_______

Why?
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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
__________________________________________________________________________
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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?
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24 What can be done to overcome sexism in the secondary school teaching-learning process?
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Thank you for your time and participation in this study!