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促進教師的評核素養：從PISA的研究到
科學科課堂實踐

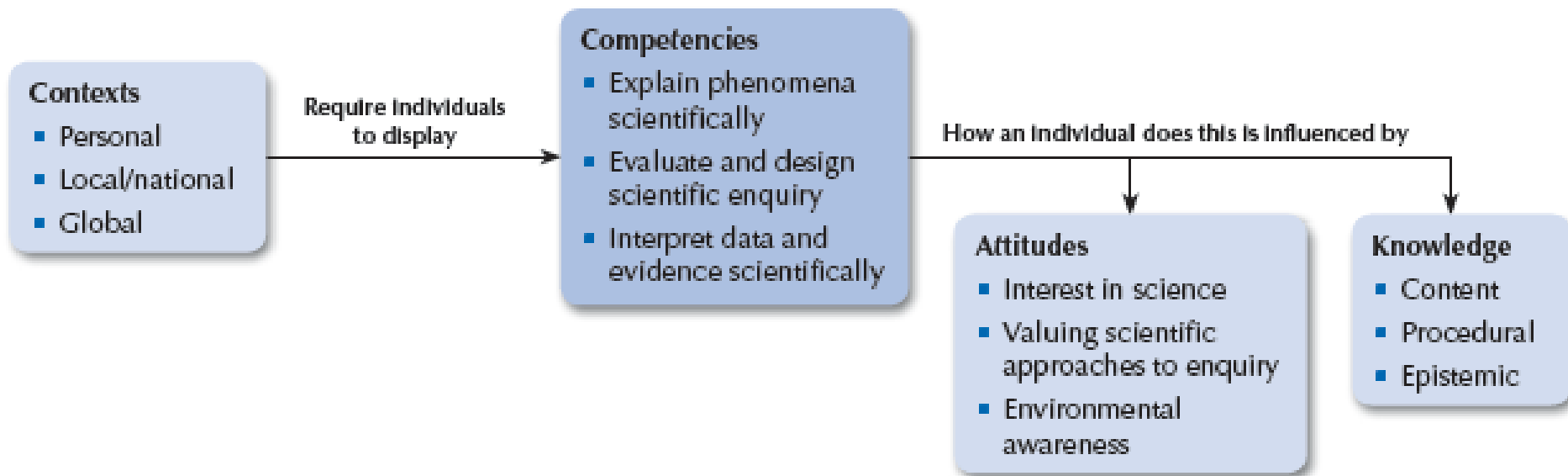
**Enhancement of Teachers' Assessment
Literacy: From the PISA Study to Science
Classroom Practice**

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In PISA 2015, scientific literacy is defined as:

“Scientific Literacy (科學素養) is the ability to engage with science-related issues, and with the ideas of science, as a reflective citizen.”

Framework of Scientific Literacy in PISA 2015



Source: Adapted from *PISA 2015 Draft Science framework* (OECD, 2013, p.12), Figure 1

Scientific Competencies Assessed in PISA 2015

Explaining Phenomena Scientifically

Offer explanations for a range of natural and technological phenomena

Evaluate and design scientific enquiry

Describe and appraise scientific enquiries and propose ways of addressing questions scientifically

Interpret data and evidence scientifically

Analyse and evaluate scientific information, claims and arguments in a variety of representations and draw appropriate conclusions

Knowledge Assessed in PISA 2015

Content knowledge

major **explanatory ideas and theories** from the fields of physics, chemistry, biology, earth and space sciences, and how they **apply in contexts** where the elements of knowledge are interdependent or interdisciplinary

Knowledge Assessed in PISA 2015

Procedural knowledge

knowledge about the **concepts and procedures that are essential for scientific enquiry**, and that underpin the collection, analysis and interpretation of scientific data.

Knowledge Assessed in PISA 2015

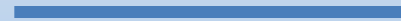
Epistemic knowledge (~ Nature of science)

an understanding of the **nature and origin of knowledge in science**

understand the distinction between **observations, facts, hypotheses, models and theories**, but also to understand **why certain procedures**, such as experiments, are central to establishing knowledge in science

Competency related to knowledge

Explaining Phenomena
Scientifically



Content
knowledge

Evaluate and design scientific
enquiry



Procedural
knowledge

Interpret data and evidence
scientifically



Epistemic
knowledge

CONTEXTS

	Personal	local/national	Global
Health	Maintenance of health, accidents, nutrition	Control of disease, social transmission, food choices, community health	Epidemics, spread of infectious diseases
Natural resources	Personal consumption of materials and energy	Maintenance of human populations, quality of life, security, production and distribution of food, energy supply	Renewable and non-renewable, natural systems, population growth, sustainable use of species
Environment	Environmentally friendly actions, use and disposal of materials and devices	Population distribution, disposal of waste, environmental impact	Biodiversity, ecological sustainability, control of pollution, production and loss of soil/biomass
Hazard	Risk assessments of lifestyle choices	Rapid changes (e.g. earthquakes, severe weather), slow and progressive changes (e.g. coastal erosion, sedimentation), risk assessment	Climate change, impact of modern communication
Frontiers of science and technology	Scientific aspects of hobbies, personal technology, music and sporting activities	New materials, devices and processes, genetic modification, health technology, transport	Extinction of species, exploration of space, origin and structure of the Universe

Mean performance in scientific literacy in PISA 2015

Country/Region	Mean	S.E.	Significance
Singapore	556	(1.2)	▲
Japan	538	(3.0)	▲
Estonia	534	(2.1)	▲
Chinese Taipei	532	(2.7)	▲
Finland	531	(2.4)	▲
Macao-China	529	(1.1)	○
Canada	528	(2.1)	○
Viet Nam	525	(3.9)	○
Hong Kong-China	523	(2.5)	--
China	518	(4.6)	○
Korea	516	(3.1)	○
New Zealand	513	(2.4)	▼
Slovenia	513	(1.3)	▼
Australia	510	(1.5)	▼
United Kingdom	509	(2.6)	▼

Science Performance in different areas of competency

	Overall science scale	Mean performance on each science competency subscale		
		Explain phenomena scientifically	Evaluate and design scientific enquiry	Interpret data and evidence scientifically
Singapore	556	553	560	556
Japan	538	539	536	541
Estonia	534	533	535	537
Chinese Taipei	532	536	525	533
Finland	531	534	529	529
Macao	529	528	525	532
Canada	528	530	530	525
Hong Kong	523	524	524	521
China	518	520	517	516
Korea	516	510	515	523

* Blue is significantly higher than red

	Mean performance in science (overall science scale)	Mean performance in each science knowledge subscale	
		Content knowledge	Procedural and epistemic knowledge
Singapore	556	553	558
Japan	538	539	538
Estonia	534	534	535
Chinese Taipei	532	538	528
Finland	531	534	528
Macao	529	527	531
Canada	528	528	528
Hong Kong	523	526	521
China	518	520	516
Korea	516	513	519

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Using PISA framework to improve our own assessment

Using PISA framework to improve our own assessment

- Understand and review critically the subject you are teaching from an international perspective
- You can use the classification table to classify and analyse the test items beyond the PISA items
- Assessment: not only on content knowledge but also on process skills
- Understand student ability
- Understand item difficulty
- Assessment of, for, as Learning

Classification of item

Question type	<input type="checkbox"/> True & False <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Choice <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Constructed Response (i.e. short answer) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Response (i.e. give explanation on something)						
Competencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Explain phenomena scientifically <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate and design scientific enquiry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interpret data and evidence scientifically						
Domain of knowledge	<p>Content Knowledge:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Physical systems <input type="checkbox"/> Earth and space systems <input type="checkbox"/> Living systems <p>Procedural and Epistemic Knowledge:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Procedural Knowledge <input type="checkbox"/> Epistemic Knowledge						
Application area	<input type="checkbox"/> Health <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment <input type="checkbox"/> Frontiers						
Item Focus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> local/national <input type="checkbox"/> Personal						
Cognitive demand	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low						
Item difficulty level	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Level 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Level 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Level 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Level 1						
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周鴻騰(台灣PISA 種子教師):

其實我不斷回到 PISA 的理論基礎及素養架構說明、PISA 評分標準、分類方式及材料選取的技巧、以及不斷觀摩之前的試題。也不斷在實作過程中，將問題提出進行小組討論與決策。透過本次研習出題經驗，也讓自己發揮創意、活用教材、了解 PISA 測驗的出題技巧，是一個很不賴的學習。

(取自 “PISA 科學素養評量手冊”)

http://pisa.nutn.edu.tw/sample_tw.htm

Computer-based Items

- **Interactive items**

Example: RUNNING IN HOT WEATHER

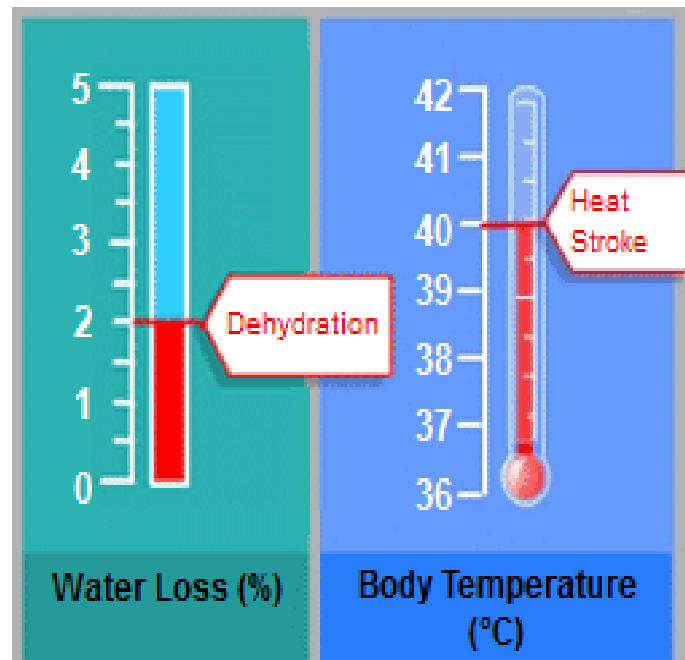


RUNNING IN HOT WEATHER

During long-distance running, body temperature rises and sweating occurs.

If runners do not drink enough to replace the water they lose through sweating, they can experience dehydration. Water loss of 2% of body mass and above is considered to be a state of dehydration. This percentage is labeled on the water loss meter shown below.

If the body temperature rises to 40°C and above, runners can experience a life-threatening condition called heat stroke. This temperature is labeled on the body temperature thermometer shown below.





Running in Hot Weather

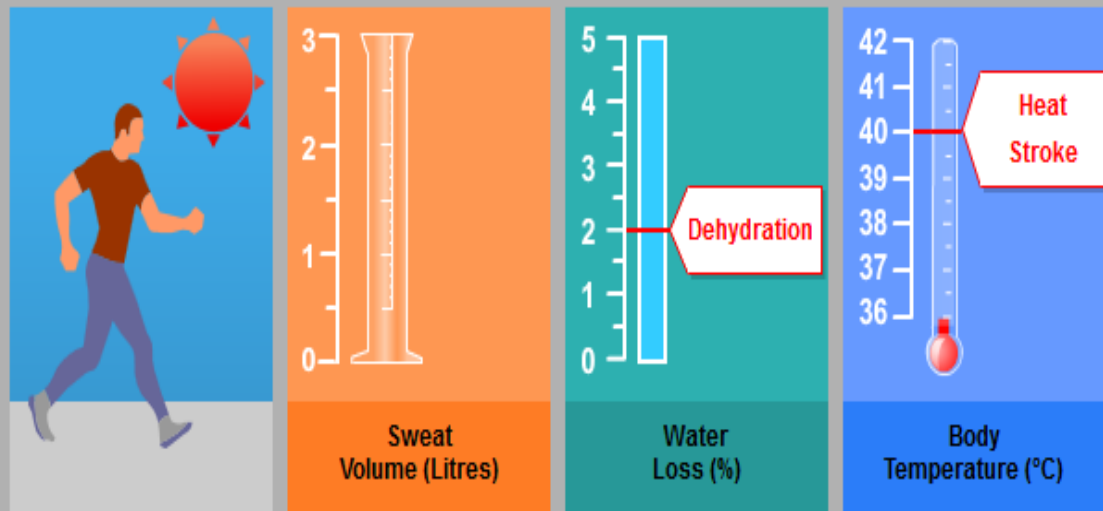
Introduction

This simulation is based on a model that calculates the volume of sweat, water loss, and body temperature of a runner after a one-hour run.

To see how all the controls in this simulation work, follow these steps:

1. Move the slider for **Air Temperature**.
2. Move the slider for **Air Humidity**.
3. Click on either "Yes" or "No" for **Drinking Water**.
4. Click on the "Run" button to see the results. Notice that a water loss of 2% and above causes dehydration, and that a body temperature of 40°C and above causes heat stroke. The results will also display in the table.

Note: The results shown in the simulation are based on a simplified mathematical model of how the body functions for a particular individual after running for one hour in different conditions.



Air Temperature (°C)

20 25 30 35 40



Air Humidity (%)

20 40 60



Drinking Water

Yes No

Run

Air Temperature (°C)	Air Humidity (%)	Drinking Water	Sweat Volume (Litres)	Water Loss (%)	Body Temperature (°C)



Running in Hot Weather

Question 3 / 6

▶ How to Run the Simulation

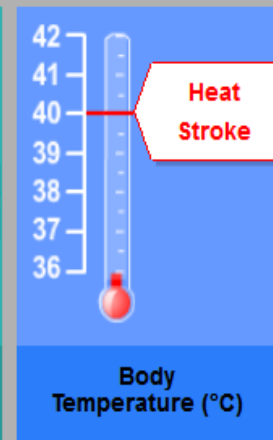
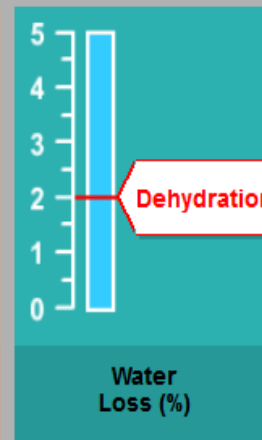
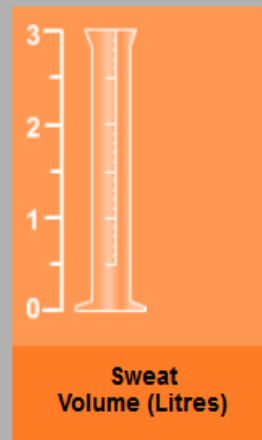
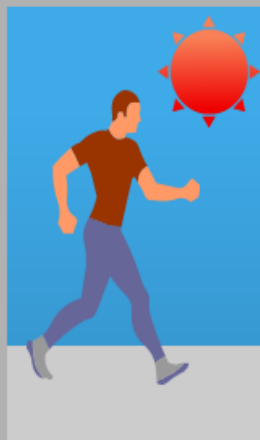
Run the simulation to collect data based on the information below. Click on a choice, select data in the table, and then type an explanation to answer the question.

When the air humidity is 60%, what is the effect of an increase in air temperature on sweat volume after a one-hour run?

- Sweat volume increases
- Sweat volume decreases

★ Select two rows of data in the table to support your answer.

What is the biological reason for this effect?



Air Temperature (°C)

20 25 30 35 40

Air Humidity (%)

20 40 60

Drinking Water

Yes No

Run

Air Temperature (°C)	Air Humidity (%)	Drinking Water	Sweat Volume (Litres)	Water Loss (%)	Body Temperature (°C)

Item Number:	S623Q03 and S623Q04	
Question type:	Q03: Simple Multiple Choice and Open Response	Q04: Open Response
Competency:	Q03: Evaluate and Design Scientific Enquiry Q04: Explain Phenomena Scientifically	
Knowledge category:	Q03: Procedural knowledge Q04: Content knowledge	



Items : **S623Q03 & S623Q04**

- Go to OECD website to do the simulation

<http://www.oecd.org/pisa/test/>

S623Q03

Full Credit

The student selects: **Sweat volume increases**

AND

The **two selected rows** must have **air humidity** of 60% and two different air **temperatures** selected (one lower and one higher). In addition, **drinking water** must have the same setting (either “Yes” or “No”) in both of the selected rows.

S623Q04

Full Credit

The student’s response indicates or implies the function of sweat in cooling the body and/or regulating body temperature.

- Sweat evaporates to cool the body when temperatures are high.

	% correct (in PISA 2015 FT)	
	Hong Kong	International (53 countries)
S623Q03	47.1%	44.4%
S623Q04	12.2%	17.7%

- For S623Q03, HK students, on average, outperformed international students from 53 countries
- For S623Q04, it requires students to draw on their knowledge of biology (content knowledge) to explain that sweating cools the body at higher temperatures
- The cognitive demand: medium, but the mean score of 53 countries is only 18%.
- The performance of Hong Kong students : very poor (% correct: 12 %). 15-year-old HK students did not learn this topic in school.

Running in Hot Weather

Question 5 / 6

▶ How to Run the Simulation

Run the simulation to collect data based on the information below. Click on a choice, select data in the table, and then type an explanation to answer the question.

The simulation allows you to choose 20%, 40% or 60% for air humidity.

Do you expect that it would be safe or unsafe to run while drinking water with the air humidity at 50% and air temperature of 40°C?

- Safe
 Unsafe

★ Select two rows of data to support your answer.

Explain how this data supports your answer.



Air Temperature (°C)

20 25 30 35 40



Air Humidity (%)

20 40 60



Drinking Water

Yes No

Run

Air Temperature (°C)	Air Humidity (%)	Drinking Water	Sweat Volume (Litres)	Water Loss (%)	Body Temperature (°C)

- Students need to **use the simulation to develop a hypothesis about the safety of running** at 40°C at 50% humidity (a humidity value that cannot be set on the slider)

Item Number	S623Q06
Competency	Evaluate and Design Scientific Enquiry
Knowledge	Procedural
Cognitive Demand	High

Item : S623Q06

- Go to OECD website to do the simulation

<http://www.oecd.org/pisa/test/>

Full Credit

The student selects **Unsafe**

AND

The two rows selected have **40% humidity at 40°C with Drinking Water=Yes** and **60% humidity at 40°C with Drinking Water=Yes**

AND

The student gives an **explanation** that indicates that with the runner suffering from heat stroke at both 40% and 60% humidity, there is a risk of heat stroke at 50% humidity in the same conditions.

Partial Credit

The student selects **Unsafe** AND **Correct rows are selected**
AND The student's **explanation is missing, unclear or incorrect.**

OR

The student selects **Unsafe** AND **Correct rows are not selected**
AND The student gives a **correct explanation** referring to results from the simulation.

	% correct (in PISA 2015 FT)	
	Hong Kong	International (53 countries)
S623Q06	57.3%	37.6%

- This item uses a simulation to assess scientific enquiry processes not assessed in the paper-based booklets.
- % correct: the mean score of 53 countries (38%) vs Hong Kong (57%).
- Reasons for Hong Kong's good performance ?

使用電腦模擬來進行科學探究

PISA 2015 科學科的電腦化評估題目初探

初中的科學探究

在 2002 年，香港課程發展議會重新修訂了中三的科學教育學習領域課程，訂立了課程。相比以往的課程，現行的課程在科學

樣本題目一：在熱天跑步(Running in Hot Weather)

題目背景資料簡介：

在熱天跑步，體溫上升並會出汗。如果跑手因流汗流失的水分等於或大於體重的 2% 時，就被認為處於脫水狀態。如果體溫上升到 40°C 或以上，跑手將會中暑。學生可操控「氣溫」、「空氣濕度」、「喝水」這三個變項來進行模擬，以得知跑手在某特定條件下會否脫水及中暑。模擬結果¹¹（如水分流失量及體溫等）會分別顯示在水分流失計及體溫計中，結果數據亦會記錄在表格內。

以下問題(見圖一)為「當空氣濕度為 60% 時，氣溫上升對跑步一小時後的排汗量有甚麼影響？」

圖一：

The screenshot shows a simulation interface with several panels. On the left, there's a 'Ranking in Hot Weather' section with 'Question 316' and a 'How to Run the Simulation' instruction. The main area features a runner icon, a 'Sweet Volume (L/2hrs)' gauge, a 'Water Loss (%)' gauge, and a 'Body Temperature (°C)' gauge. Below these are sliders for 'Air Temperature (°C)', 'Air Humidity (%)', and 'Drinking Water'. A 'Run' button is present. At the bottom, there's a table for data collection and a text box for the question: 'When the air humidity is 60%, what is the effect of an increase in air temperature on sweat volume after a one-hour run?'. Below the table, there's a question: 'What is the biological reason for this effect?'.

(資料來源：取自 OECD (2015) "PISA 2015 Released Field Trial Cognitive Items")

科學探究 (Inquiry) 的 需設定空 不同溫度 以得知排 知，排汗

體溫 (°C)
38.9
39.1

樣本題目二：節能房屋 (Energy-Efficient House)

以下是有關節能房屋的問題(見圖三)，學生需利用模擬探究在不同室外溫度下，不同的屋頂顏色如何影響能源消耗。

評估的科學能力：「科學地分析數據及證據 (Interpret Data and Evidence Scientifically)」的能力。

如何尋找答案？初時學生會以為紅色比白色吸收較多熱能，因而認為紅色屋頂房屋在 20°C 有較低能源消耗。學生進行模擬，以比較白色屋頂房屋及紅色屋頂房屋分別在 10°C 和 20°C 時的能源消耗量。

圖三：

The screenshot shows a simulation interface for an energy-efficient house. It includes a 'PISA 2015' header, a 'Energy-Efficient House' title, and 'Question 314'. There's a 'How to Run the Simulation' section. The main area features a house icon, a 'Roof Colour' selector, and 'Indoor Temperature (°C)' and 'Outdoor Temperature (°C)' gauges. Below these are sliders for 'Outdoor Temperature (°C)', 'Roof Colour', and 'Energy Consumption (kWh/24 hours)'. A 'Run' button is present. At the bottom, there's a table for data collection.

(資料來源：取自 OECD (2015) "PISA 2015 Released Field Trial Cognitive Items")

It can be downloaded from the HKCISA website:

http://www.fed.cuhk.edu.hk/~hkcisa/nl/newsletter_vol25.pdf

Coding (Marking) Student Answers

Item Labels and Coding (Marking)

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- Items that have to be coded by coders:

FOSSIL FUELS *S613Q02 – 01 11 12 21 99*

BEE COLONY COLLAPSE *S600Q04 – 0 1 9*

- Items that are scored automatically by computer (multiple-choice and complex multiple-choice items):

VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS *S644Q01*

Layout of the Coding Guide

Credit labels

Unit Name

▪ BEE COLONY COLLAPSE DISORDER SCORING 1

▪ **Full Credit**

Code descriptor

Code 1 Gives an explanation that includes or implies that a flower cannot produce seeds without pollination.

- If the bees are gone, the flowers will not be pollinated.
- Bees are pollinators.
- Pollination is required for seed production.

▪ **No Credit**

Examples

Code 0: Other responses.

- Birds eat sunflower seeds. If there are no seeds of sunflowers anymore because of disappearance of bees, there will be no birds anymore [*The role of bees is not explained.*]

Code 9: ~~Missing~~

Numerical codes

Coding (Marking)

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- General principles for coding
 - ▣ Spelling and grammar
 - ▣ Exercising judgement
 - ▣ Common problems



Spelling and Grammar

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- The PISA science assessment is *not* a test of written expression
- *Every effort* should be made to understand what the student means
- *Spelling and grammar* mistakes should be ignored unless they make it impossible to determine what the student means (**key words?**)

Principles for Exercising Judgement

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- The labels “Full Credit”, “Partial Credit” and “No Credit” divide responses into three groups according to the degree to which the responses answer the question.
 - ▣ They indicate the *level of response expected of a 15-year-old*
- “Full Credit” responses may *not* necessarily be fully correct or perfect responses.
 - ▣ Don’t apply a “deficit model” (deduct if fall short of a perfect answer)
- Benefit of the doubt (to the student)
 - ▣ Should not assume students do not know

Common Problems in Coding

- Answers comprises a correct/partially correct part (A) and yet another part (B)
 - If B contradicts A: no credit
 - If B is irrelevant to the Q – count A only

- Wrong Response Formats
 - Examples: Instead of checking “Yes” or “No”, the student writes “Yes” or “No”
 - Forget the format

MC - Bird Migration

Item context

Bird migration is a seasonal large-scale movement of birds to and from their breeding grounds. Every year volunteers count migrating birds at specific locations. Scientists capture some of the birds and tag their legs with a combination of coloured rings and flags. The scientists use sightings of tagged birds together with volunteers' counts to determine the migratory routes of birds.



Q1 大部分候鳥先在一個地區聚集，然後大群地遷徙，而不是個別地遷徙。這種行為是進化的結果。下列哪一項是對大多數候鳥進化出這種行為的最佳的科學解釋？

- A. 個別或小群地遷徙的鳥類，較不可能生存和繁衍。
- B. 個別或小群地遷徙的鳥類，較有可能找到充足食物
- C. 大群地飛行可容許其他種類的鳥兒加入遷徙行列。
- D. 大群地飛行可以讓每一隻鳥更有機會找到築巢地方

Think about the answer and do the Kahoot test 1

Competency	Explain Phenomena Scientifically
Knowledge System	Content - Living
Context	Global - Environmental Quality
Difficulty	501 - Level 3

	A	B	C	D
% of HK	52	15	16	17

	Hong Kong	Macao	B-S-J-G (China)	Taipei	Singapore	Japan	Korea	Canada	Estonia	Finland	OECD average
% correct	52.09	56.81	62.66	52.14	68.97	67.03	59.49	60.96	74.24	63.24	57.84

Any explanations on HK students' performance on that item?

- learning about bird migration and tagging
- Learning about evolution – survival of fitness

Q2

指出一個可能造成義工們點算候鳥的數目不準確的因素，並解釋這因素是如何影響義工點算的結果。

1. Write your answer in the worksheet.
2. Mark the students' answers in the worksheet (0/1).
3. Do Kahoot test 2.

因為單**靠肉眼**是很難準確觀察. 結果會與實際情況有差異

數量太多，一大群的鳥類很難有一個確實的數據很有可能會點多或點少。

彩色環和彩旗可能會掉落,使結果並不準確

鳥類遷徙途中因意外**死亡** 義工的結算數目減少

天氣因素，下雨會造成能見度下降，可能造成義工們點算候鳥的數目不準確。

鳥的特徵大同小異,可能**重複點算**候鳥

候鳥的繁殖，當他們繁殖時，由於不知道**繁殖**明確數字，因此數目就不知道增加了多少，從而影響了點算的結果

它們的腿的**標記**可能鬆脫，候鳥**飛行位置可能有變**。**標記**鬆脫令義工們無法點算候鳥的數目，候鳥**飛行位置有變**令義工們無法點算候鳥的數目

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Coding guide

Full Credit

The student identifies **at least one specific factor** that can affect the accuracy of counts by observers.

- The observers may miss counting some birds because **they fly high**.
- If the same birds are **counted more than once**, that can make the numbers too high.
- For birds in **a large group**, volunteers can only estimate how many birds there are.
- The observers might be **wrong about what kind of bird** they are, so the numbers of that kind of bird will be wrong.
- The birds migrate **at night**. (marginal?)
- Volunteers will **not be everywhere the birds migrate**. (marginal?)
- The observers can **make a mistake in counting**. (marginal?)
- **Clouds or rain** hide some of the birds.

No Credit: Other responses, including those that confuse the roles of the scientists and the volunteers.

- Volunteers **make errors** [Too general]
- Volunteers are not as accurate as scientists [Too general]
- Because they **capture some of the birds**, not all.

Competency	Evaluate and design scientific enquiry
Knowledge System	Procedural - Living
Context	Global - Environmental Quality
Difficulty	630 - Level 4

	Hong Kong	Macao	B-S-J-G (China)	Chinese Taipei	Singapore	Japan	Korea	Canada	Estonia	Finland	OECD average
% correct	34.98	27.98	30.40	19.21	48.58	41.78	28.97	45.57	29.81	42.19	33.08

Any explanations on HK students' performance on that item?

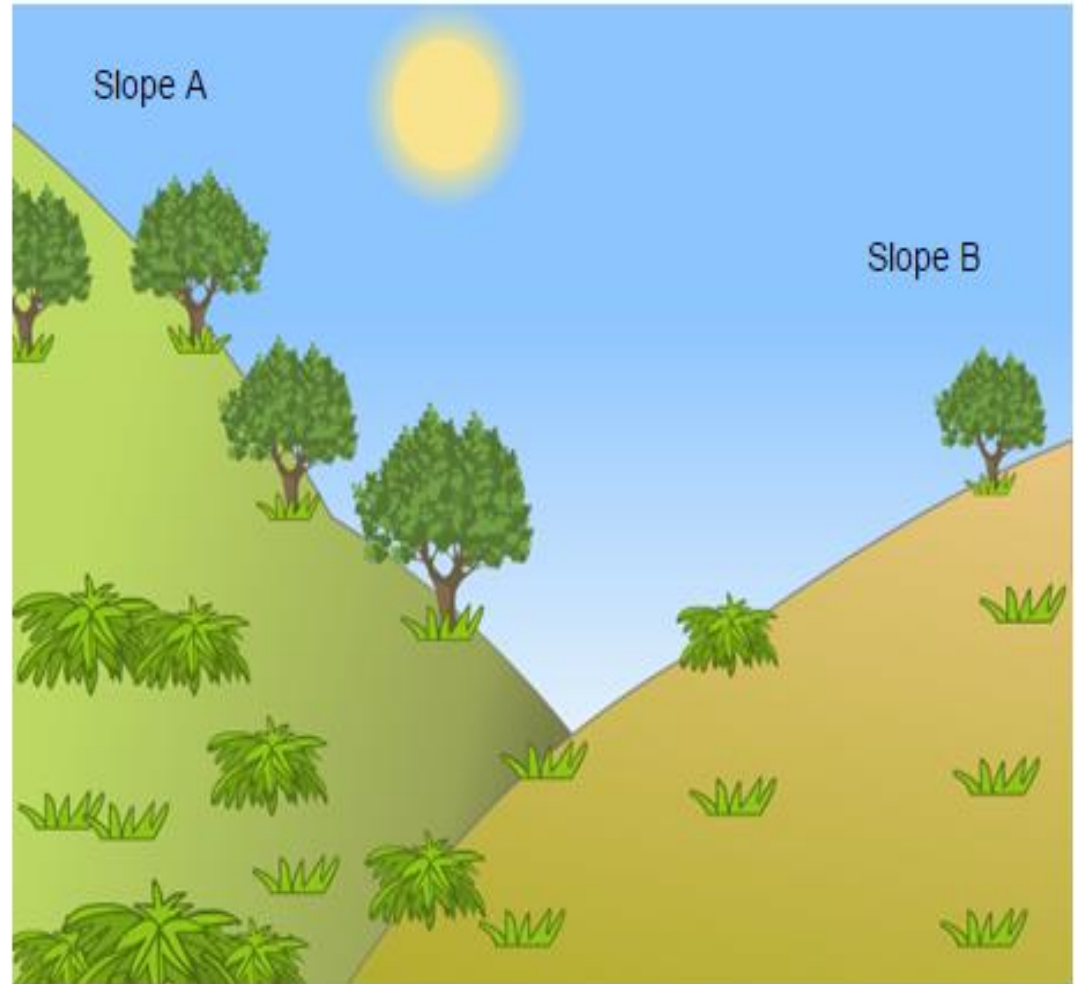
- Accuracy (errors) of measurement
- one's counting of birds at specific time and point → number of birds flying across a place (generalization)
- Counting of many organisms in the wild

SLOPE-FACE INVESTIGATION

A group of students notices a dramatic difference in the vegetation on the two slopes of a valley: the vegetation is much greener and more abundant on slope A than on slope B. This difference is shown in the illustration on the right.

The students investigate why the vegetation on the slopes is so different from one slope to the other. As part of this investigation, the students measure three environmental factors over a given period of time:

- **Solar radiation:** how much sunlight falls on a given location
- **Soil moisture:** how wet the soil is in a given location
- **Rainfall:** how much rain falls on a given location



SLOPE-FACE INVESTIGATION

Data Collection

The students place two of each of the following three instruments on each slope, as shown below.



Solar radiation sensor: measures the amount of sunlight, in megajoules per square metre (MJ/m^2)



Soil moisture sensor: measures the amount of water as a percentage of a volume of soil



Rain gauge: measures the amount of rainfall, in millimetres (mm)



在調查兩邊斜坡
植被生長情況的
不同，學生為甚
麼在每邊的斜坡
上均放置兩套儀
器？

1. Write your answer in the worksheet.
2. Mark the students' answers in the worksheet (0/1).
3. Do Kahoot test 3.

	學生答案	評分
1	減少數據出現誤差	
2	To increase the reliability of the test	
3	因為須要用兩個測試結果作比較.	
4	因為這樣可以量度兩個斜率不同的斜坡在不同高度下各項數據, 可加以比對。	
5	來集齊數據。	
6	control experiment	
7	因為要進行公平測試	
8	因為只是斜坡的其中一個部份，並不能夠完全代表整個斜坡，為了得到更確實的數據，所以需要放置兩套儀器。	
9	令結果更容觀 更準確因在同一個斜坡上的環境因素會有變化	

Coding guide

Full Credit

The student gives an explanation that identifies a scientific advantage of using more than one measurement instrument on each slope, e.g. correcting for **variation of conditions** within a slope, increasing the **precision of measurement** for each slope.

- So they could determine whether a **difference between slopes is significant**.
- Because there is likely to be **variation within a slope**.
- To **increase the precision of the measurement** for each slope.
- The data will be **more accurate**. (marginal)
- In case **one of the two malfunctions**
- To **compare** different amounts of sun on a slope [A comparison implies that there may be variation.]

No Credit : Other responses

- Two are better than one.
- The slopes might be larger.
- To check if there is a difference from one side to the other.
- The data will be more equal.
- To be sure that **a fair test** is carried out.

Competency	Evaluate and Design Scientific Enquiry
Knowledge System	Epistemic - Earth & Space
Context	Local/ National - Natural Resources
Difficulty	517 - Level 3

Comment

This Level 3 question allows students to demonstrate their understanding of **the underlying rationale for the procedure of taking two independent measures** of the phenomena being investigated. Knowledge of this rationale is the aspect of this question that assesses epistemic knowledge.

	Hong Kong	Macao	B-S-J-G (China)	Chinese Taipei	Singapore	Japan	Korea	Canada	Estonia	Finland	OECD average
% correct	49.00	59.01	50.52	80.95	76.12	53.50	62.15	64.24	70.49	52.68	52.31

Any explanations on HK students' performance on that item?

- Accuracy (errors) of measurement
- Soil moisture measured by one sensor at one point of the slope → Soil moisture of the slope (generalization)
- Replication (≠ repeated measurement) to control confounding variables between two slopes
- Two sensors to reduce measuring error
- Repeated measurement to reduce random error

Slope-Face Investigation

Question 2 / 2

Refer to "Data Analysis" on the right. Click on a choice and then type an explanation to answer the question.

Two students disagree about why there is a difference in soil moisture between the two slopes.

- Student 1 thinks that the difference in soil moisture is due to a difference in solar radiation on the two slopes.
- Student 2 thinks that the difference in soil moisture is due to a difference in rainfall on the two slopes.

According to the data, which student is correct?

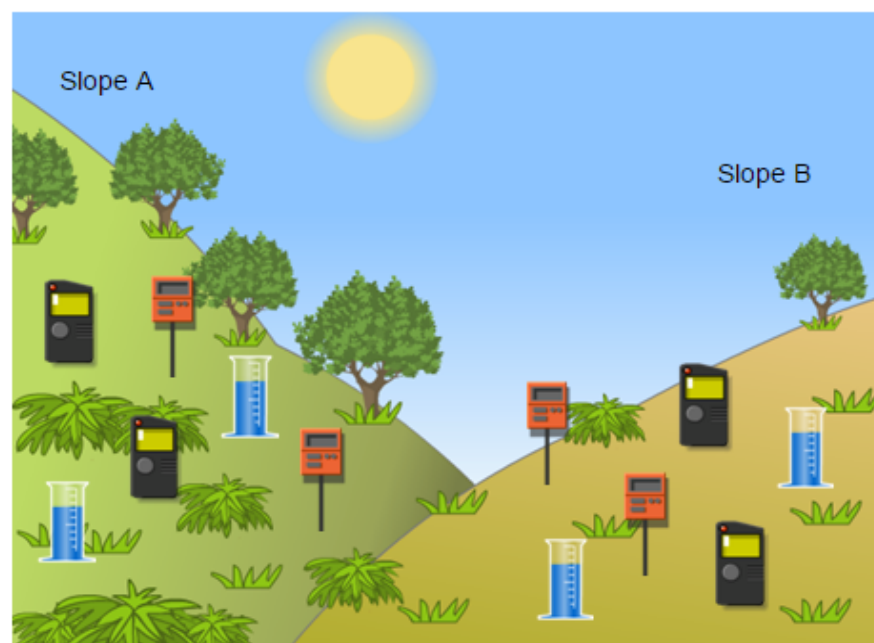
- Student 1
- Student 2

Explain your answer.

SLOPE-FACE INVESTIGATION**Data Analysis**

The students take the average of the measurements collected over a given period of time from each pair of instruments on each slope and calculate the uncertainty in these averages. Their results are recorded in the following table. The uncertainty is given following the "±" sign.

	Average Solar Radiation	Average Soil Moisture	Average Rainfall
Slope A	$3800 \pm 300 \text{ MJ/m}^2$	$28 \pm 2\%$	$450 \pm 40 \text{ mm}$
Slope B	$7200 \pm 400 \text{ MJ/m}^2$	$18 \pm 3\%$	$440 \pm 50 \text{ mm}$



Scoring

Full Credit

The student selects **Student 1**

AND

Gives an explanation that indicates that there is **a difference in solar radiation** between the two slopes **and/or** that **rainfall does not show a difference**.

- Slope B gets much more solar radiation than slope A, but the same amount of rain.
- There is no difference in the amount of rainfall the two slopes get.
- There is a big difference in how much sunlight slope A gets compared to slope B.

Comment:

Students are asked to demonstrate an understanding of how **measurement error** affects the degree of confidence associated with specific scientific measurements, one major aspect of epistemic knowledge.

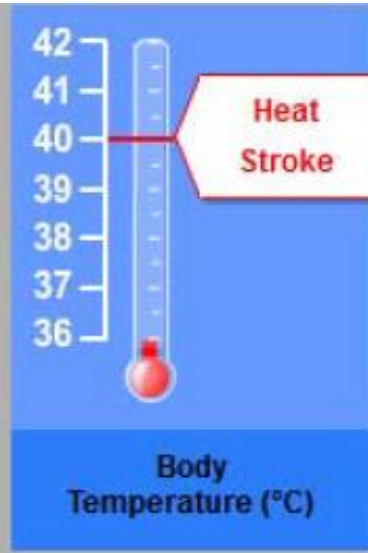
Competency	Interpret data and evidence scientifically
Knowledge System	Epistemic - Earth & Space
Context	Local/ National - Natural Resources
Difficulty	589 - Level 4

	Hong Kong	Macao	B-S-J-G (China)	Taipei	Singapore	Japan	Korea	Canada	Estonia	Finland	OECD average
% correct	36.15	37.69	39.77	43.23	47.08	49.27	40.30	43.01	49.96	44.42	34.86

Any explanations on HK students' performance on that item?

- Accuracy (errors) of measurement → uncertainty/confidence
- Covariation to support causation
change of solar radiation → change of soil moisture

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Air Temperature (°C)



Air Humidity (%)



Run

Drinking Water

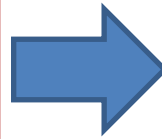
Yes No

Air Temperature (°C)	Air Humidity (%)	Drinking Water	Sweat Volume (Litres)	Water Loss (%)	Body Temperature (°C)

Multiple variables

Independent variable

- Air T
- Air humidity
- Drinking water



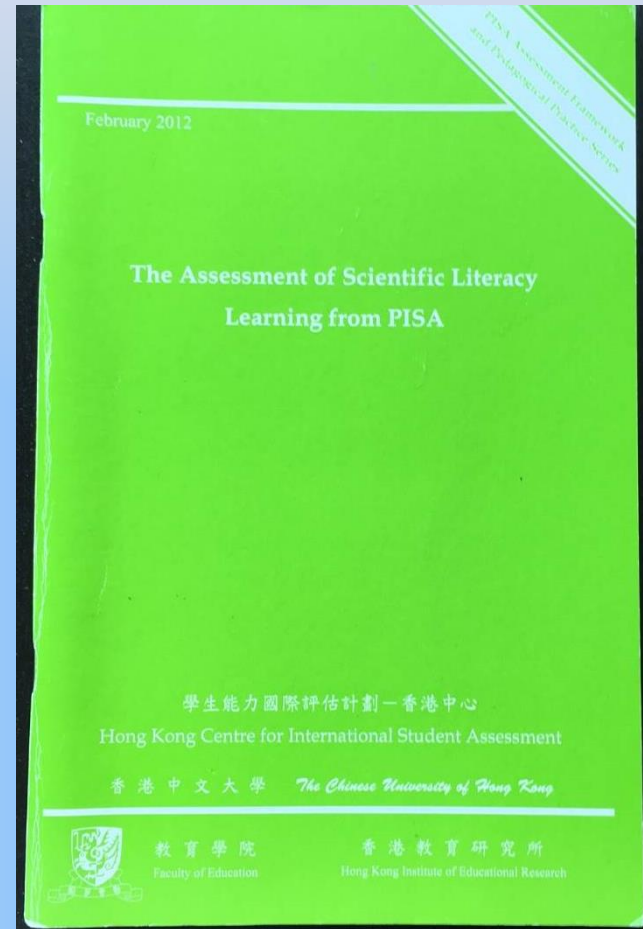
Dependent variable

- Sweat
- Body water loss
- Body T

Only one IV should be changed at a time, while other IV controlled → fair test

RESOURCES

Teacher's Guides (HKCISA Centre)



This e-book can be downloaded from OECD website

Take the Test

SAMPLE QUESTIONS FROM OECD'S PISA ASSESSMENTS



PISA released items (Online version)

- OECD website: <http://www.oecd.org/pisa/test/>

The image shows a screenshot of the OECD PISA website. At the top left is the OECD logo with the tagline "BETTER POLICIES FOR BETTER LIVES". To the right are social media icons for email, Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube, along with a search bar. Below this is a teal banner with the PISA logo and the text "Programme for International Student Assessment". A navigation menu includes links for Home, About, PISA Test (highlighted), Data, Publications, Webinars, Join Us, and FAQ.

Under the "PISA Test" section, there is a list of links for "Try PISA 2015 Science Test Questions":

- [Bird Migration](#)
- [Running in Hot Weather](#)
- [Slope-Face Investigation](#)
- [Meteoroids and Craters](#)
- [Sustainable Fish Farming](#)

Below the list, it states: "The PISA 2015 Science Test Questions are available in [90 other languages](#)." and "You can also download the full set of these questions in PDF format: [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)".

On the right, a screenshot of the PISA 2015 Science Test interface is shown. The question is titled "METEOROIDS AND CRATERS" and asks: "Refer to 'Meteoroids and Craters' on the right. Click on a choice to answer the question. As a meteoroid approaches Earth and its atmosphere, it speeds up. Why does this happen?" The options are:

- Ⓐ The meteoroid is pulled in by the rotation of Earth.
- Ⓑ The meteoroid is pushed by the light of the Sun.
- Ⓒ The meteoroid is attracted to the mass of Earth.
- Ⓓ The meteoroid is repelled by the vacuum of space.

The correct answer is C. Below the question is an image of a meteor streaking across a dark sky over a forest. A text box at the bottom of the image reads: "Rocks in space that enter Earth's atmosphere are called meteoroids..."

PISA and STEM

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□ STEM education: Assessment ?

Make good use of the PISA released items

e.g 魚菜共生 – “sustainable fish farming”

Concluding Remarks

- In PISA 2015, a few interactive CBA items have been designed and used to demonstrate and explore the role multivariate modelling is playing in science.
- Teachers can make good use of the released items => please refer to Teacher's Guides and the OECD website

Concluding Remarks

- Use of the PISA assessment framework - Enable teachers to classify assessment items based on several essential aspects: competency areas, knowledge type, topic and cognitive demand.
- Balanced assessments in terms of item format, competency areas and cognitive demand (i.e. cater for learners' diversity)

Concluding Remarks

- Assessment in HK is probably too strict, excluding some answers that is reasonable and showing student understandings not quite explicitly
- Reliability of assessment does not mean validity of assessment
- Strict and narrow answers expected of students do not mean high learning standards, but simply promote exam-drilling

Procedural and epistemic knowledge of science

Students should be engaged more on:

- thinking about the reasons why an experiment has to be done that way, rather than routine control of variables and repeated measures
- thinking about the various sources of errors – random, systematic, bias, sampling, uncontrolled variables...
- doing simulation experiments involving more complex variables and design

Thank you