

INTELLIGENCE IS TESTED BY USE OF GRAMMAR

Prof. W. F. Book Offers Examples for Determining Child's Mental Alertness.

This is the third of a series of articles on the intelligence tests devised at Indiana University and used in schools in Indiana and other states.

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School pupils should be tested as to their knowledge of wrong grammar, as well as correct grammar, and this test is one of the most important among the Indiana intelligence tests. In this series there are four sentences in each example and forty examples in the test so that the results obtained indicated the wide range of knowledge and ability to observe.

The following examples illustrate the test:

I feel bad today. The ice feels smoothly. The broom sweeps clean. He looked at her severely.

In this example the second sentence is incorrect—the word smoothly being incorrect. All four sentences are in the same example, so that the pupils taking the test must observe closely before marking the incorrect sentence.

Correct subjects, verbs, objects compose the defective parts of the sentences, and a different imperfection exists in each example so that the pupil must observe the difference in each example and not effort on his or her part to mark the same relative sentence in each example would bring a correct test.

For the mental survey test the pupil is examined for his or her ability to remember a series of words, logical selections of words, examples of opposites, logical memory, word completion, moral classification and practical information. Testing ability to remember words the person giving the test reads a series of words and at different places in the series the same word is repeated. The pupil must then write down the next word after the repeated word each time. This tests the pupil's accurate memory and ability to make use of that memory quickly. The repeated word may come at another, seven words at another so the pupil must always be on the alert.

The next phase of the survey is logical selection. In this test appear five to ten words, three of which pertain to the same object and the pupil must search and find the words pertaining to the object named. It is planned by this test to gauge the range of knowledge which can be assembled instantly by the pupils about a given object.

An example—cat-fur-house-milk-claws. Explanations of this example is that a cat has claws and fur. Now cats likewise drink milk and often live in a house, but these two words are placed there in attempt to test the alertness of the student and their range of knowledge.

Another example: Store-counter-clerk-cash register-advertisements-goods-boxes. Now in this example word may come have a counter, a clerk goods. But all stores do not have cash registers, advertisements or boxes. In this example again the student must quickly decide the essentials a store must have—not all the things a store might have in it. The different words all may apply to a store—but the essential things must be outlined by the pupils.

In making this test in city schools it developed that most of the pupils of one school added the words—cash register and advertisements—to their list and upon the checking of the list it was found that the stores in the neighborhood all were up-to-date stores and had all the things in the list. As the pupils of that school had observed these things in the stores and have never seen stores without them, it was only natural that they list those articles. In rural districts where the stores are not so modernly equipped these articles were not out of the list made up by pupils of similar grade. In either case the observing power of the student was accurately gauged. Other phases of the mental survey test will appear in succeeding articles.

SPIRIT OF GREAT ARTIST AIDS HER

Painter Draws Picture in Dream—Whistler Guides Her Hand.

PEORIA, Ill., June 8.—Peoria is all excited today over the announcement by Benjamin H. Serkovich of the Peoria Art League, that a canvas, painted by a woman in her dream, with the hand of the immortal and long since departed Whistler guiding her brush, is on display in a local theater's mezzanine floor which gave space to the annual exhibit of the league.

Mrs. William Hawley Smith, wife of Dr. W. H. Smith of Peoria, is the woman. She and her husband are among the wealthiest and most prominent families in Peoria.

Dr. William Hawley Smith is well known as a student and writer on sociological problems. Both he and Mrs. Smith claim they have frequently received spirit messages from the dead.

Several weeks ago Mrs. Smith says she was sleeping soundly when Whistler appeared in a dream. The famous artist commanded her to arise, don her artist's smock and get her brushes, palette and easel.

Then she translated to canvas the instructions he imparted, and frequently his hand guided her brush.

She worked feverishly all night, and in the morning awoke fatigued, but the picture was finished.

Local art critics say that the painting is a remarkable one, and believe implicitly the story.

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"There is a tendency," he continued, "since the war not to do work as thoroughly as before. But there is no royal road to anything worth while, labor is the law of happiness. Algebra can not be administered in tablet form nor can geometry be absorbed. We must possess our souls with patience. Nature has no bargain counter, only the trivial things in life may be bought at the 5 and 10-cent stores."

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Mr. Franklin Vonnegut, President of Board of Trustees, Song—"The Magic of Spring" (Double quartet)..... Mr. Charles Siebert Valdictory..... Mr. Charles