

## Sonya Kovalevsky Day Pre-Survey 2011

*Dear Student: The purpose of this brief survey is to better understand what middle-school girls think about girls/women and mathematics. The survey is anonymous so please do not put your name on the form. Students from many other middle schools are also participating and survey responses from all schools will be grouped together. Individual responses will be kept totally confidential.*

Your School's Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please read all the responses to each question and circle the one letter that corresponds to the best answer for you. Please note that in questions 1 - 3 you are not answering this survey in terms of your personal interest and abilities, but based on your perceptions of girls/women in general.*

**1. Who do you think is better in math classes, boys or girls?**

- A: In general, boys are better at math than girls.
- B: In general, boys and girls are about the same when it comes to being able to do mathematics.
- C: In general, girls are better at math than boys.

**2. Who do you think is more likely to do better in a Math or Science major in college, boys or girls?**

- A. In general, boys are much more likely to do well in a Math or Science major.
- B. In general, girls are just as likely to do well in a Math or Science major in college as boys.
- C. In general, girls are much more likely to do well in a Math or Science major in college than boys.

**3. Who do you think is more successful in careers that involve mathematics and/or science, men or women?**

- A: In general, men are more successful in careers that involve mathematics and/or science than women.
- B: In general, women are just as successful in careers that involve mathematics and/or science as men.
- C: In general, women are more successful in careers that involve mathematics and/or science than men.

**4. What is your perception about a career that involves using mathematics?**

- A: It would not interest me at all. I don't plan to use math in my career.
- B: It might be interesting. I am not sure if I would like to use math in my career.
- C: It would be very interesting. I would like to use math or I have heard about a career that involves math that sounds exciting.

**5. Has any recent event influenced any of your answers to questions 1 – 4? If so, please explain.**