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The ETS Test Collection

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The ETS Test Collection is an extensive library of tests for use by qualified professionals such as educators and psychologists. It consists of about 10,000 assessment devices published both here and abroad including those in and out-of-print, those commercially available and those experimental in nature. In addition, it maintains files of material germane to American and foreign publishers, scoring systems and systems, state testing programs, published reviews of tests and other sources of information on tests and testing. Additions to the library are not limited to paper and pencil instruments but also include information about observation techniques, behavior rating scales, personality inventories and various unobtrusive measures.

CLASSIFICATION

Each item to be added is abstracted and indexed thoroughly. The abstracts provide a brief description and also include title, author, publisher, publication date, grade range, and subscores. The index consists of seven major subject headings (Achievement, APTITUDE, INTERESTS-ATTITUDES-OPINIONS, Personality, Sensory-Motor, Vocations, and Miscellaneous) divided into a total of 220 sub-categories. Each test is given as many sub-category terms as are necessary to provide adequate description, and separate files are maintained by subjects and also for each test title and author.

SERVICES

A number of services is provided by the Test Collection.

Specific information is located for inquiries which reach us by telephone or letter and materials in the Test Collection itself are gathered together for research by qualified users who visit ETS for that purpose. From time to time, the staff prepares and distributes annotated bibliographies of tests on special topics. The TEST COLLECTION BULLETIN is published quarterly and describes new acquisitions to our collection such as new testing programs, added reference books and the like. Recently, a new service has been announced by the Test Collection called TESTS IN MICROFICHE which provides microfiche copies of certain unpublished tests found in the collection. (The authors of these instruments have granted permission to have multiple copies of their tests reproduced.) The first set of TESTS IN MICROFICHE includes about 100 titles and covers many topics such as, attitudes toward school, job satisfaction, self-concept, and infant behavior. An ANNOTATED INDEX has been compiled as well which lists tests, covered by author, title, subject and number.

Editors Note: a detailed outline of the Test Collection’s very thorough and excellent classification and cataloging scheme has been made available to interested Division members. One may subscribe to the TEST COLLECTION BULLETIN, a quarterly, for $2 per annum and TESTS IN MICROFICHE may be purchased as a set, by separate titles or just its ANNOTATED INDEX. Further information may be had by writing Pamela Rosen, Test Collection, Educational Testing Service, New Jersey, 08504 or calling (609) 921-9000.