

Appendix 1

The Background Questionnaire

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<p>This study partially fulfills the requirement of the MA English (TESOL) degree at North South University. The study intends to discover how undergraduate students across the disciplines at tertiary level perceive and practise writing in English. The data collected will be strictly used for research. Under no circumstances, the data will be disclosed to anyone who is not concerned with the project. If you have any concern regarding this project, consider contacting the supervisor of the project. Supervisor: Dr Mohammad Shamsuzzaman Email: mohammad.shamsuzzaman@northsouth.edu</p>	
1. Approximate age	
Your answer _____	
2. Sex	
Your answer _____	
3. Your previous medium of instruction	
<input type="radio"/> Bangla	
<input type="radio"/> English	
<input type="radio"/> Madrasha	
<input type="radio"/> None of the above, specify:	
4. How long have you been exposed to studying English?	
Your answer _____	
5. Which of the following skills in English do you think is most important?	
<input type="radio"/> Reading	
<input type="radio"/> Writing	
<input type="radio"/> Listening	
<input type="radio"/> Speaking	
6. Which of the following skills in English are you most interested in?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reading	
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Listening	
<input type="checkbox"/> Speaking	
7. Which of the following skills in English is more challenging to you?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reading	
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Listening	
<input type="checkbox"/> Speaking	
8. What is your purpose of learning English?	
<input type="radio"/> For higher studies	
<input type="radio"/> For immigration	
<input type="radio"/> For professional development	
<input type="radio"/> None of the above, specify:	
9. Do you think writing in L1 (mother tongue) is different from L2 (English)?	
<input type="radio"/> Yes	
<input type="radio"/> No	
10. Do you think writing is a gift or a cultivated skill?	
<input type="radio"/> A gift	
<input type="radio"/> A cultivated skill	
11. Have you received instruction on writing thus far?	
<input type="radio"/> Yes	
<input type="radio"/> No	
12. How do you rate yourself as a writer of English?	
<input type="radio"/> Excellent	
<input type="radio"/> Fair	
<input type="radio"/> Very good	
<input type="radio"/> Poor	