

## CIVIC KNOWLEDGE SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS

This document contains four sample questions from the **1999 IEA CIVED survey**. The correct response is marked with a cross in each case.

Similar questions are being field trialled for ICCS in Ireland in January 2008. The ICCS test will also include a small number of questions which require a short written response.

Sample questions from ICCS will be released following the field trial.

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- 1. Which of the following is a political right? The right ...**
  - A.  of pupils to learn about politics in school
  - B.  of citizens to vote and stand for [run for] election
  - C.  of adults to have a job
  - D.  of politicians to have a salary
  
- 2. A woman who has a young child is interviewed for a job at a travel agency. Which of the following is an example of discrimination [injustice]? She does not get the job because ...**
  - A.  she has no previous experience.
  - B.  she is a mother.
  - C.  she speaks only one language.
  - D.  she demands a high salary.
  
- 3. In a democratic country [society] having many organisations for people to join is important because this provides ...**
  - A.  a group to defend members who are arrested.
  - B.  many sources of taxes for the government.
  - C.  opportunities to express different points of view.
  - D.  a way for the government to tell people about new laws.
  
- 4. Three of these statements are opinions and one is a fact. Which of the following is a FACT [the factual statement]?**
  - A.  People with very low incomes should not pay any taxes.
  - B.  In many countries rich people pay higher taxes than poor people.
  - C.  It is fair that some citizens pay higher taxes than others.
  - D.  Donations to charity are the best way to reduce differences between rich and poor.