**Supplementary Table 1 (S1)**

This file of supplementary material contains one table (Table S1). This tables show the altered items in the CAMCOG-R for use in a South African population.

**Table S1.** Altered items in the CAMCOG-R for use in a South African population

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| Question number | Original question | Revised question |
| 144 | Can you tell me where we are now? For instance, what  county (state) are we in? | Can you tell me where we are  now? For instance, what province are we in? |
| 146 | What are two main streets  nearby (or near your home)? | What country are we in? |
| 155 | Was there wireless/radio in  this country before television  was invented? | Was there radio in this country  before television was  invented? |
| 157 | I am going to show you some  objects. Please tell me the  name of each one.  Show ‘Pictures for naming’ in  booklet.  [Pictures: (1) shoe, sandal; (2)  typewriter; (3) scales; (4)  suitcase, portmanteau;  (5) barometer; (6) table lamp;  lamp] | I am going to show you some  objects. Please tell me the  name of each one.  Show ‘Pictures for naming’ in  booklet.  [Pictures: (1) shoe, sandal; (2)  screwdriver; (3) clothes iron;  (4) suitcase, portmanteau;  (5) clock; (6) table lamp; lamp] |
| 164 | Can you tell me what were the  objects in the coloured  pictures I showed you a little  while ago?  [Answer: (1) shoe, sandal; (2)  typewriter; (3) scales; (4)  suitcase, portmanteau;  (5) barometer; (6) table lamp;  lamp] | Can you tell me what were the  objects in the coloured  pictures I showed you a little  while ago?  [Answer: (1) shoe, sandal; (2)  screwdriver; (3) clothes iron;  (4) suitcase, portmanteau;  (5) clock; (6) table lamp; lamp] |
| 165 | Which of these objects did I  show you below?  [Answer: (1) shoe, sandal; (2)  screwdriver; (3) clothes iron;  (4) suitcase, portmanteau;  (5) barometer; (6) table lamp; lamp] | Which of these objects did I  show you below?  [Answer: (1) shoe, sandal; (2)  screwdriver; (3) clothes iron;  (4) suitcase, portmanteau;  (5) clock; (6) table lamp; lamp] |
| 169 | Who was the leader of the  Russians in the Second World War?  [Correct answer: Stalin] | Who was the Prime Minister  of South Africa during the  Second World War?  [Correct answer: Jan Smuts] |
| 170 | What was Mae West famous  for?  [Correct answer: Entertainer,  Film Star, life jacket] | What was Louis Armstrong  famous for?  [Correct Answer: Singer,  Saxophonist, Jazz Singer] |
| 171 | Who was the famous flyer  whose son was kidnapped?  [Correct answer: Lindbergh] | Which famous film, starring  Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable  was released in the 1930s?  [Correct answer: Gone with  the Wind] |
| 166a | Who was the US President  who was shot in Texas?  [Correct answer: John F.  Kennedy] | What is the name of the South  African prime minister who  was stabbed in parliament?  [Correct answer: Hendrik  Verwoed] |
| 167a | What is Yoko Ono famous  for?  [Correct Answer: Wife of  Beatle, John Lennon] | What is Steve Biko famous  for?  [Correct answer: Black  activist, died in police custody] |
| 169a | What was Edmund Hilary  famous for?  [Correct answer: First to reach  summit of Mt Everest] | Who was the first South  African to win a Nobel Peace  Prize?  [Correct answer: Albert Luthuli] |
| 170a | Who was the first woman  Prime Minister of India?  [Correct answer: Indira Ghandi] | Who was the first surgeon to  perform a heart transplant?  [Correct answer: Christiaan  (Chris) Barnard] |
| 171a | Who was the famous cinema  actress who married Prince  Rainier of Monaco?  [Correct Answer: Grace  Kelly] | Which island off the coast of  South Africa was used as a  leper colony, military base and  prison?  [Correct answer: Robben  Island] |
| 172 | What is the name of the  present King or Queen? | What is the name of the  present President of South  Africa? |
| 173 | Who is likely to be the next  King or Queen? | What was the full date when  two planes flew into the Twin Towers in New York?  [Correct answer:  11 September 2001] |
| 174 | What is the name of the  Prime Minister? | Who is the president of USA? |
| 176 | Name the following three  objects taking one second to say each: apple, table, penny. | Name the following three  objects taking one second to say each: apple, table, pen. |
| 180 | What were the three objects I asked you to repeat a little while ago?  [Correct answer: apple, table penny] | What were the three objects I asked you to repeat a little while ago?  [Correct answer: apple, table pen] |
| 190 | Write this name and address  on the envelope:  Mr. John Brown  42 West Street, Bedford | Write this name and address  on the envelope:  Mr. John Brown  42 West Street, Bellville |
| 195 | If someone went shopping and was given 15 pence as change from £1, how much did they spend? | If some went shopping and  was given 15 cents as change  from R1, how much did they  spend? |
| 201 | Who is this?  [Show picture of (1) Queen;  (2) Pope, Archbishop, Bishop] | Who is this?  [Show picture: (1) Archbishop  Desmond Tutu; (2) Nelson  Mandela] |
| 203 | Can you tell me who this is, or what he/she does?  [Indicate any two people  Available] | Can you tell me who this is, or what he/she does?  [Turn to the last section of the CAMCOG picture booklet and show any two pictures of people in service professions: policeman, doctor, nurse, fireman, priest] |