# SAN DIEGO QUICK ASSESSMENT OF MATH ABILITY

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SELF-PERCEPTION OF MATH ABILITY AND MATH PERFORMANCEPATHWAYS MODEL OF MATHEMATICAL COMPETENCIES THE CONNECTION BETWEEN MATHEMATICAL AND READING ABILITIES AND DISABILITIES PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES IN THE TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT OF MATHEMATICS APPROXIMATE NUMBER SYSTEM AND MATHEMATICS UNDERSTANDING EMOTIONS IN MATHEMATICAL THINKING AND LEARNINGAN ANALYTICAL STUDY OF MATHEMATICAL ABILITIES PSYCHOLOGY AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION MATHEMATICAL AND STATISTICS ANXIETY: EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL, DEVELOPMENTAL AND COGNITIVE PERSPECTIVES AN INVESTIGATION OF THE MATHEMATICAL ABILITIES OF HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS AND ITS RELATION TO TEACHING EFFICIENCY AND SUPERVISION MATHEMATICS AND THE REAL WORLD WOMEN AND MATHEMATICS DEVELOPMENT OF MATHEMATICAL ABILITIES IN CHILDREN THE MYTH OF ABILITY THE MATH INSTINCT FOR THE LEARNING OF MATHEMATICS AN ANALYSIS OF CERTAIN COMPONENTS OF MATHEMATICAL ABILITY, AND AN ATTEMPT TO PREDICT MATHEMATICAL ACHIEVEMENT IN A SPECIFIC SITUATION SCHOOL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICSGENERAL MATH ABILITYMYTH OF ABILITY JIM FITZGERALD ADAM G. LEWIS SHELLEY SHAUL YIMING CAO JINGGUANG LI ULISES XOLOCOTZIN GEORGE JOSEPH CAIRNS GILA HANNA KINGA MORSANYI BUTLER LAUGHLIN ZVI ARTSTEIN SUSAN F. CHIPMAN JIMMY ROTH JOHN MIGHTON KEITH DEVLIN RALPH H. COLEMAN GARY R. GRUBER JOHN MIGHTON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SELF-PERCEPTION OF MATH ABILITY AND MATH PERFORMANCE PATHWAYS MODEL OF MATHEMATICAL COMPETENCIES THE CONNECTION BETWEEN MATHEMATICAL AND READING ABILITIES AND DISABILITIES PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES IN THE TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT OF MATHEMATICS APPROXIMATE NUMBER SYSTEM AND MATHEMATICS UNDERSTANDING EMOTIONS IN MATHEMATICAL THINKING AND LEARNING AN ANALYTICAL STUDY OF MATHEMATICAL ABILITIES PSYCHOLOGY AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION MATHEMATICAL AND STATISTICS ANXIETY: EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTAL AND COGNITIVE PERSPECTIVES AN INVESTIGATION OF THE MATHEMATICAL ABILITIES OF HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS AND ITS RELATION TO TEACHING EFFICIENCY AND SUPERVISION MATHEMATICS AND THE REAL WORLD WOMEN AND MATHEMATICS DEVELOPMENT OF MATHEMATICAL ABILITIES IN CHILDREN THE MYTH OF ABILITY THE MATH INSTINCT FOR THE LEARNING OF MATHEMATICS AN ANALYSIS OF CERTAIN COMPONENTS OF MATHEMATICAL ABILITY, AND AN ATTEMPT TO PREDICT MATHEMATICAL ACHIEVEMENT IN A SPECIFIC SITUATION SCHOOL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS GENERAL MATH ABILITY MYTH OF ABILITY IIM FITZGERALD ADAM G. LEWIS SHELLEY SHAUL YIMING CAO IINGGUANG LI ULISES XOLOCOTZIN GEORGE IOSEPH CAIRNS GILA HANNA KINGA MORSANYI BUTLER LAUGHLIN ZVI ARTSTEIN SUSAN F. CHIPMAN JIMMY ROTH JOHN MIGHTON KEITH DEVLIN RALPH H. COLEMAN GARY R. GRUBER JOHN MIGHTON

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE ONSET OF A NEW DECADE HAS BROUGHT HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS FOR SCHOLARS ESPECIALLY FOR RESEARCHERS IN MATHEMATICS EDUCATION THE INTERNATIONAL GROUP FOR THE PSYCHOLOGY OF MATHEMATICS EDUCATION WAS BORN IN 1976 WHICH FOCUSED ON THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE IN THE PSYCHOLOGY OF MATHEMATICS EDUCATION THE PROMOTION OF INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH WITH PSYCHOLOGISTS MATHEMATICIANS AND MATHEMATICS TEACHERS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING MATHEMATICS AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

HUMANS PROCESS QUANTITY INFORMATION WITHOUT THE AID OF LANGUAGE OR SYMBOLS TO GUIDE A VARIETY OF EVERYDAY LIFE DECISIONS THE COGNITIVE SYSTEM THAT SUPPORTS THIS INTUITIVE SKILL IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER SYSTEM ANS IT HAS BEEN ARGUED THAT THE ANS SERVES AS THE FOUNDATION OF THE FORMAL SYMBOLIC NUMBER SYSTEM MATHEMATICS ABUNDANT EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE IS SUPPORTIVE OF THIS VIEW ACUITY OF THE ANS IS POSITIVELY CORRELATED WITH SYMBOLIC MATH PERFORMANCE TRAINING OF THE ANS MAY CAUSE IMPROVEMENTS IN SYMBOLIC MATH PERFORMANCE AND THE ANS AND SYMBOLIC NUMBER PROCESSING MAY SHARE A COMMON NEURAL UNDERPINNING HOWEVER RECENTLY SEVERAL THEORIES AND EMPIRICAL DATA CAST DOUBT ON THE ROLE OF THE ANS IN SYMBOLIC MATH PROCESSING THIS E BOOK AIMS TO ADVANCE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNDERLYING MECHANISMS OF THE OVERLAP BETWEEN THE ANS AND MATHEMATICS

EMOTIONS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN MATHEMATICAL COGNITION AND LEARNING UNDERSTANDING EMOTIONS IN MATHEMATICAL THINKING AND LEARNING OFFERS A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO THE ROLE OF EMOTIONS IN NUMERICAL COGNITION MATHEMATICS EDUCATION LEARNING SCIENCES AND AFFECTIVE SCIENCES IT ADDRESSES WAYS IN WHICH EMOTIONS RELATE TO COGNITIVE PROCESSES INVOLVED IN LEARNING AND DOING MATHEMATICS INCLUDING PROCESSING OF NUMERICAL AND PHYSICAL MAGNITUDES E G TIME AND SPACE PERFORMANCE IN ARITHMETIC AND ALGEBRA PROBLEM SOLVING AND REASONING ATTITUDES LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES AND MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENT ADDITIONALLY IT COVERS SOCIAL AND AFFECTIVE ISSUES SUCH AS IDENTITY AND ATTITUDES TOWARD MATHEMATICS COVERS METHODOLOGIES IN STUDYING EMOTION IN MATHEMATICAL KNOWLEDGE REFLECTS THE DIVERSE AND INNOVATIVE NATURE OF THE METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES AND THEORETICAL FRAMEWORKS PROPOSED BY CURRENT INVESTIGATIONS OF EMOTIONS AND MATHEMATICAL COGNITION INCLUDES PERSPECTIVES FROM COGNITIVE EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY NEUROSCIENCE AND FROM SOCIOCULTURAL SEMIOTIC AND DISCURSIVE APPROACHES EXPLORES THE ROLE OF ANXIETY IN MATHEMATICAL LEARNING SYNTHESIZES UNIFIES THE WORK OF MULTIPLE SUB DISCIPLINES IN ONE PLACE

MODERN MATHEMATICS IS CONSTRUCTED RIGOROUSLY THROUGH PROOFS BASED ON TRUTHS WHICH ARE EITHER AXIOMS OR PREVIOUSLY PROVEN THEOREMS THUS IT IS PAR EXCELLENCE A MODEL OF RATIONAL INQUIRY LINKS BETWEEN COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY STRONG DURING THE LAST DECADES INDEED THE ENLIGHTENMENT VIEW OF THE RATIONAL HUMAN MIND THAT REASONS MAKES DECISIONS AND SOLVES PROBLEMS BASED ON LOGIC AND PROBABILITIES WAS SHAKEN DURING THE SECOND HALF OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGISTS DISCOVERED THAT HUMANS THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS OFTEN DEVIATE FROM RULES IMPOSED BY STRICT NORMATIVE THEORIES OF INFERENCE YET THESE DEVIATIONS SHOULD NOT BE CALLED ERRORS AS COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGISTS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THESE DEVIATIONS MAY BE EITHER VALID HEURISTICS THAT SUCCEED IN THE ENVIRONMENTS IN WHICH HUMANS HAVE EVOLVED OR BIASES THAT ARE CAUSED BY A LACK OF ADAPTATION TO ABSTRACT INFORMATION FORMATS HUMANS AS THE COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGIST AND ECONOMIST HERBERT SIMON CLAIMED DO NOT USUALLY OPTIMIZE BUT RATHER SATISFICE EVEN WHEN SOLVING PROBLEM THIS RESEARCH TOPIC AIMS AT DEMONSTRATING THAT THESE INSIGHTS HAVE HAD A DECISIVE IMPACT ON MATHEMATICS EDUCATION WE WANT TO STRESS THAT WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE VIEW OF BOUNDED RATIONALITY THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE ESPOUSED BY THE HEURISTICS AND BIASES PROGRAM IN SIMON S BOUNDED RATIONALITY AND ITS DIRECT DESCENDANT ECOLOGICAL RATIONALITY RATIONALITY IS UNDERSTOOD IN TERMS OF COHERENCE E G TRANSITIVITY

MATHEMATICAL ANXIETY IS A FEELING OF TENSION APPREHENSION OR FEAR WHICH ARISES WHEN A PERSON IS FACED WITH MATHEMATICAL CONTENT THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES OF MATHEMATICAL ANXIETY ARE WELL DOCUMENTED STUDENTS WITH HIGH LEVELS OF MATHEMATICAL ANXIETY MIGHT UNDERPERFORM IN IMPORTANT TEST SITUATIONS THEY TEND TO HOLD NEGATIVE ATTITUDES TOWARDS MATHEMATICS AND THEY ARE LIKELY TO OPT OUT OF ELECTIVE MATHEMATICS COURSES WHICH ALSO AFFECTS THEIR CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ALTHOUGH AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL MANY STUDENTS DO NOT CONTINUE TO STUDY MATHEMATICS SOCIAL SCIENCE STUDENTS ARE CONFRONTED WITH THE FACT THAT THEIR DISCIPLINES INVOLVE LEARNING ABOUT STATISTICS ANOTHER POTENTIAL SOURCE OF ANXIETY FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH DEALING WITH NUMERICAL CONTENT RESEARCH ON MATHEMATICAL ANXIETY IS A TRULY INTERDISCIPLINARY FIELD WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL COGNITIVE SOCIAL AND NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCHERS THE CURRENT COLLECTION OF PAPERS DEMONSTRATES THE DIVERSITY OF THE FIELD OFFERING BOTH NEW EMPIRICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND REVIEWS OF EXISTING STUDIES THE CONTRIBUTORS ALSO OUTLINE FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR THIS LINE OF RESEARCH

IN THIS ACCESSIBLE AND ILLUMINATING STUDY OF HOW THE SCIENCE OF MATHEMATICS DEVELOPED A VETERAN MATH RESEARCHER AND EDUCATOR LOOKS AT THE WAYS IN WHICH OUR EVOLUTIONARY MAKEUP IS BOTH A HELP AND A HINDRANCE TO THE STUDY OF MATH ARTSTEIN CHRONICLES THE DISCOVERY OF IMPORTANT MATHEMATICAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN MATHEMATICS AND THE REAL WORLD FROM ANCIENT TIMES TO THE PRESENT THE AUTHOR THEN DESCRIBES SOME OF THE CONTEMPORARY APPLICATIONS OF MATHEMATICS IN PROBABILITY THEORY IN THE STUDY OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND IN COMBINATION WITH COMPUTERS WHICH GIVE MATHEMATICS UNPRECEDENTED POWER THE AUTHOR CONCLUDES WITH AN INSIGHTFUL DISCUSSION OF WHY MATHEMATICS FOR MOST PEOPLE IS SO FRUSTRATING HE ARGUES THAT THE RIGOROUS LOGICAL STRUCTURE OF MATH GOES AGAINST THE GRAIN OF OUR PREDISPOSED WAYS OF THINKING AS SHAPED BY EVOLUTION PRESUMABLY BECAUSE THE TALENT NEEDED TO COPE WITH LOGICAL MATHEMATICS GAVE THE HUMAN RACE AS A WHOLE NO EVOLUTIONARY ADVANTAGE WITH THIS IN MIND HE OFFERS WAYS TO OVERCOME THESE INNATE IMPEDIMENTS IN THE TEACHING OF MATH

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1985 IN THE MID SEVENTIES THERE WAS GROWING CONCERN THAT EARLY DECISIONS NOT TO STUDY MATHEMATICS IN HIGH SCHOOL MIGHT BE LIMITING THE OCCUPATIONAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO WOMEN AS PART OF A LARGER PROGRAM ON CAREER DEVELOPMENT THE CAREER AWARENESS DIVISION OF THE EDUCATION AND WORK GROUP THEN ONE OF THE MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION NIE INITIATED A SPECIAL RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM ON WOMEN AND MATHEMATICS RESEARCH INFORMATION THAT WOULD SORT OUT THE COMPETING EXPLANATIONS FOR WOMEN S LOWER RATE OF PARTICIPATION SEEMED A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO DEBATES ABOUT POSSIBLE REMEDIAL ACTIONS SHOULD THERE BE FOR EXAMPLE WIDESPREAD DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO REDUCE MATHEMATICS ANXIETY THIS VOLUME REPRESENTS THE CULMINATION OF A RESEARCH PROGRAM WITH MANY CONTRIBUTIONS

MOST CHILDREN DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION THROUGH EVERYDAY INTERACTIONS THE INFORMAL ACTIVITIES GIVE CHILDREN A HEAD STARTS WHEN THEY START LEARNING MATH IN SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE USING EARLY MATH SKILLS THROUGHOUT THEIR DAILY ROUTINES AND ACTIVITIES THIS IS GOOD NEWS AS THESE SKILLS ARE IMPORTANT FOR BEING READY FOR SCHOOL BUT EARLY MATH DOESN T MEAN TAKING OUT THE CALCULATOR DURING PLAYTIME EVEN BEFORE THEY START SCHOOL MOST CHILDREN DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION THROUGH EVERYDAY INTERACTIONS INFANTS BEGIN TO LEARN MATH BEFORE THEY CAN SIT UP THEY NOTICE DIFFERENCES IN QUANTITY THEY COMPARE THE SHAPE AND SIZE OF OBJECTS AND THEY USE EARLY MATH CONCEPTS WHEN THEY PLAY AND IN OTHER ASPECTS OF THEIR DAILY LIVES MATH HELPS CHILDREN TO DEVELOP THE ABILITY TO THINK CRITICALLY AND SOLVE PROBLEMS BOTH ARE INTEGRAL TO SUCCESS IN SCHOOL AND IN LIFE BUT NOT ALL CHILDREN LEARN THE MATH SKILLS THEY NEED TO SUCCESD

FOR DECADES TEACHERS AND PARENTS HAVE ACCEPTED THE JUDGMENT THAT SOME STUDENTS JUST AREN T GOOD AT MATH JOHN MIGHTON THE FOUNDER OF A REVOLUTIONARY MATH PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HELP FAILING MATH STUDENTS FEELS THAT NOT ONLY IS THIS WRONG BUT THAT IT HAS BECOME A SELF FULFILLING PROPHECY A PIONEERING EDUCATOR MIGHTON REALIZED SEVERAL YEARS AGO THAT CHILDREN WERE FAILING MATH BECAUSE THEY HAD COME TO BELIEVE THEY WERE NOT GOOD AT IT ONCE STUDENTS LOST CONFIDENCE IN THEIR MATH SKILLS AND FELL BEHIND IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO CATCH UP PARTICULARLY IN THE CLASSROOM HE KNEW THIS FROM EXPERIENCE BECAUSE HE HAD ONCE FAILED MATH HIMSELF USING THE PREMISE THAT ANYONE CAN LEARN MATH AND ANYONE CAN TEACH IT MIGHTON S UNIQUE TEACHING METHOD ISOLATES AND DESCRIBES CONCEPTS SO CLEARLY THAT STUDENTS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS CAN UNDERSTAND THEM RATHER THAN FEARING FAILURE STUDENTS LEARN FROM AND BUILD ON THEIR OWN SUCCESSES AND GAIN THE CONFIDENCE AND SELF ESTEEM THEY NEED TO BE INSPIRED TO LEARN MIGHTON S METHODS SET FORTH IN THE MYTH OF ABILITY AND IMPLEMENTED IN HUNDREDS OF CANADIAN SCHOOLS HAVE HAD ASTONISHING RESULTS NOT ONLY HAVE THEY HELPED CHILDREN OVERCOME THEIR FEAR OF MATH BUT THE RESULTING CONFIDENCE HAS LED TO IMPROVED READING AND MOTOR SKILLS AS WELL THE MYTH OF ABILITY WILL TRANSFORM THE WAY TEACHERS AND PARENTS LOOK AT THE TEACHING OF MATHEMATICS AND BY EXTENSION THE ENTIRE PROCESS OF EDUCATION

THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF MATH THE HARD KIND AND THE EASY KIND THE EASY KIND PRACTICED BY ANTS SHRIMP WELSH CORGIS AND US IS INNATE WHAT INNATE CALCULATING SKILLS DO WE HUMANS HAVE LEAVING ASIDE BUILT IN MATHEMATICS SUCH AS THE VISUAL SYSTEM ORDINARY PEOPLE DO JUST FINE WHEN FACED WITH MATHEMATICAL TASKS IN THE COURSE OF THE DAY YET WHEN THEY ARE CONFRONTED WITH THE SAME TASKS PRESENTED AS MATH THEIR ACCURACY OFTEN DROPS BUT IF WE HAVE INNATE MATHEMATICAL ABILITY WHY DO WE HAVE TO TEACH MATH AND WHY DO MOST OF US FIND IT SO HARD TO LEARN ARE THERE TRICKS OR STRATEGIES THAT THE ORDINARY PERSON CAN DO TO IMPROVE MATHEMATICAL ABILITY CAN WE IMPROVE OUR MATH SKILLS BY LEARNING FROM DOGS CATS AND OTHER CREATURES THAT DO MATH THE ANSWER TO EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS IS A QUALIFIED YES ALL THESE EXAMPLES OF ANIMAL MATH SUGGEST THAT IF WE WANT TO DO BETTER IN THE FORMAL KIND OF MATH WE SHOULD SEE HOW IT ARISES FROM NATURAL MATHEMATICS FROM NPR S MATH GUY THE MATH INSTINCT WILL PROVIDE EVEN THE MOST NUMBER PHOBIC AMONG US WITH CONFIDENCE IN OUR OWN MATHEMATICAL ABILITIES

ARGUES THAT ANYONE CAN LEARN MATHEMATICS AND DESCRIBES A TEACHING PROGRAM TO HELP STRUGGLING MATH STUDENTS

EVENTUALLY, SAN DIEGO QUICK ASSESSMENT OF MATH ABILITY WILL EXTREMELY DISCOVER A NEW EXPERIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT BY SPENDING MORE CASH. NEVERTHELESS WHEN? GET YOU RECOGNIZE THAT YOU REQUIRE TO ACQUIRE THOSE EVERY NEEDS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT HAVING SIGNIFICANTLY CASH? WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO ACQUIRE SOMETHING BASIC IN THE BEGINNING? THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WILL LEAD YOU TO UNDERSTAND EVEN MORE SAN DIEGO QUICK ASSESSMENT OF MATH ABILITYROUGHLY THE GLOBE, EXPERIENCE, SOME PLACES, WITH HISTORY, AMUSEMENT, AND A LOT MORE? IT IS YOUR

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