WHIPPLE'S 'RANGE OF INFORMATION TEST'¹

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The question of intelligence tests of various types and for various purposes is of steadily recurring interest. The writer of this note felt it might be of value to obtain a series of percentages, based on the test outlined by Professor Whipple in this journal,² that might possibly indicate the comparative standing of students in a southern university. The results given here, therefore, present nothing new in method. In the final comparison, they conform quite closely to former results, though computed from a larger number of cases.

In place of the high school student, we have substituted data obtained from a group of college students. Professor Whipple did not place a time limit on the test. The conditions under which the test was given here made this necessary; approximately thirty minutes was allowed each student in which to write out the test. This proved too short for the completion of the definitions. Other steps on the procedure conform as closely as possible to the description given in Professor Whipple's article. For the list of words and cautions observed, the reader is referred to the paper just cited. The data were obtained during the winter term of the academic year, 1911-12.

TABLE I

DEPENDENCE OF RANGE OF INFORMATION ON AGE AND SCHOOL STATUS

Academic Status	Number	D	E	F	N
Graduates.....	9	38.11	12.11	15.67	34.11
Seniors.....	47	24.9	16.7	19.3	39.1
Juniors.....	59	20.5	14.4	20.7	44.4
Sophomores.....	85	20.1	12.1	19.1	48.7
Freshmen.....	153	13.7	10.7	15.5	60.1

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² 'A Range of Information Test,' *PSYCH. REV.*, 16, September, 1909, 347-351.

TABLE II

DEPENDENCE OF RANGE OF INFORMATION ON SEX, CLASS BY CLASS

Academic Status	Sex	Number	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>N</i>
Seniors.....	Men	21	29.3	16.1	17.3	37.3
	Women	24	22.1	17	20.3	40.6
Juniors.....	Men	30	23.4	16	16.8	43.8
	Women	29	17.4	13.6	25	45
Sophomores.....	Men	37	24	13	17	46
	Women	48	17	11.3	20.5	51.2
Freshmen.....	Men	74	16	10.4	14.3	59.3
	Women	72	10.9	13.4	16.3	59.4

TABLE III

DEPENDENCE OF RANGE OF INFORMATION ON SEX, WITHOUT REGARD TO CLASS
STANDING

	Number	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>N</i>
Men.....	162	21	12.7	15.6	50.7
Women.....	173	15.2	13.2	19.3	52.3