Exhibit 12.6: Example of Item Response Function for a Polytomous Constructed Response Item from the PIRLS 2016 Assessment

![Graph showing item response function with probability of a correct response for estimated proficiency. The graph includes curves for different estimated proficiencies and steps, with points plotted for each step. The title of the graph is "Probability of a Correct Response for Estimated Proficiency" and the scales are labeled appropriately.](image)