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Japanese Life Course Panel Survey of High School Graduates' Life and Attitudes

Administered by the "High School Graduates' Life and Attitudes Survey" research group

The following questions ask you about your status.

Q.1 Which of the following describes your current status? Please circle the one answer that applies.

- 1 I work as a **regular, full-time employee**
- 2 I work as a government employee (excluding temporary employment)
- 3 I work as a self-employed business owner
- 4 I work as a family employee
- 5 I work as a **non-regular employee** (e.g., temporary, part-time, and contractual temporary employment)
- 6 Other (Specify: _____)

Q.2 Have you maintained the status you answered in question 1 throughout the period since graduation from high school? Please circle the one answer that applies.

- 1 I have maintained the same status since graduation from high school → Go to question 3
- 2 My status has changed since graduation from high school → Go to question 2-1
- 3 There was a period during which I had a different status → Go to question 2-1

Q.2-1 This question is for those who selected answer 2 or 3 to question 2. Which of the following describes your status in October last year (2004)? Please circle the one answer that applies.

- 1 I was not a student, and was working as a **regular, full-time employee** } Go to question 3
- 2 I was not a student, and was working part-time } Go to question 3
- 3 I was enrolled at a four-year university } Go to question Q.2-2
- 4 I was enrolled at a junior college } Go to question Q.2-2
- 5 I was enrolled at a technical specialized training college } Go to question Q.2-2
- 6 I was enrolled at a vocational training school } Go to question Q.2-2
- 7 I failed to enter a university/college and was studying for entrance in a future year (includes those who were enrolled at a university preparatory school) } Go to question Q.2-2
- 8 I was unemployed and searching for a job } Go to question 3
- 9 I was staying home (includes household helpers)/I was doing nothing } Go to question 3
- 10 Other (Specify: _____) } Go to question 3

Q.2-2 [This question is for those who selected answers 3 through 7 to question 2-1.] When did you leave the school? Please circle the one answer that applies.

Example: If you left the school in mid-May

	2004	2005										
May:	November:	December:	January:	February:	March:	April:	May:	June:	July:	August:	September:	October:

early, middle, late												
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Q.2-3 What were your reasons for leaving the school? Please circle all answers that apply.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The classes did not suit the level of my abilities 2 I could not find any interest in the classes 3 I did not get along well with my teachers/friends 4 I became worried about my path after graduation 5 The school climate did not suit me 6 I found something else that I wanted to pursue (Specify: _____) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Health reasons 8 Financial reasons 9 Family reasons 10 No special reason 11 Other (Specify: _____) |
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Q.3 This section asks about the job you have now. In (a), enter the date you were hired for your current job. In (b) – (e), circle one answer to each question. In (f), please describe your current job.

(a) When did you start your current job?

Year: Month:

(b) Industry sector

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Agriculture, forestry, fishing, or mining 2 Construction 3 Machinery, electronics, or automotive manufacturing 4 Other manufacturing 5 Utilities (electricity, gas, heat supply, water) 6 Transportation 7 Communications 8 Wholesale, retail, or restaurant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 Finance, insurance 10 Real estate 11 Personal service sector (hotels, hair salons, etc.) 12 Information services, surveys, or advertising 13 Medical, health, or social services 14 Other services (leasing, security, business contracting, etc.) 15 Government employee 16 Other (please specify: _____) |
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(c) Company size (total number of employees at the main office and all branch offices, excluding part-time workers)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 1-29 2 30-99 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 100-299 4 300-499 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 500-999 6 1000 or more | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Government employee |
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(d) Occupation type

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Administrative work, including reception, accounting, and general clerical work 2 Sales 3 Artisan jobs including carpentry, plastering, and joinery 4 On-site work such as in civil engineering 5 Welfare and healthcare jobs, including care of the elderly and nursing 6 Transportation (e.g., truck driver, delivery/carrier) 7 Security (e.g., guard, security, firefighter, police, Self-Defense Forces official) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Skilled work, including auto repair, assembly, and machine operation 9 Information-related technical jobs, including system engineering, programming 10 Technical jobs involving designing and process control 11 Hospitality jobs such as barber, hairstylist, and cook 12 Hospitality jobs such as waiter, waitress, and hotel worker 13 Other (Specify: _____) |
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(e) Specific description of your work

Example: Part-time night shift cashier at a major supermarket (name of company)

Q.4 How did you find your current job? Circle the number by your primary information source.

1	School recommendation or referral	6	Job placement sites on the internet or job sites via smartphones
2	Civil service general recruitment	7	Help wanted posters
3	Introduction from family, friend, or senior student	8	Transitioned from part-time to full-time at same employer
4	Job placement magazine or newspaper advertisements	9	Job listings at public employment security offices (Hello Work)
5	Advertising insert in newspapers or other publications	10	Other (please specify: _____)

Q.5 How well does each of the following statements describe your current job? For items A-O, circle the number that shows how accurate each statement is.

	Very accurate	Somewhat accurate	Not that accurate	Not accurate at all	Don't know
A. I'm in the occupation I had hoped for.	1	2	3	4	5
B. My company is famous.	1	2	3	4	5
C. My salary is good.	1	2	3	4	5
D. Overtime is rare and I have many vacation days.	1	2	3	4	5
E. I am using skills I learned at school.	1	2	3	4	5
F. Senior staff explain work matters to me well.	1	2	3	4	5
G. I benefit from training opportunities.	1	2	3	4	5

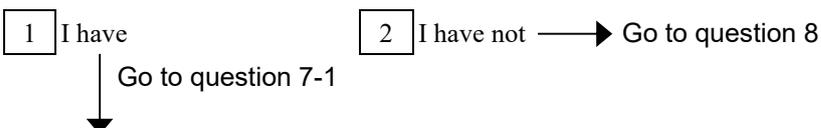
Q.6 To what extent are the following things that you gained/experienced in high school helping you in your career? For A through L, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	Very much useful	Somewhat useful	Neither useful nor unuseful	Not very much useful	Not at all useful
A. Classes in skills/practical subjects that are directly related to work	1	2	3	4	5
B. Liberal arts classes such as Japanese, Mathematics, and English	1	2	3	4	5
C. Guidance counseling	1	2	3	4	5
D. Relationships with friends made in high school	1	2	3	4	5
E. Student council activities	1	2	3	4	5
F. Extracurricular/club activities	1	2	3	4	5

- G. Information on workplaces provided by the high school
- H. Running of school events such as cultural/sports festivals
- I. Lifestyle guidance
- J. Career guidance
- K. Part-time work
- L. Volunteering/community service activities

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

Q.7 Since you started your current job, have you received any education/training, such as participating in lectures/practical workshops outside your regular duties?



(For those who selected answer 1 to question 7, please answer the following questions about the most recent education/training you received.)

Q.7-1 What was the duration of the education/training? Please circle the one answer that applies.

- 1 Up to 3 days 2 4 to 6 days 3 1 week to less than 1 month 4 1 month or longer

Q.7-2 What was the education/training about? Please circle all answers that apply.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 The value of working; adult attitudes <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Customer service, business telephone etiquette <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Accounting, bookkeeping <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Business writing <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Information processing, computer <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Information about the line of business <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Information about manufacturing process, facilities, machines | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Company outline <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Lecture on acquiring a specific qualification <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Lecture on adopting a new technology/facility <input type="checkbox"/> 11 Lecture at the time of promotion <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Foreign language <input type="checkbox"/> 13 Other (Specify: _____) |
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Q.8 At your current worksite, how satisfied are you with the following issues? For items A-J, circle the number of your satisfaction level.

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Dissatisfied
A. Work conditions (salary)	1	2	3	4
B. Work conditions (working hours)	1	2	3	4
C. Work conditions (vacation days)	1	2	3	4
D. Opportunities for promotion or advancement	1	2	3	4
E. Opportunities to develop skills or expertise	1	2	3	4
F. Your relationships with your superiors	1	2	3	4
G. Your relationships with your colleagues	1	2	3	4

H.	The company's line of business	1	2	3	4
I.	Your own work duties	1	2	3	4

Q.9 Overall, how satisfied are you with your own career path choices? Circle the number that best fits your feelings.

Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Dissatisfied
1	2	3	4

Q.10 How do you currently live? Please circle the one answer that applies.

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| 1 | With my parents | 3 | By myself |
| 2 | Company dormitory | 4 | Other (Specify: _____) |

Example: Sharing a room with my friend(s)

Q.11 How do you currently pay for your living expenses? Please follow the example and enter appropriate percentages so that they add up to 100%.

	Parents	Savings and part-time job income	Regular job income	Other
Example: If 90% of your expenses are covered by regular job income and 10% are covered by your parents	10 %	0 %	90 %	0 %
Living expenses	%	%	%	%

Q.12 What is your average monthly after-tax income (including your second jobs)? Please circle the one answer that applies.

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| 1 | Less than ¥50,000 | 4 | ¥120,000-¥139,000 | 7 | ¥180,000-¥199,000 |
| 2 | ¥50,000 – ¥99,000 | 5 | ¥140,000-¥159,000 | 8 | ¥200,000-¥219,000 |
| 3 | ¥100,000-¥119,000 | 6 | ¥160,000-¥179,000 | 9 | ¥220,000 or more |

Q.13 In your daily life, how often are you troubled by or worried about the following things? Circle one number for each item.

	Frequently	Occasionally	Never
A. Relationships with friends	1	2	3
B. Relationships with family members	1	2	3
C. Relationships with people at work	1	2	3
D. Making a living (income)	1	2	3
E. Having enough time	1	2	3
F. Health concerns	1	2	3
G. Romantic relationships	1	2	3
H. Work Issues	1	2	3
I. Future prospects	1	2	3

The following questions ask you about your family.

Q.14 Regarding your family structure when you were in your third year of high school, please circle all answers that apply. Please also enter the numbers of your grandparents and siblings (C through H) in the appropriate brackets.

	I have one			I do not have one	Total number (both living together and apart)	Example 1: Father is working away from home, and mother and maternal grandmother live with you. Paternal grandparents live elsewhere. No siblings.			Example 2: Father, mother, and two older sisters. One of the sisters is married and lives elsewhere. No brothers or younger sisters. Grandparents live elsewhere.				
	Living together		Living apart			Living together		Living apart	Living together		Living apart	Total number (both living together and apart)	
	1	2	3			1	2	3	1	2	3		
A. Father or stepfather	1	2	3			1	2	3					
B. Mother or stepmother	1	2	3			1	2	3					
C. Grandfather	1	2	3	()		1	2	3	(1)				
D. Grandmother	1	2	3	()		1	2	3	(2)				
E. Older brother	1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()				
F. Younger brother	1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()				
G. Older sister	1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()				
H. Younger sister	1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()				

Q.15 What were the living conditions at home when you were in your third year at high school? Please circle the one answer that applies.

Rich	Somewhat rich	Average	Not very rich	Not rich	Don't know
1	2	3	4	5	6

The following questions ask you about your views.

Q.16 Recently, an increasing number of people are making a living doing part-time jobs without engaging in **regular full-time employment**, have no interest in pursuing education, employment, or vocational training (NEET=Not in employment, education or training), or remain single and continue to live with their parents. What do you think about these lifestyles? For A through V, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

		Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
[Living on part-time jobs]	A. With the decreasing number of job openings, it is inevitable	1	2	3	4
	B. It helps in searching for the path one wishes to pursue	1	2	3	4
	C. It is a result of an individual's apathy	1	2	3	4
	D. It is a result of inadequate career counseling at high school	1	2	3	4
	E. It is not a big problem, as many of these people will eventually obtain proper jobs	1	2	3	4
	F. People who work part-time to pursue their dream are cool	1	2	3	4
	G. Anyone can become a part-time worker	1	2	3	4
	H. Being a part-time worker causes a lasting disadvantage	1	2	3	4
	I. Being a part-time worker is an honorable way of working	1	2	3	4
[NEET]	J. With the decreasing number of job openings, it is inevitable	1	2	3	4
	K. If there is no need, one need not venture to work	1	2	3	4
	L. Sometimes it takes time to find a path to pursue with confidence	1	2	3	4
	M. In order to find the path one wishes to pursue, it is better to do something	1	2	3	4
	N. It is a result of parents spoiling their children	1	2	3	4
	O. It is a result of an individual's apathy	1	2	3	4
	P. These people have difficulty communicating with others	1	2	3	4
	Q. It is nice to have parents do household chores	1	2	3	4
	R. It is better to leave home soon and become independent	1	2	3	4
[Living with parents]	S. Parents are happy living with their children, so it is a good thing	1	2	3	4
	T. For people whose income is not enough to earn a living, it can't be helped	1	2	3	4
	U. It is an advantage to be able to save living expenses and invest in what one loves	1	2	3	4
	V. Living with parents makes it difficult for one to marry	1	2	3	4

Q.17 What does it mean to you to be valuable to others? For A through E, please circle the one answer that applies in each case. Go to question 19.2.

	Very accurate	Somewhat accurate	Not that accurate	Not accurate at all
A. To live by mutual help among the people close to me, such as my family and friends	1	2	3	4
B. To do what I can for those in need, even people with whom I am unfamiliar	1	2	3	4
C. To be responsible in performing my duties and fulfilling my roles	1	2	3	4
D. To obtain a job that is rated highly by the society	1	2	3	4
E. To obtain a job that directly helps to improve people's lives (e.g., in social welfare, environment, security, education, healthcare)	1	2	3	4
F. To participate in volunteering/community service activities	1	2	3	4

Q.18 Have you participated in any of the following social activities during the past year? Please circle all answers that apply.

- 1 Political activities (e.g., support group activities, campaigns)
- 2 Volunteer activities (e.g., disaster relief, international cooperation, community chest, blood donation)
- 3 Grassroots/consumer campaigns (e.g., environmental conservation, regional autonomy)
- 4 Religious activities (e.g., community service)
- 5 Youth development activities (e.g., scouting, children's baseball/soccer)
- 6 Hobbies (e.g., band, theatrical company, choir, alpine club)
- 7 Other (Specify: _____)

The following questions ask you about the National Pension plan.

Q.19 Have you heard of the term National Pension? Please circle the one answer that applies.

- 1 I have ↓ Go to question 19-1
 2 I have not → Go to question 19-3

Q.19-1 This question is for those who selected answer 1 to question 19. What do you know about the National Pension? For statements A through D, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	I know	I do not know
A. Everyone aged 20 years or above is obligated to enroll	1	2
B. The amount of premium collected monthly (the current amount)	1	2
C. Students may apply for an exemption	1	2
D. The age at which you can start receiving a pension	1	2

Q.19-2 Do you intend to pay your monthly pension premiums in the future, or are you currently paying your premiums? Please circle the one answer that applies.

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| 1 | I intend to pay my premiums/am currently paying my premiums | → | Go to question 19-3 |
| 2 | I do not intend to pay my premiums/am not currently paying my premiums | ↓ | Go to question 19-3 |

Q.19-3 This question is for those who selected answer 2 to question 19-2. What is the reason that you do not intend to pay your premiums, or that you are not currently paying your premiums? Please circle the one answer that applies.

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| 1 | I do not trust the National Pension | 4 | I do not have enough money |
| 2 | I do not trust the government | 5 | Other (Specify: _____) |
| 3 | I would rather save money on my own | | |

Q.20 Think about your life after retirement. Which of the following best describes your views? Please circle one answer.

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| 1 | I am responsible for my own life after retirement, and should not depend on a pension |
| 2 | In principle I am responsible for my own life after retirement, and may use a pension to cover any shortages |
| 3 | My family, such as my children, will be responsible for my life after retirement, and I need not depend on a pension |
| 4 | In principle my family, such as my children, will be responsible for my life after retirement, and I may use a pension to cover any shortages |
| 5 | I would like to depend on a pension for my life after retirement |
| 6 | Don't know |

Q.21 The falling birthrate and the aging population in our society will lead to growing welfare needs. Under such circumstances, who do you think should primarily assume the burden? Please circle the one answer that best applies.

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| 1 | Each individual and his/her family |
| 2 | More towards each individual and his/her family |
| 3 | More towards the government |
| 4 | The government |
| 5 | Don't know |

The following questions ask you about your future.

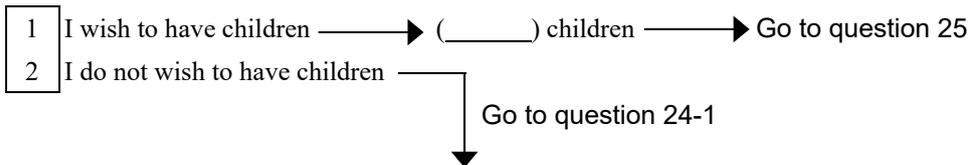
Q.22 When you think of the future, how worried are you about the following issues? Circle one number for items A-D.

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not that worried	Not worried at all
A. Not finding a job or losing a job	1	2	3	4
B. Not making enough money to get by	1	2	3	4
C. Having to provide care for family members	1	2	3	4
D. Suddenly suffering an accident	1	2	3	4

Q.23 What is your view of raising children? Please circle the one answer that applies.

Fun	Somewhat fun	Neither fun nor burdensome	Somewhat burdensome	Burdensome
1	2	3	4	5

Q.24 Do you wish to have children of your own in the future? Please circle the one answer that applies. If you do, how many children do you wish to have? Please enter a number in the bracket.



Q.24-1 This question is for those who selected answer 2 to question 24. Why do you not wish to have children? Please circle the one answer that best applies.

- 1 The financial burden of raising children would be heavy
- 2 Raising children would be stressful
- 3 I do not like the fact that it would take up my leisure time
- 4 I would rather live with my partner alone
- 5 I have other family member(s) that I have to take care of
- 6 I do not like children
- 7 I have concerns about the environment in which we raise children
- 8 I do not have confidence in my ability to raise children
- 9 I would rather focus on my work
- 10 Other (Specify: _____)

Q.25 What is your view on what women should do, in terms of work and marriage? Please circle the one answer that applies.

- 1 Become a homemaker without getting a job
- 2 Find a job, but quit after marrying.
- 3 Keep job after marriage, but quit after having a child
- 4 Quit job after having a child, but return to work once children require less attention
- 5 Continue working after marriage and having children

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| 6 | Keep job after marriage and never have children | |
| 7 | Keep working without getting married | |
| 8 | Other (please specify: _____) |) |
| 9 | Don't know | |

Q.26 How do you feel about the role of men in the family? For items A-E, circle the number that indicates how you agree with each statement.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
A Men should provide for their families.	1	2	3	4
B Men without stable work don't have to get married.	1	2	3	4
C Men should leave housework and child rearing to women and focus on work instead.	1	2	3	4
D It is fine for men to stay at home and focus on housework and child rearing.	1	2	3	4
E It is important for men to be involved in raising their children.	1	2	3	4

Q.27 When you are around 30 years old, what employment status would you like to have? Circle one number in the following list.

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| 1 | Working as a regular, full-time employee. | 6 | Working as a housewife or househusband. |
| 2 | Running my own business. | 7 | Other (please specify: _____) |
| 3 | Running my family's business. | 8 | Don't know. |
| 4 | Working independently without employees. | | |
| 5 | Working part-time. | | |



Q.27-1. [This question to be answered only if you selected an answer from 1 – 5 in question 27 above]. What type of job would you like to have when you are around 30 years old? Circle one number in the list below.

- | Agriculture, forestry, fishing | | Professional or technical jobs | |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Agriculture, forestry, and fishing related jobs. (excluding part-time work and jobs processing foodstuffs or lumber) | 20 | Physician |
| | Manufacturing, construction, and technical jobs. | 21 | Pharmacist, nutritionist, nurse, clinical laboratory technician |
| 2 | Factory technician or machine operator | 22 | Case worker, counselor, or other welfare related worker |
| 3 | Automotive mechanic, electrician, etc. | 23 | Attorney, prosecutor, judge, etc |
| 4 | Construction trades: carpenter, plasterer, plumber, etc. | 24 | Accountant, licensed tax accountant, etc. |
| | Retail and restaurants | 25 | Diplomat |
| 5 | Department store staff, salesperson, etc. | 26 | Scientist, researcher, or college professor |
| 6 | Shop, supermarket, convenience store staff. | 27 | Elementary, middle, or high school teacher |
| 7 | Owner of a cafe, restaurant, or boutique. | 28 | Kindergarten teacher or childcare worker |
| | | 29 | System engineer, computer programmer |

Business administration jobs

- 8 Businessman, bank employee, trading company employee, office lady
- 9 Government employee

Management

- 10 Company executive, division or section chief
- 11 Corporate manager
- 12 Politician

Service sector jobs

- 13 Barber or beautician
- 14 Cook or chef
- 15 Flight attendant, waitress, hotel employee, etc.

Public safety jobs

- 16 Police officer, firefighter, SDF personnel
- 17 Security guard

Transportation and communications jobs

- 18 Truck driver, train operator, pilot, etc.
- 19 Radio dispatcher, mail carrier, etc.

- 30 Mechanical, electrical, architectural, or civil engineer
- 31 Reporter, journalist, or editor
- 32 TV or radio broadcasting related jobs
- 33 Designer, stylist, or cameraman
- 34 Novelist, writer, or manga artist
- 35 Artist
- 36 Singer or television personality
- 37 Professional athlete

38 Don't know

39 Other (please specify:)

Q.28 In the space below, please share your thoughts on your experiences over the past year.