

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? For A and B, please circle the one answer that applies in each case. Also, how many years of study are required to graduate from the school where you are currently enrolled? Please enter a number in the box below for C.

A. Type of school

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| 1 | I am enrolled at a junior college |
| 2 | I am enrolled at a specialized training college |
| 3 | I am enrolled at a vocational training school |
| 4 | Other (Specify: _____) |

B. Type of course

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| 1 | Day course |
| 2 | Evening course |
| 3 | Correspondence course |
| 4 | Other (Specify: _____) |

C. Required number of years

-year school

Example:

It usually takes two years to graduate → two-year school

It usually takes three years to graduate → three-year school

Q.2 Which type of entrance examination did you take to enter the school where you are currently enrolled? Please circle the one answer that applies.

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| 1 | General entrance examination | 5 | Internal admission from an affiliated high school |
| 2 | Designated school recommendation | 6 | Second year transfer admission |
| 3 | Open recommendation | 7 | Other (Specify: _____) |
| 4 | Self-recommendation/AO entrance examination | | |

Q.3 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.

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| 1 | I was not a student, and was working as a regular, full-time |
| 2 | I was not a student, and was working part-time |
| 3 | I was enrolled at a four-year university |
| 4 | I was enrolled at a junior college |
| 5 | I was enrolled at specialized training college |
| 6 | I was enrolled at a vocational training school |
| 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) |
| 8 | I was unemployed and searching for a job |
| 9 | I was staying home (includes household helpers)/I was doing nothing |
| 10 | Other (Specify: _____) |
- } Go to question 3-1

Q.3-1 This question is for those who selected answer 4, 5, or 6 to question 3. Is the school you were enrolled at last year (October 2004) the same school at which you are currently enrolled? Please circle the one answer that applies.

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| 1 | It is the same school that I am currently enrolled at |
| 2 | It is a different school |
| 3 | Other (Specify: _____) |

Q.4 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.5 How do you currently live? Please circle the one answer that applies.

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|---|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | With my parents | 3 | By myself |
| 2 | School/company dormitory | 4 | Other (Specify: _____) |
- Example: Sharing a room with my friend(s)

Q.6 How do you currently pay for your tuition and living expenses? For A and B, please follow the example and enter appropriate percentages so that they add up to 100%.

	Parents	Savings and part-time job income	Scholarship and loans	Regular job income	Other
Example: If 80% of your expenses are covered by your parents and 20% are covered by part-time job income	80 %	20 %	0 %	0 %	0 %
A. Living expenses	%	%	%	%	%
B. Tuition	%	%	%	%	%

Q.7 How many hours per week do you usually work part-time? Please circle the one answer that applies.

Never	1 to 5 hours	6 to 10 hours	11 to 15 hours	16 to 20 hours	21 to 25 hours	26 to 30 hours	31 to 35 hours	36 to 40 hours	41 hours or more
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

The following questions ask you about your school and what you study.

Q.8 Which of the following schools are you currently enrolled at? Please circle the one answer that applies.

- 1 Nationally owned
 2 Publicly owned
 3 Privately owned

Q.9 What do you study at the school? For either (a) junior college or (b) a specialized training college/vocational training school, please circle the one answer that applies.

(a) Junior college

(b) Specialized training college or public occupational training course

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| 1 | Science and engineering |
| 2 | Agriculture |
| 3 | Social sciences (including economics, business administration, commerce, law, political science, and sociology) * includes social businesses (e.g., social welfare, industrial welfare) |
| 4 | Humanities (literature, foreign languages, philosophy, history, or psychology) |
| 5 | Education (e.g., childcare, early childhood education) |
| 6 | Family and consumer sciences (including home economics, food science, clothing, housing), e.g., domestic economy, life shaping, life design, dietary nutrition, fashion |
| 7 | Health (including medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and nursing), e.g., nursing, sanitary engineering, environmental health, clinical laboratory, radiation |
| 8 | Art (including fine arts, design, music) |
| 9 | Other: (please specify _____) |

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| 1 | Science and technology, information and communications, construction, or machinery. |
| 2 | Agriculture, animal husbandry |
| 3 | Health-related (medical, dental, etc.) |
| 4 | Food services, nutrition, etc. |
| 5 | Hair styling, cosmetology, etc. |
| 6 | Education, childcare, social welfare, etc. |
| 7 | Business, management, accounting, etc. |
| 8 | Apparel, fashion design, etc. |
| 9 | Fine arts, culture, performing arts, foreign languages, etc. |
| 10 | Civil service exam prep course |
| 11 | Other: (please specify _____) |

Q.10 How do you feel about the education offered by the school? For A through F, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	Satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	No practical and exercise content offered
A. Lecture content	1	2	3	4	5
B. Practical and exercise content	1	2	3	4	5
C. Facilities for practical and exercise classes	1	2	3	4	5
D. The number of practical and exercise hours	1	2	3	4	5
E. Teaching style in practical and exercise classes	1	2	3	4	5
F. Overall education offered at the school	1	2	3	4	5

Q.11 What are your grades at school? Please circle the one answer that applies.

Mostly excellent (A: scores 80 to 100)	Good on average (B: scores 70 to 79)	Pass on average (C: scores 60 to 69)	Mostly fail (D: scores 0 to 59)
1	2	3	4

Q.12 Do you have any qualification or license, or are you currently pursuing any qualification or license (including ones that can be acquired upon graduation from the school you are currently enrolled at, or upon -completion of specified courses)? Please circle the one answer that applies.

1 Yes ↓ Go to question 12-1
 2 No → Go to question 13

Q.12-1 This question is for those who selected answer 1 to question 12. Please list all qualifications and licenses that you have or are currently pursuing.

Qualification/license you have	Qualification/license you are currently pursuing

The following questions ask you about guidance counseling and job search.

Q.13 To what extent do you value the following things when choosing a career or employer? For A through P, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	Very much	Somewhat	Not very much	Not at all
A. I can leverage my skills and abilities	1	2	3	4
B. The nature of the job suits my character	1	2	3	4
C. The job is stable and there is no risk of losing it	1	2	3	4
D. The company has potential to grow in the future	1	2	3	4
E. The company is well known to the general public	1	2	3	4
F. The job offers high income	1	2	3	4
G. The job requires no relocation, or relocation is limited to specific areas	1	2	3	4
H. It is easy to commute	1	2	3	4
I. It is my family's preference	1	2	3	4
J. The employment is favorable in terms of work hours, holidays, and vacation	1	2	3	4
K. I can commute from my parents' place	1	2	3	4
L. The job offers attractive benefits	1	2	3	4
M. The workplace atmosphere is positive	1	2	3	4

- N. The job likely offers a long-term career
 O. I can be of service to others
 P. Other (Specify: _____)

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

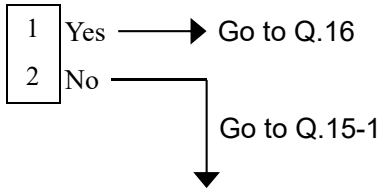
Q.14 What is your expected status in the next year (after April 2006)? Please circle the one answer that applies. If you are not sure yet, please circle the one answer that best describes your current plan.

1	I will have advanced to the next year of study in the department/course in which I am currently enrolled (e.g., those who are not currently in their final year [such as those in their first year at a three-year school])	} → Go to question 15
2	I will be in the same year of study as I am this year (including those who will stay as non-degree students after graduation)	
3	I will have transferred to a four-year university	} → Go to question 14-1
4	I will have advanced to a department/course that is different from the one I am currently enrolled at, or been admitted to a school other than a four-year university	
5	I will have obtained regular, full-time employment (including as a government employee)	} → Go to question 15
6	I will be working part-time	
7	I will be working on a contract (including a preliminary contract before full-time employment)	
8	I will have taken over my family business	
9	I will be staying home and helping with housework	
10	I will be doing nothing special	
11	I do not know what I will be doing	} → Go to question 15
12	Other (Specify: _____)	

Q.14-1 This question is for those who selected answer 3 or 4 to question 14. What is your current status (circle one answer)?

1	I have already been admitted to the prospective school/department/course
2	I plan to transfer/move to a different school/department/course, and I am preparing for examinations
3	I plan to transfer/move to a different school/department/course, but I have not started preparing for examinations

Q.15 Have you searched for employment (such as applying for a position at a company or preparing for a civil service examination) since you entered the school you are currently enrolled at?



Q.15-1 This question is for those who selected answer 2 to question 15. Why have you not searched for employment until now? Please circle all answers that apply.

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| 1 | I am not in my final year yet | |
| 2 | I plan to transfer to a four-year university | |
| 3 | I plan to move on to a department/course that is different from the one I am currently enrolled at or to a school other than a four-year university | |
| 4 | I intend to stay in the same year of study for another year | |
| 5 | My plan has always been to take over my family business | |
| 6 | I will search for employment after graduation | |
| 7 | It is hard to obtain a full-time position for the job of my choice unless I have experience as a part-time/temporary employee | |
| 8 | I intend to start my own business or work as a freelancer | |
| 9 | I was able to obtain a full-time position before I started searching | |
| 10 | I do not wish to pursue full-time employment | } Go to Q.15-2 |
| 11 | I am not sure what kind of career I want to pursue | |
| 12 | I failed/am likely to fail to obtain a qualification | |
| 13 | I am busy with activities other than seeking employment | |
| 14 | No special reason | |
| 15 | I will likely be unable to graduate | |
| 16 | I am getting married | |
| 17 | Other (Specify: _____) | |

Q.15-2 This question is for those who selected answers 10 through 17 to question 15-1. Do you intend to search for employment in the future?

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|---|------|---|----------|---|------------|
| 1 | I do | 2 | I do not | 3 | Don't know |
|---|------|---|----------|---|------------|

→ For those who completed questions 15-1 and 15-2, please proceed to question 22.

The following questions are for those who have searched for employment since enrollment in their current school (those who selected answer 1 to question 15).

Q.16 When searching for employment, did you participate in the following activities? For A through E, please circle the one answer that applies in each case. Please also fill in the boxes to indicate the number of times you participated, and when you started participating in each activity (which month of which year of study).

A: Informational interviews with alumni/alumnae

1	I did	→	around			times since		(month)	of		year of	study
2	I did not											

B: Application for a position at a company

1	I did	→	around			times since		(month)	of		year of	study
2	I did not											

C: Application for a position at a company

1	I did	→	around			companies since		(month)	of		year of	study
2	I did not											

D: Written examinations (including the Synthetic Personality Inventory)
(* includes civil service examination and employment examinations for teachers, daycare staff, and nurses)

1	I did	→	around			companies/ organizations since		(month)	of		year of	study
2	I did not											

E: Job interviews
(* includes civil service examination and employment examinations for teachers, daycare staff, and nurses)

1	I did	→	around			companies/ organizations since		(month)	of		year of	study
2	I did not											

Q.17 Please indicate the current status of your job search.

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| 1 | I have already received an offer, and stopped searching | } → Go to question 19 |
| 2 | I have received an offer, but am continuing my search | |
| 3 | I have not received an offer, and am continuing my search | → Go to p. 10 question 20 |
| 4 | I have not received an offer, and have stopped searching | ↓ Go to question 18 below |

Q.18 This question is for those who selected answer 4 to question 17. Why have you stopped searching for employment? Please circle all answers that apply.

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|---|---|----|---|
| 1 | I lost confidence in myself receiving any offer | 6 | I have decided to take over my family business |
| 2 | There are not very many good positions left now | 7 | I have decided to try and search for employment next year |
| 3 | I do not want to force myself to search for employment any more | 8 | I have started to question myself about what I want to pursue |
| 4 | I do not want to force myself to accept a position at a company that is not my choice | 9 | I have started to I have lost my enthusiasm question myself about what I want to pursue |
| 5 | I have found something else that I want to pursue | 10 | Other (Specify: _____) |

→ For those who completed question 18, please proceed to question 20.

The following questions are for those who have already received an offer (those who selected answers 1 or 2 in question 17).

Q.19 This question asks you about the company/organization from which you have received an offer. If you have received more than one offer, please answer this question about the company/organization whose offer you are most interested in accepting.

(a) Industry sector: Please circle the one answer that applies.

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|---|---|----|--|
| 1 | Agriculture, forestry, fishing, or mining | 9 | Finance, insurance |
| 2 | Construction | 10 | Real estate |
| 3 | Machinery, electronics, or automotive manufacturing | 11 | Personal service sector (hotels, hair salons, etc.) |
| 4 | Other manufacturing | 12 | Information services, surveys, or advertising |
| 5 | Utilities (electricity, gas, heat supply, water) | 13 | Medical, health, or social services |
| 6 | Transportation | 14 | Other services (leasing, security, business contracting, etc.) |
| 7 | Communications | 15 | Government employee |
| 8 | Wholesale, retail, or restaurant | 16 | Other (please specify: _____) |

(b) Company size (total number of employees at the main office and all branch offices, excluding part-time workers): Please circle the one answer that applies.

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|----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|---------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | 1-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | 100-299 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | 500-999 | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 | Government employee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | 30-99 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | 300-499 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | 1000 or more | | |

(c) Job type (job description): What does your job likely involve? Please write your response in the box below, and circle the one answer that best applies.

Example: Sales staff in the men's clothing department of a department store, daycare staff, programmer at a software development company, radiology technician at a hospital, sales representative at a car dealership, telemarketer at a company

1	Skilled work at a production site such as an industrial plant * includes auto technician and computer-aided designer	12	Mechanical/electrical/architectural/civil engineer * includes land surveyor
2	Skilled work involving machine operation/electrical work e.g., electrical worker, licensed electrician, boiler engineer	13	Job in information processing e.g., system engineer, programmer
3	Skilled work in construction e.g., carpenter, plasterer, plumber	14	Health nurse, midwife, nurse
4	Clerical work e.g., general clerical work, secretary, office-based sales, medical office assistant, reception, postal service worker	15	Job in healthcare technology e.g., clinical radiologist, clinical laboratory technician, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, dental hygienist, dental technician
5	Sales job e.g., sales staff at a department/retail store, insurance sales agent	16	Nutritionist
6	Hospitality job e.g., barber, hairstylist, cook, flight attendant, hotel worker, waiter, waitress, tour conductor, dog/cat groomer	17	Daycare staff
7	Security job such as police, firefighter, and Self-Defense Forces	18	Kindergarten teacher
8	Security guard (excluding police, firefighter, and Self-Defense Forces)	19	Elementary/junior high school teacher
9	Job in agriculture, forestry, or fisheries (excluding processing and as a sideline business) * includes zookeeper and landscape gardener	20	Other professional job e.g., reporter, editor, writer, photographer, comic/manga artist, illustrator, musician, actor, TV personality, voice actor, industrial designer, interior designer, floral designer, display designer, fashion designer, web designer, CG artist, graphic designer
10	Job in transportation e.g., train/bus/truck driver, conductor	21	Government employee (excluding police, firefighter, and Self-Defense Forces)
11	Job in communication e.g., telegraphist, mail carrier	22	Other (Specify: _____)

(d) To what extent is the job offered likely related to what you learned in school and the qualification(s) you have/are currently pursuing? Please circle the one answer that applies.

Very much	Somewhat	Not very much	Not at all	Don't know
1	2	3	4	5

(e) How did you apply for the job? Please circle the one answer that applies.

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| 1 | School recommendation or referral | 7 | Job placement sites on the internet or job sites via smartphones |
| 2 | Through job listings available at school | 8 | Help wanted posters |
| 3 | Civil service general recruitment | 9 | Transitioned from part-time to full-time at same employer |
| 4 | By referral from my family/acquaintance/senior at school | 10 | Job listings at public employment security offices (Hello Work) |
| 5 | Job placement magazine or newspaper advertisements | 11 | Other (please specify: _____) |
| 6 | Advertising insert in newspapers or other publications | | |

(f) How satisfied are you with your prospective employer and the job type (job description)? For A and B, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	A little unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied
A. Prospective employer	1	2	3	4
B. Job type (job description)	1	2	3	4

The following question is again for those who have searched for employment since enrollment in their current school (those who selected answer 1 in question 15).

Q.20 This question asks you about the guidance counseling at your school. For A through M, please circle the one answer that applies.

	It was helpful	It was not helpful	Not available
A. Guidance counseling office such as career services office	1	2	3
B. Staff specialized in guidance counseling	1	2	3
C. Career information sessions/orientations	1	2	3
D. Guidance on practice examinations/interviews	1	2	3
E. Workplace experience (internship)	1	2	3
F. Individual guidance counseling	1	2	3
G. Job listings provided/Referral	1	2	3
H. Partner companies	1	2	3
I. Group companies	1	2	3
j. Internal selection for recommendation	1	2	3
K. Senior students' presentations on their job search experiences	1	2	3
L. Assistance for informational interviews with alumni/alumnae	1	2	3
M. Company study groups (talks by company representatives)	1	2	3

The following questions are for everyone to reply to.

Q.21 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.22 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)		1	2	3	(2)
D. Grandmother	1	2	3	()		1	2	3	(2)		1	2	3	(2)
E. Older brother	1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()
F. Younger brother	1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()
G. Older sister	1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()		1	2	3	(2)
H. Younger sister	1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()		1	2	3	()

Q.23 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.24 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
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
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
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.25 How important are the following things to you? Circle the appropriate number for items A-J.

	Very important	A little important	Not important
A Succeeding at work	1	2	3
B Getting married and having a happy home life	1	2	3
C Becoming rich	1	2	3
D Having time to do things you enjoy	1	2	3
E Being respected at work	1	2	3
F Receiving a good education	1	2	3

Q.26 How close are your beliefs to the following statements? Circle the appropriate number showing the accuracy of items A-J.

	Very accurate	Somewhat accurate	Slightly accurate	Not at all accurate
A I don't really know what kind of work I want to do.	1	2	3	4
B I think it is too early for me to decide what career I want.	1	2	3	4
C I'm already worried about what path to take.	1	2	3	4
D Grades in school determine your future.	1	2	3	4
E I have goals for ten years from now.	1	2	3	4
F I'd rather enjoy life now than in the future.	1	2	3	4
G I believe that not thinking carefully about your future will cost you later.	1	2	3	4
H I am worried about getting along well in society.	1	2	3	4
I I don't want to accept a job I don't want while I'm young.	1	2	3	4
J I believe there is a connection between your grades at school and your ability to work well.	1	2	3	4

Q.27 What does it mean to you to be valuable to others? For A through F, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	Very accurate	Somewhat accurate	Slightly accurate	Not at all accurate
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.28 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.29 Have you heard of the term National Pension? Please circle the one answer that applies.

- 1 I have ↓ Go to question 29-1
- 2 I have not → Go to question 30

Q.29-1 This question is for those who selected answer 1 to question 29. 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.29-2 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.

- 1 I intend to pay my premiums/am currently paying my premiums → Go to question 30
- 2 I do not intend to pay my premiums/am not currently paying my premiums ↓ Go to question 29-3

Q.29-3 This question is for those who selected answer 2 to question 29-2. 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.

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

Q.30 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.31 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.32 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.33 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.34 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.

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| 1 | I wish to have children → () children → Go to question 35 |
| 2 | I do not wish to have children →
↓
Go to question 34-1 |

Q.34-1 This question is for those who selected answer 2 to question 34. Why do you not wish to have children? Please circle the one answer that best applies.

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| 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.35 What is your view on what women should do, in terms of work and marriage? Please circle the one answer that applies.

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

Q.36 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.37 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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Working as a regular, full-time employee. 2 Running my own business. 3 Running my family's business. 4 Working independently without employees. 5 Working part-time. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Working as a housewife or househusband. 7 Other (please specify: _____) 8 Don't know. |
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- If you chose an answer from 1-5, go to question 37-1.
- If you chose an answer from 6-8, go to question 38

Q.37-1 [This question to be answered only if you selected an answer from 1 – 5 in question 37 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

- 1 Agriculture, forestry, and fishing related jobs.
(excluding part-time work and jobs processing foodstuffs or lumber)
- Manufacturing, construction, and technical jobs.
- 2 Factory technician or machine operator
 - 3 Automotive mechanic, electrician, etc.
 - 4 Construction trades: carpenter, plasterer, plumber, etc.

Retail and restaurants

- 5 Department store staff, salesperson, etc.
- 6 Shop, supermarket, convenience store staff.
- 7 Owner of a cafe, restaurant, or boutique.

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

Professional or technical jobs

- 20 Physician
- 21 Pharmacist, nutritionist, nurse, clinical laboratory technician
- 22 Case worker, counselor, or other welfare related worker
- 23 Attorney, prosecutor, judge, etc
- 24 Accountant, licensed tax accountant, etc.
- 25 Diplomat
- 26 Scientist, researcher, or college professor
- 27 Elementary, middle, or high school teacher
- 28 Kindergarten teacher or childcare worker
- 29 System engineer, computer programmer
- 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: _____)

Transportation and communications jobs

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

Q.38 In the space below, please share your thoughts on your experiences over the past year.