

**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.

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|---|----------------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | First year in a day course       | 5 | First year in a correspondence course  |
| 2 | Second year in a day course      | 6 | Second year in a correspondence course |
| 3 | First year in an evening course  | 7 | Taking time off from school            |
| 4 | Second year in an evening course | 8 | Other (Specify: _____ )                |

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 Which of the following describes your status in October last year (2004)? 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 employee   | } | → Go to question 4   |
| 2  | I was not a student, and was working part-time  |   |                      |
| 3  | I was enrolled at a four-year university  | } | → Go to question 3-1 |
| 4  | I was enrolled at a junior college  |   |                      |
| 5  | I was enrolled at a 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   | } | → Go to question 4   |
| 10 | Other (Specify: _____ )   |   |                      |

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.

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 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
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Q.8 What do you study at the school? Please circle the one answer that applies.

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: _____ )

Q.9 If you can, please provide details of the university.

	Name of university:		Name of faculty:
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**The following questions ask you about your daily life.**

Q.10 How many hours per week do you usually spend studying at home, at school (excluding classes), and at any qualification preparatory school (including English conversation school)? For A through C, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	Never	Less than 1 hour	1 to 3 hours	4 to 6 hours	7 to 9 hours	10 to 12 hours	13 to 15 hours	16 to 20 hours	21 hours or more
A. At home	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
B. At school	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
C. At qualification preparatory school	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Q.11 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

Q.12 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 at school	1	2	3
D. Relationships with people at work	1	2	3
E. Your studies	1	2	3
F. Making a living (income)	1	2	3
G. Having enough time	1	2	3
H. Health concerns	1	2	3
I. Romantic relationships	1	2	3
J. Work Issues	1	2	3
K. Future prospects	1	2	3

**The following questions ask you about your school life.**

Q.13 How many days per week do you usually go to school? Please circle the one answer that applies.

Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	7 days
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Q.14 How many hours per week do you usually spend at school? For A through C, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	Never	Less than 1 hour	1 to 3 hours	4 to 6 hours	7 to 9 hours	10 to 12 hours	13 to 15 hours	16 to 20 hours	21 hours or more
A. Attending classes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
B. Student club/group activities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
C. Any other hours spent at school	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Q.15 How often do you usually engage in the following activities? For A through F, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	Often	Sometimes	Not very often	Never
A. Preparing and reviewing for classes	1	2	3	4
B. Reading books related to my major (excluding textbooks)	1	2	3	4
C. Asking my professor questions during class	1	2	3	4
D. Having conversations with my professor outside class	1	2	3	4
E. Studying with my friends from school	1	2	3	4
F. Spending time with my friends from school on holidays	1	2	3	4

Q.16 Have you engaged in the following activities since you entered university (or are you currently doing so)? Please circle all answers that apply.

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|----|---|
| 1  | Studied/studying for a qualification                                    |
| 2  | Attended/attending a qualification preparatory school                   |
| 3  | Studied/studying for TOEIC/TOEFL  |
| 4  | Attended/attending an English conversation school                       |
| 5  | Asked a senior student about his/her experience of job searching        |
| 6  | Attended an event organized by the career services office/career center |
| 7  | Taken/taking a class related to work and job search                     |
| 8  | Attended a company/industry seminar                                     |
| 9  | Participated/participating in an internship                             |
| 10 | Studied/studying abroad   |

Q.17 How often do you experience the following feelings? For each of A through I, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	Often	Sometimes	Not very often	Never
A. Classes are too easy	1	2	3	4
B. Classes are too difficult	1	2	3	4
C. I do not know how to take notes in class	1	2	3	4
D. I do not know how to write reports	1	2	3	4
E. My professor/instructor is not good at teaching	1	2	3	4
F. I wish to transfer to a different faculty/department if possible	1	2	3	4
G. I wish to transfer to a different school if possible	1	2	3	4
H. I wish to leave university and obtain employment	1	2	3	4
I. I wish to leave university and go to a specialized training college	1	2	3	4

Q.18 Are you planning to transfer to a different university? Please circle the one answer that applies.

1	I am planning to, and have been admitted
2	I am planning to, and am preparing for an entrance examination
3	I am planning to, but have not started preparing for an entrance examination
4	I am not planning to

Q.19 What are your (A) rate of attendance in class and (B) rate of earning credits (the number of credits earned, divided by the total number of credits which the classes you have taken since entrance are worth)? For A and B, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	Less than 20%	20 to 40%	40 to 60%	60 to 80%	More than 80%
A. Rate of attendance	1	2	3	4	5
B. Rate of earning credits	1	2	3	4	5

Q.20 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.21 To what extent do the following statements apply to you? For A through J, please circle the one answer that applies in each case.

	Very accurate	Somewhat accurate	Not that accurate	Not accurate at all
A. I like my school	1	2	3	4
B. My school life is fulfilling	1	2	3	4
C. I have many hours of discretionary time	1	2	3	4
D. I do not know how to spend my four years in school	1	2	3	4
E. It is important to obtain good grades	1	2	3	4

- F. I only need to earn enough credits and graduate
- G. I want to study abroad while in school
- H. I want to participate in an internship
- I. I will be able to graduate in four years
- J. I want to advance to a graduate program after graduation

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

Q.22 As a whole, how satisfied are you with your school life? Please circle the one answer that applies.

Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Unsatisfied
1	2	3	4

**The following questions ask you about your family.**

Q.23 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:			Total number (both living together and apart)	Example 2:			Total number (both living together and apart)
	Living together		Living apart			Living together		Living apart		Living together		Living apart	
	1	2	3			1	2	3		1	2	3	
A. Father or stepfather	1	2	3			1	②	3		①	2	3	
B. Mother or stepmother	1	2	3			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.24 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.25 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.26 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.27 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.28 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.29 Have you participated in any of the following social activities during the past year? Please circle all answers that apply.

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| 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.30 Have you heard of the term National Pension? Please circle the one answer that applies.

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|---|------------|---------------------|
| 1 | I have     | Go to question 30-1 |
| 2 | I have not | Go to question 31   |

Q.30-1 This question is for those who selected answer 1 to question 30. 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.30-2 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 31   |
| 2 | I do not intend to pay my premiums/am not currently paying my premiums | Go to question 30-3 |

Q.30-3 This question is for those who selected answer 2 to question 30-2. 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.31 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.32 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.33 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.34 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.35 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 36 |
| 2 | I do not wish to have children | ↓<br>Go to question 35-1 |                  |   |                   |

Q.35-1 This question is for those who selected answer 2 to question 35. 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.36 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.37 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
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Q.38 When you are around 30 years old, what employment status would you like to have? Circle one number in the following list.

- 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.

- 6 Working as a housewife or househusband.
- 7 Other (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- 8 Don't know.

If you chose an answer from 1-5, go to question 38-1.

If you chose an answer from 6-8, go to question 39

Q38-1 [This question to be answered only if you selected an answer from 1 – 5 in question 38 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)
- 2 Manufacturing, construction, and technical jobs.  
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.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_)

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.

Q.39 In the space below, please share your thoughts on your experiences over the past year.