

Questions about personal information

Question 1. Please specify your gender and date of birth.

Gender	1. Male 2. Female	Date of birth	YEAR: _____	A.D.	MONTH: _____
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Question 2. Do you usually have a job that generates income (including student part-time jobs)? (Please circle one.)

1. Yes, I have a job
 2. No, I do not have a job

<Follow-up question 1> What do you usually do? (Circle one)

1. Attend school
 2. Domestic work
 3. Other

<Follow-up question 2> Would you like to work to earn a living? (Circle one)

1. Yes, I am actually searching for a job or preparing to start a business. _____	
2. Yes, I am considering it, but I am NOT searching for a job or preparing to start a business. _____	
3. No, I do not wish to work at the present time. _____	

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"Job" refers to any job that generates income, **including** a help for family businesses (farming and shop work, etc.) and part-time

Question 3. The following questions will ask about your current or most recent job.

(1) TYPE OF WORK Please select the closest one. (Circle one)

1. Business manager, or executive	4. Temporary staff (" <i>haken shain</i> ")	8. Side work (piecework)
2. Full-time employee	5. Contract worker (" <i>ukeoi shain</i> ")	9. Other
3. Part-time (<u>including a student having a part-time job</u>)	6. Self-employed, entrepreneur	(specify: _____)
	7. Family worker	

(2) SUBSTANCE OF WORK Please select the closest description. (Circle one)

1. Professional /technical.....	(Requiring specialized knowledge or skill, such as: doctor, nurse, lawyer, teacher, engineer, designer, etc.)
2. Administrative/managerial.....	(Division head or higher position in business or government office, assemblyman, business manager, etc.)
3. Office/clerical.....	(Office worker in business or government, accountant, office clerk, etc.)
4. Sales	(Retail or wholesale store manager, store clerk, inside sales, insurance sales, outside sales, etc.)
5. Service.....	(Beautician, chef, waitress, home helper, etc.)
6. Manufacturing/skilled labor.....	(Production and assembly of manufactured goods, bicycle maintenance, building construction, carpentry, electricians, agricultural manufacture, etc.)
7. Transportation/security.....	(Truck and taxi drivers, dock workers, mail delivery, telecommunications worker, police, fire department, self-defense force, security guard, etc.)
8. Other	

(2)-2 Please specify the substance of your work.

Please describe your position (capacity) and workplace as described in sample responses:

(Sample responses)

Rice farmer Primary school teacher Supermarket cashier Telephone solicitor for food supply company
 Outside salesperson for cosmetics company Interior electrical wiring at construction sites Care worker at welfare facility (nurse/social worker) Factory labor for plastic toys production Bank receptionist System engineer at a software development company (software development technician)

(3) JOB TITLE Please select the closest description. (Circle one)

1. No job title	4. Section chief or equivalent	7. Other – please specify:
2. Supervisor, foreman, team leader	5. Division chief or equivalent	[]
3. Assistant section chief or equivalent (kakarichō)	6. Company president, executive, director	

(4) How many hours and days do you generally spend at work?

A. Average hours worked per day (including overtime)	Average day:			hours
B. Average days worked per month	Average month:			days

(5) What kind of salary system applies for your current job and how much are you paid for each paycheck? Please circle the salary system, and give the rough amount of each paycheck (gross amount, before taxes, company insurance, etc. are deducted). (Circle one)

<Payment type>	<Amount>											
1. Hourly pay												Yes
2. Daily pay												Yes
3. Weekly pay												Yes
4. Monthly pay												Yes
5. Annual pay												Yes
6. Other	(Specific type and amount: _____)											

(6) Description of workplace. Please give specific description.

Sample responses:
 Auto parts manufacturing Vegetable sales Hotel Branch office of bank Department store Design office
 Mutual aid association Temporary staff agency Prefectural high school Municipal office Environmental non-profit organization

(7) Total number of employees (including family and part-time employees) in the entire company. (including branch offices) (Circle one)

1. One employee	3. 5-9 employees	5. 30-99 employees	7. 300-999 employees	9. Government Office
2. 2-4 employees	4. 10-29 employees	6. 100-299 employees	8. 1,000 or more employees	10. Don't know

(8) About how long is your commute (one-way, the time it takes from your home to your workplace)? (Circle one)

1. I live and work at the same place	3. 30 minutes or so	5. One hour or so	7. 2 hours or more
2. 15 minutes or so	4. 45 minutes or so	6. An hour and a half or so	

(9) Approximately how many hours per week are you supposed to work, excluding overtime? (Circle one)

1. 20 hours or less	4. More than 35 hours and less than 40 hours	7. No set schedule
2. More than 20 hours and less than 30 hours	5. 40 hours	(Varies by season, etc.)
3. More than 30 hours and less than 35 hours	6. More than 40 hours	8. Don't know

(10) What is the name of your job and title at your workplace? Please specify as detail as possible.

(Sample responses) Section chief Head Chief clerk Leader Member of personnel Company worker
 Staff Teacher Lecturer Sales driver Paato (part-time job worker) Contract employee Shokutaku
 (limited-term office worker) Arubaito (part-time job)

(11) Would you like to work shorter or longer hours? (Circle one)

1. Longer hours	2. The same as now	3. Shorter
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(12) Is there a labor union at your place of work? (Circle one)

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| 1. Yes | 2. No | 3. Don't know |
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(13) Are you a member of a labor union? (Circle one)

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| 1. Yes, I am a member of the labor union of my workplace |
| 2. Yes, I am a member of a labor union but outside of my workplace |
| 3. No, I am not a member of a labor union |

(14) (This question only applies for those who are employed with a corporation and alike) What is the length of tenure stipulated in your employment contract? (Circle one)

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| 1. Tenured (including employment until established retirement age [lifetime employment]) | 3. Don't know |
| 2. Contract-base (one half year contract, one-year contract, etc.) | |

<Follow-up question> (For those who responded with [2. contract-base]) Will your employment contract be renewed? (Circle one)

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| 1. It will be renewed | 3. It will not be renewed |
| 2. It may be renewed | 4. Don't know |

Question 4. The following questions will ask you about your work place

(1) Does any of the following apply to your current work environment? (Circle all that apply)

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| 1. I work overtime almost everyday | 8. You can transfer offices based on your request |
| 2. The office is always understaffed | 9. There is a mentor for young employees to talk to about the job and life in general |
| 3. I am always pressured by deadlines | 10. There are opportunities to talk about future employment |
| 4. There is an atmosphere of mutual support | 11. It is a workplace which has many non-fulltime employees (temporary, contract, etc.) |
| 5. Many tasks are independently done by individual employees | 12. It is a workplace which has many female employees |
| 6. Many tasks are done cooperatively | 13. It is a workplace which the employees are given opportunities to play important roles despite gender |
| 7. There is an atmosphere in which older workers guide younger colleagues | 14. None Of the above |

(2) To what extent do statements A through G apply to your current job? Please choose one that best fits your answer. (Circle one for each)

	Strongly applies	Somewhat applies	Doesn't apply So much	Doesn't apply at all	Do not have subordinate(s)
A. I can decide and alter the pace of my work	1	2	3	4	X
B. I can decide and alter how I work	1	2	3	4	
C. I decide how my subordinates work	1	2	3	4	
D. There are opportunities to obtain educational training	1	2	3	4	X
E. There are opportunities to improve my job skills through work	1	2	3	4	
F. My workplace is flexible about reducing work hours and taking leaves based on one's needs relating to childrearing, household work, or study	1	2	3	4	
G. It is possible that I will lose my job in a year (including bankruptcy)	1	2	3	4	
H. My work is interesting	1	2	3	4	

Questions about the work you have done to date

Question 5. In the period from your middle school graduation to the present, what kind of jobs have you had (excluding part-time jobs while schooling)? For each job, when did you start and end the job? By following the sample response, please fill out the “work history chronology” below.

Notes:

- For each job, please indicate the workplace, its sector, the size of the company; the type of employment, job title, and the substance of your work
- You may use an abbreviated name for indicating your workplaces, such as “Company A”
- In the case that you worked more than one job at the same time, please write only about the job that you worked for the longest working-hours.
- “Fiscal year” refers to the period from April to the following March

Sample response:

A.D. Heisei	A.D.1995 Heisei 7		A.D. 1996 Heisei 8		A.D.1997 Heisei 9		A.D. 1998 Heisei 10		A.D. 1999 Heisei 11		A.D. 2000 Heisei 12		A.D. 2001 Heisei 13		A.D. 2002 Heisei 14		A.D. 2003 Heisei 15		A.D.2004 Heisei 16		A.D. 2005 Heisei 17		A.D. 2006 Heisei 18		A.D. 2007 Heisei 19		A.D. 2008 Heisei 20	
	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October
Workplace (sector/ substance)	Middle school graduation		High school student/unemployed				A Co., Ltd. (Educational Publishing Firm)						Hamburger shop B. (Food shop - maintained part-time job in college)		Unemployed		Ryūkan (Inn) C. Co.		Returned to my family home to help in family business		D Co., Ltd. (used car trade and sales)				E Co., Ltd. (Used car trade and sales/trade in goods)		Present	
Number of employees									④								③				③				⑤ - E Co., Ltd. is a new company after D Co., Ltd consolidated with another		⑤	
Type of employment									②				③				⑤				②				①		①	
Position									①								①				①				⑤		⑤	
Substance of work									Traveling salesperson								Waitress		Processing accounting data		Head of accounting				Company management (Executive director)			

If “type of employment,” “position,” or “substance of work” changed within the same workplace, please make a new line indicating the change

Work History Chronology (to March 1995)

A.D. Reign date	A.D. 1981 Shōwa 56		A.D. 1982 Shōwa 57		A.D. 1983 Shōwa 58		A.D. 1984 Shōwa 59		A.D. 1985 Shōwa 60		A.D. 1986 Shōwa 61		A.D. 1987 Shōwa 62		A.D. 1988 Shōwa 63		A.D. 1989 Heisei		A.D. 1990 Heisei 1		A.D. 1991 Heisei 2		A.D. 1992 Heisei 3		A.D. 1993 Heisei 4		A.D. 1994 Heisei 5		
		April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October
JOB AT THE TIME	Place of work (sector/substance)																												
	Size of workplace																												
	Type of work																												
	Position																												
	Substance of work																												

Work History Chronology (March 1995 to present)

A.D. Heisei	A.D. 1995 Heisei 7		A.D. 1996 Heisei 8		A.D. 1997 Heisei 9		A.D. 1998 Heisei 10		A.D. 1999 Heisei 11		A.D. 2000 Heisei 12		A.D. 2001 Heisei 13		A.D. 2002 Heisei 14		A.D. 2003 Heisei 15		A.D. 2004 Heisei 16		A.D. 2005 Heisei 17		A.D. 2006 Heisei 18		A.D. 2007 Heisei 19		A.D. 2008 Heisei 20		
		April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October	April	October
Workplace (sector/substance)																													
Please indicate specifically: ["A" Co., Ltd. (Construction company)] ["B" Company Limited (Temp agency)] ["C" City Hall (government)], etc.																													
Number of employees 1) 1 5) 300-999 2) 2-4 6) 1,000 + 3) 5-29 7) government 4) 30-299																													
Type of employment 1) Director 2) Office/full-time worker 3) Part-time, contract, temporary, etc. 4) Entrepreneur, self-employed 5) Family business 6) piecework																													
Position 1) None 2) Supervisor, foreman, boss 3) Chief clerk or equivalent 4) Section chief or equivalent 5) Division chief or equivalent 6) President, officer																													
Substance of work Indicate specifically: [Electronics manufacture] [Life insurance traveling salesperson] [Setting business policy and instructing subordinates]																													

Questions about qualifications and schools

Question 6. Please fill in row (1), columns 1-3, with the names of private and public qualifications you have earned that you think are useful in work (three or fewer). Then, regarding each qualification in columns 1-3, please respond to questions (2) through (4). If you have different ranks of the same qualification, please only respond with the highest level (for example, in the event that you earned Level 2 and Level 3 on the English language qualification, please only respond with Level 2).

	Example	1	2	3
(1) Name of qualification/examination	Home helper, 2 nd rank			
(2) At what age did you earn the qualification?	19 years old	_____ years old	_____ years old	_____ years old
(3) What made you obtain the qualification? 1. I was told to obtain it by my workplace 2. I pursued it myself 3. Obtained it as part of a school curriculum 4. I was encouraged to pursue it by my mentor/colleague at work 5. Other	1 ② 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
(4) Has the qualification been useful to you? (Circle all that apply) 1. It is useful in my current work. 2. It has been reflected in my paycheck 3. It has helped getting raises and promotions. 4. It has helped switching offices within the company 5. It has helped changing jobs or finding new employment. 6. It has helped improving my social prestige. 7. None in particular	① 2 3 4 ⑤ 6 7	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Question 7. The following questions will ask you about your experiences attending vocational college, two-year college, university, graduate school, public occupational training courses, etc.

(1) Are you currently attending a vocational college, two-year college, college, graduate school, or public occupational training course? (Choose 1)

1. Attending	2. Not attending
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<Follow-up question> Please indicate the following matters about the school that you are attending. If you are attending two or more schools, please respond in the margin.

Type of establishment	School name	Department, subject, etc.	Course	Matriculation date	Graduation date	
1. National 2. Public 3. Independent			1. Daytime 2. Evening 3. Correspondence	Year (A.D.):	Year (A.D.):	1. Will graduate 2. Graduated 3. Dropped out

(2) At any time during the past year (March 2008 to present), did you attend any vocational college, two-year college, college, graduate school, or public occupational training course other than the school that you indicated above? (Choose 1)

1. Yes, I did	2. No, I did not
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<Follow-up question> Please indicate the following matters about the school that you attended. If you attended two or more schools, please respond in the margin

Type of establishment	School name	Department, subject, etc.	Course	Matriculation date	Graduation date	
1. National 2. Public 3. Independent			1. Daytime 2. Evening 3. Correspondence	Year (A.D.):	Year (A.D.):	1. Will graduate 2. Graduated 3. Dropped out

Questions about your everyday life

Question 8. What time do you perform the following actions on an average weekday? (Circle one for each of A-D)

A. Wake up	1. Around: a.m. about __:__ p.m.	2. No particular time	
B. Leave your house	1. Around: a.m. about __:__ p.m.	2. No particular time	3. Mostly stay home
C. Return home	1. Around: a.m. about __:__ p.m.	2. No particular time	3. Mostly stay home
D. Go to sleep	1. Around: a.m. about __:__ p.m.	2. No particular time	

Question 9. How frequently did you brush your teeth in the morning or eat breakfast when you were 15 years old or do you do so now?

(1) When you were 15 years old

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
A. Eat breakfast	1	2	3	4	5
B. Brush teeth in the morning	1	2	3	4	5

(2) Present day

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
A. Eat breakfast	1	2	3	4	5
B. Brush teeth in the morning	1	2	3	4	5

Question 10. How often do you perform the following activities? (Circle one for each)

	Everyday	5-6 days per week	3-4 days per week	1-2 days per week	1-3 days per month	Almost never
A. Exercise (walking, jogging, aerobics, swimming, tennis, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	6
B. Eat 3 meals a day	1	2	3	4	5	6
C. Have nutritionally balanced meals	1	2	3	4	5	6
D. Eat cup noodles or fast food	1	2	3	4	5	6
E. Eat out	1	2	3	4	5	6
F. Prepare meals	1	2	3	4	5	6
G. Do laundry	1	2	3	4	5	6
H. House cleaning	1	2	3	4	5	6
I. Groceries shopping	1	2	3	4	5	6
J. Dine with friend(s) or boy[girl]friend (excluding spouse)	1	2	3	4	5	6
K. Have conversations with friend(s) or boy[girl]friend (excluding spouse)	1	2	3	4	5	6
L. Use the internet (outside of work)	1	2	3	4	5	6

Question 11. Who do you talk to when you want to discuss the following matters? (Circle all that apply).

	Parents	Spouse or partner	Children	Siblings	Other Relatives	Friends or acquaintances at work	Friends or acquaintances from school	Other friends or acquaintances	No one
A. About work or study	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
B. Job recommendation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
C. Relationship issues with friends, boy[girl]friend, or spouse	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
D. About borrowing a significant amount of money when you are in needs because of a job loss or illness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Question 12. During the past year, did you experience any of the following events? (Circle all that apply)

1. Got divorced	5. My spouse's father passed away	9. Took maternity or childcare leave
2. My spouse (husband or wife) passed away	6. My spouse's mother passed away	10. My spouse took maternity or childcare leave
3. My father passed away	7. Moved in with my domestic partner	11. None of the listed
4. My mother passed away	8. Moved to new resident	

Question 13. We would like to know about those who share your residence (live with you at present).

(1) How many people share your residence (live together at the moment), including yourself?

_____ people

(2) Please indicate the following entries for each of the persons with whom you share your residence. Also, please make a double circle for the person who is the head of the household.

	Head of the household	Relationship to you	Gender	Age	Student?	Employed?
Example	◎	Your <u>wife's father</u>	(M) F	<u>64</u> years	Yes (No)	(Ye)s No
1		Yourself				
2		Your _____	M F	_____ years	Yes No	Yes No
3		Your _____	M F	_____ years	Yes No	Yes No
4		Your _____	M F	_____ years	Yes No	Yes No
5		Your _____	M F	_____ years	Yes No	Yes No
6		Your _____	M F	_____ years	Yes No	Yes No
7		Your _____	M F	_____ years	Yes No	Yes No
8		Your _____	M F	_____ years	Yes No	Yes No
9		Your _____	M F	_____ years	Yes No	Yes No

If there are ten or more people, please respond in the margin.

(3) Among those who share your residence, are there anyone who newly have come to live with you during the past year? (Circle one)

1. Yes 2. No Proceed to (4)

<Follow-up question> Who are they? Please tell us the reason they came to live with you.

	Who has come to live with you	Year	Month	Reason
Example	Your <u>second son</u> Your <u>wife's mother</u>	2008 2008	August October	Birth Moved in with me for the need for care
1	Your _____			
2	Your _____			
3	Your _____			
4	Your _____			

(4) During this past year, was there anyone who ceased to live with you? (Circle one)

1. Yes 2. No Proceed to (5)

<Follow-up question> Who are they? Please tell us the reason they ceased to live with you.

	Who has ceased to live with you	Year	Month	Reason
Example	Your <u>grandmother</u> Your <u>oldest son</u> Your <u>older sister</u> Your <u>wife and oldest daughter</u>	2008 2008 2008 2008	March April June October	Deceased Entered an university in Tokyo and stated living himself there Married, moved with her husband to Osaka Remained in Akita while I was transferred to a office elsewhere
1	Your _____			
2	Your _____			
3	Your _____			
4	Your _____			

(5) Do you want children? For those who already have children, please respond whether you would want to have another child.

1	2	3	4	5
Don't want	Want a male child	Want a female child	Want either a male or female child	Don't know

Question 14. How do you generally feel about your health condition? (Circle one)

1	2	3	4	5
Excellent	Good	Average	Not very good	Poor

Question 15. Comparing to the condition one year ago, how is your current state of health?

(Circle one)

1	2	3	4	5
Improved	Somewhat improved	No change	Somewhat worsened	Declined

Question 16. How frequently have you had the following feelings in the past month? Please circle the choice that is the closest match. (Circle one for each)

	Always	Almost always	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
A. Feeling quite nervous	1	2	3	4	5
B. Feeling so down in the dumps that nothing could cheer you up	1	2	3	4	5
C. Feeling calm and peaceful	1	2	3	4	5
D. Feeling downhearted and blue	1	2	3	4	5
E. Feeling happy	1	2	3	4	5
F. Activities like housekeeping and work were limited because of health conditions	1	2	3	4	5

Question 17. What are your approximate height, weight, and vision at present?

A. Height	_____centimeters	
B. Weight	_____kilograms	
C. Vision (naked eye)	Left eye:	Right eye:

<Follow-up question> Do you use eyeglasses or contact lenses?

1. I wear glasses 2. I use contact lenses 3. I use neither

Question 18. In the past year, how many days were you absent from your work or unable to do ordinary activities (housework, attending school, etc) due to illness or injury? Please exclude maternity and childcare leave.

1. Approximately ____ days
2. No days

Question 19. In the past year, how many days in total did you spent on doctor's appointments or in a hospital?

Dentist' visits	Doctors' visits (without dentist)	Hospital stay
_____ days	_____ days	_____ days

If none, please respond with

Question 20. At present, about how many cigarettes do you smoke per day? (Circle one)

1	2	3	4	5
I don't smoke	I quit smoking	1-10 cigarettes	11-20 cigarettes	21 or more cigarettes

Question 21. At present, how frequently do you drink alcohol? (Circle one)

1. I cannot drink alcohol.	5. 1-2 days per week
2. I quit drinking.	6. 3-4 days per week
3. Only on special occasions	7. 5-6 days per week
4. 2-3 times per month	8. Everyday

Question 22. This question is about your recent daily life. How difficult do you find it to perform the following activities because of your health condition? (Circle one for each)

	Very difficult	Somewhat difficult	Not difficult at all
A. Climbing to the next floor by using stairs	1	2	3
B. Moderate-level activities: for example, moving a table or using a vacuum cleaner, etc.	1	2	3
C. Heavy exercise: for example, arduous running, weightlifting, strenuous sports, etc.	1	2	3

Questions about your opinions

Question 23. Regarding the following subjects, how satisfied are you generally?

(Circle one for each)

	Satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Not applicable
A. Work	1	2	3	4	5	6 Unemployed
B. Marriage life	1	2	3	4	5	6 Not married
C. Relationship with friends	1	2	3	4	5	6 Don't have friends
D. Relationship with parents	1	2	3	4	5	6 Don't have parents
E. Relationship with children	1	2	3	4	5	6 Don't have children
F. Life in general	1	2	3	4	5	6

Question 24. This question is about your perspectives on life. For each statement below, please choose the number that best describes your views in the scale of 1 to 7 (Circle one for each)

	Very accurate ← → Not accurate at all						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A. I am able to find solutions for difficulties and problems that come up in everyday life	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
B. I think some of the problems and difficulties in life are worth facing and trying to deal with	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
C. I am capable of understanding and anticipating difficulties or problems that come up in everyday life	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Question 25. How do you evaluate your household's current standard of living? (Circle one)

1	2	3	4	5
Wealthy	Somewhat wealthy	Average	Somewhat poor	Poor

Question 26. How well can you usually perform the following in your job and life? Please circle the most appropriate number. (Circle one for each)

	Can do	Can do, to some extent	Can hardly do	Cannot do
A. Explain my thoughts to people	1	2	3	4
B. Speak naturally with people whom I do not know well	1	2	3	4
C. Bring together the people around me	1	2	3	4
D. Say funny things and entertain people	1	2	3	4

Question 27. To what extent do the following statements apply to you? Please circle the most appropriate numbers. (Circle one for each)

	Very applicable	Partly applicable	Not very applicable	Not applicable at all
A. I have a clear idea of what kind of work I want	1	2	3	4
B. I want to improve my job skills	1	2	3	4
C. I want to enjoy my current life rather than to worry about the future	1	2	3	4
D. I am worried about my ability to survive in society	1	2	3	4
E. My friends often confided their problems to me	1	2	3	4
F. I don't want to take a job that I don't want to do	1	2	3	4

Question 28. How important are the following things to you? Please circle the most appropriate one. (Circle one for each)

	Very important	A little important	Not important
A. To succeed at work	1	2	3
B. To get married and have a happy home	1	2	3
C. To become wealthy	1	2	3
D. To have close friends	1	2	3
E. To give my children better opportunities than I had	1	2	3
F. To have at a stable job	1	2	3

Question 29. Hypothetically, if society were divided and ranked in strata from 1 to 10, highest to lowest, to which rank do you think you would belong? (Circle one)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Highest	←							→	Lowest

Question 30. Do you have hope for your future job and life? (Circle one)

1	2	3	4	5
Have great hopes	Have hopes	Neither yes nor no	Have little hope	Have no hope at all

Question 31. How much would you agree or disagree with the following opinions about Japanese society? Please choose the closest answer. (Circle one for each)

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
A. I have hope for Japanese society	1	2	3	4	5	6
B. Income disparity in Japan is too big	1	2	3	4	5	6
C. The school you graduate largely determines the rest of your life	1	2	3	4	5	6
D. Once you fail at your work or business, you get no second chance in your life	1	2	3	4	5	6
E. Income disparity is necessary for the prosperity of Japan	1	2	3	4	5	6
F. Coming from a wealthy family is important in order to obtain status and wealth	1	2	3	4	5	6

Question 32. Would you agree or disagree with the following opinions? Please choose the closest answer. (Circle one for each)

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
A. Men's job is to earn money; women's job is to take care of the home and family.	1	2	3	4	5	6
B. Children of below school age tend to have a tough time if their mothers work outside of the home	1	2	3	4	5	6
C. Having a job is the best way for women to be independent	1	2	3	4	5	6
D. Generally speaking, married people are happier than unmarried people	1	2	3	4	5	6
E. Having children hinders the freedom of a couple's life.	1	2	3	4	5	6
F. It is better to divorce than to continue an unhappy marriage	1	2	3	4	5	6

Question 33. Which political party do you generally support? (Circle one)

1. Liberal Democratic Party	4. Communist Party	7. New Party Japan
2. Democratic Party	5. Social Democratic Party	8. Other Party (Specify:)
3. New <i>Komeito</i>	6. People's New Party	9. No party in particular
		10. Don't know

Question 34. With or without elections, some are always interested in politics, while others are not. How much attention do you usually pay to political events? (Circle one)

1	2	3	4
Always	Sometimes	Occasionally	Almost never

Question 35. Would you agree or disagree with the following opinions? Please circle the closest answer. (Circle one for each)

	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Don't know
A. Japan should build up more defense power	1	2	3	4	5	6
B. The Japan-US Security Treaty should be reinforced more than it is now	1	2	3	4	5	6
C. It is the government's responsibility to reduce income disparity	1	2	3	4	5	6
D. It is necessary to secure rural and regional employment through public works	1	2	3	4	5	6
E. Improvement of social welfare like pension and elderly medical care should be supported even under difficult financial situations	1	2	3	4	5	6
F. Aside from elderly and physically- or mental-challenged persons, people must live without relying on social welfare	1	2	3	4	5	6

Questions about your residence and wealth

Question 36. This question asks about your income of the past year. Approximately what is your individual, your spouse's, and your total household income? Please include secondary and provisional (temporary/special) income. (Circle one for each)

	You	Your spouse	Total household Income
1. None	1	1	1
2. Less than 250,000 yen	2	2	2
3. About 500,000 yen (250,000 to not more than 750,000 yen)	3	3	3
4. About 1,000,000 yen (750,000 to not more than 1,500,000 yen)	4	4	4
5. About 2,000,000 yen (1,500,000 to not more than 2,500,000 yen)	5	5	5
6. About 3,000,000 yen (2,500,000 to not more than 3,500,000 yen)	6	6	6
7. About 4,000,000 yen (3,500,000 to not more than 4,500,000 yen)	7	7	7
8. About 5,000,000 yen (4,500,000 to not more than 6,000,000 yen)	8	8	8
9. About 7,000,000 yen (6,000,000 to not more than 8,500,000 yen)	9	9	9
10. About 10,000,000 yen (8,500,000 to not more than 12,500,000 yen)	10	10	10
11. About 15,000,000 yen (12,500,000 to not more than 17,500,000 yen)	11	11	11
12. About 20,000,000 yen (17,500,000 to not more than 22,500,000 yen)	12	12	12
13. 22,500,000 yen or more	13	13	13
14. Don't know	14	14	14
15. Do not have a spouse	X	15	X

Question 37. Do you pay monthly housing expenses and/or mortgage? How much do you pay monthly (on average without counting bonuses)?

1. No	2. Yes →	Approximately _____ per month.
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Question 38. Where did your household income of the past year come from? Please circle all that apply.

1. Wages/salary	6. Interest/dividends	11. Livelihood subsidies
2. Farming or fishing business	7. Remittances (from family)	12. Child-rearing allowance
3. Business other than farming or fishing	8. Pension (excluding disability pension)	13. Other – specify:
4. Side work	9. Disability pension	[]
5. Renting house or land	10. Employment insurance (with unemployment benefit)	

Question 39. Approximately how much is the total of all your household’s wealth worth (including deposits and savings, shares of stock, real estate, etc.)? Please choose the answer that is closest to the estimation. (Circle one)

1. None	5. 3,000,000 to not more than 5,000,000 yen	9. 50,000,000 yen or more
2. No more than 500,000 yen	6. 5,000,000 to not more than 10,000,000 yen	10. Don’t know
3. 500,000 to not more than 1,000,000 yen	7. 10,000,000 to not more than 30,000,000 yen	
4. 1,000,000 to not more than 3,000,000 yen	8. 30,000,000 to not more than 50,000,000 yen	

Question 40. In the past year, have you or your spouse inherited or been gifted by your parents or spouse’s parents, any property (including deposits and savings, shares of stock, real estate, etc.)? Those without a spouse, please respond about yourself. (Circle one)

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don’t know

<Follow-up question> (For those who responded [1. Yes]): What would be the approximate total value of all the property inherited or gifted? (Circle one)

1. Nothing	5. 3,000,000 to not more than 5,000,000 yen	9. 50,000,000 yen or more
2. No more than 500,000 yen	6. 5,000,000 to not more than 10,000,000 yen	10. Don’t know
3. 500,000 to not more than 1,000,000 yen	7. 10,000,000 to not more than 30,000,000 yen	
4. 1,000,000 to not more than 3,000,000 yen	8. 30,000,000 to not more than 50,000,000 yen	

Question 41. Which of the following describes your current residence? (Circle one)

1. Owned house (single-family house)	4. Rental house or apartment provided by public housing corporation	7. Boarding house, rental room
2. Owned house (condominium)	5. Rental public housing house or apartment	8. Other - Please specify:
3. Rental house or apartment	6. Company housing, dormitory, government housing, official housing	[]

<Follow-up question> For those who responded [1. Own home (single-family house)] or [2. Own home (condominium)]: Who is the home owner? Please circle all that apply.

1. Yourself	3. Your father or mother	5. Other – please specify:
2. Spouse (husband or wife)	4. Spouse’s father or mother	[]

Questions about marriage

Question 42. Are you currently married? (Circle one)

1. Married (including de-facto/common law) 2. Never married _____ 3. Widowed _____ 4. Divorced _____	Proceed to Question 47 (Page 18)
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Question 43. Is your marriage registered? (Circle one)

1. Registered 2. Plan to register 3. Do not plan to register
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Question 44. The following questions will ask you about your spouse's (husband or wife) current employment.

(1) TYPE OF WORK Please select the closest one. (Circle one)

1. Business manager or executive	6. Side work	} Proceed to Question 45 (Page17)
2. Full-time employee		
3. Part-time worker (including contract, temporary /seasonal, or commission)		
4. Self-employed, entrepreneur	10. Other – please specify: (_____)	
5. Family worker		

(2) SUBSTANCE OF WORK Please select the closest one. (Circle one)

1. Professional/technical.....	(Requiring special knowledge or skill, such as: doctor, nurse, lawyer, teacher, technician, designer, etc.)
2. Administrative/managerial.....	(Division head or higher in business or government, assemblyman, business manager, etc.)
3. Office/clerical.....	(Office worker in business or government, accountant, office worker, etc.)
4. Sales.....	(Retail or wholesale store help, store clerk, inside sales, insurance sales, outside sales, etc.)
5. Service.....	(Beautician, chef, waitress, home helper, etc.)
6. Manufacturing/skilled labor.....	(Production and assembly of manufactured goods, bicycle maintenance, building construction, carpentry, electricians, agricultural manufacture, etc.)
7. Transportation/security.....	(Truck and taxi drivers, dock workers, mail delivery, telecommunications worker, police, fire department, self-defense force, security guard, etc.)
8. Other	

(2)-2 Please specify the substance of their work. (Please respond with [___ position (capacity) with a ___ workplace] as described in sample responses)

(Sample responses) Rice farmer Primary school teacher Supermarket cashier Telephone solicitor for food supply company Outside salesperson for cosmetics company Interior electrical wiring at construction sites Care worker at welfare facility (nurse/social worker) Factory labor for plastic toys production Bank receptionist System engineer at a software development company (software development technician)
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(3) JOB TITLE Please select the closest one. (Circle one)

1. No job title	4. Section chief or equivalent	7. Other – please specify:
2. Supervisor, foreman, team leader	5. Division chief or equivalent	[]
3. Assistant section chief or equivalent	6. Company president, executive, director	

(4) How much time is your spouse generally committed to her/his work?

A. Average working hours per day (including overtime)	Per average day:			hours
B. Number of working days per month	Per average month:			days
C. Time he or she returns home (average weekdays)	About	__:__	a.m.	
			p.m.	

(5) COMPANY'S TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES Include family business employees and part-time workers. (Circle one)

1. 1 employee	4. 30-299 employees	7. Government
2. 2-4 employees	5. 300-999 employees	8. Don't know
3. 5-29 employees	6. 1000 or more employees	

Question 45. How frequently does your spouse (husband or wife) do the following activities? (Circle one for each activity)

	Everyday	5-6 days per week	3-4 days per week	1-2 days per week	1-3 days per month	Almost never
A. Preparing meals	1	2	3	4	5	6
B. Doing laundry	1	2	3	4	5	6
C. Cleaning the house	1	2	3	4	5	6
D. Going grocery shopping	1	2	3	4	5	6
E. Eating with you	1	2	3	4	5	6
F. Having conversations with you	1	2	3	4	5	6

Question 46. The following questions will ask you about the period between the time that you start dating your current spouse and the time that you got married to him/her.

(1) When did you start dating with and get married to him/her?

The time when you started dating with your current spouse	YEAR: _____ MONTH: _____ A.D.
The time when you got married to him/her	YEAR: _____ MONTH: _____ A.D.

(2) How did you first meet your current spouse? (Circle all that apply)

1. Introduced by parent/sibling	9. Through a group dating party (<i>gōkon</i>)
2. Introduced by relative other than parent/sibling	10. Through a meeting arranged for finding potential partners (<i>miai</i> , or an arranged marriage)
3. Introduced by friend/acquaintance/childhood friend	11. Through a party that is arranged to meet somebody for potential partners (<i>miai</i> party)
4. Introduced by colleague or boss at work	12. Met via the Internet or cellular phone
5. Met at work	13. Met on a street in town or during a trip
6. Through school classes, groups, and activities	14. Through a marriage consultation service or marriage agency
7. Through a part-time job	15. Other: please specify below
8. Through a hobby class	[]

Those who are currently married, please proceed to Question 54

**Those who are currently single, widowed, or divorced,
please respond to the questions below**

Question 47. What are your thoughts regarding marriage? (Circle one)

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| 1. Definitely want to get married | 4. Do not want to get married |
| 2. Want to get married if I have a chance | 5. Do not think about getting married |
| 3. It does not matter whether I get married or not | |

Question 48. Which of the followings do you consider critical in a marriage partner? If you consider income and age important, please give specific figures.

	Do not consider critical/ do not care	Consider critical					
A. Personality/character	1	2					
B. Looks/appearance	1	2					
C. Education	1	2					
D. Income	1	2	→ <table style="display: inline-table; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <tr><td style="width: 50px; text-align: center;">_____ yen</td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 50px; text-align: center;">_____ years old</td></tr> </table> to <table style="display: inline-table; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <tr><td style="width: 50px; text-align: center;">_____ yen</td></tr> <tr><td style="width: 50px; text-align: center;">_____ years old</td></tr> </table>	_____ yen	_____ years old	_____ yen	_____ years old
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E. Age	1	2					

<Please give figures ONLY if you consider D and/or E critical >

Question 49. The following questions will ask you about chances to meet people of the opposite sex.

(1) How many people of the opposite sex do you frequently have conversations with, aside from your particular romantic partner? (Circle one)

1	2	3	4
Many	A few	Not many	Hardly any

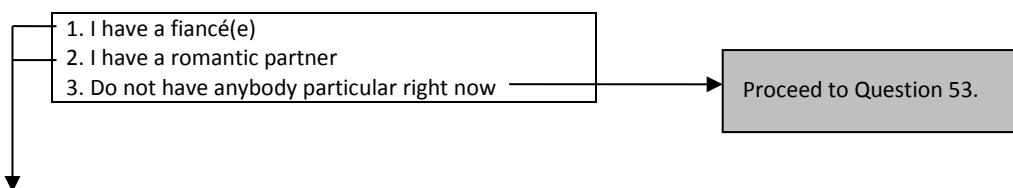
(2) How often do you meet people of the opposite sex with whom you would like to pursue a romantic relationship? (Circle one)

1	2	3	4
Very often	Fairly often	Not very often	Almost never

Question 50. In the past year, what did you try in order to meet people of the opposite sex whom you would pursue a future relationship? Please choose all that apply.

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|---|---|
| 1. Asked your parents or siblings if they know somebody they can introduce to you
2. Asked relatives other than your parents or siblings if they know somebody they can introduce to you
3. Asked your friends, acquaintance, and childhood friends, if they know somebody they can introduce to you
4. Asked colleagues and boss at work if they know somebody they can introduce to you
5. Joined school courses, clubs or activities
6. Joined hobby classes and groups
7. Joined a <i>gōkon</i> (group dating party)
8. Joined a <i>miai</i> (arranged meeting for potential partners) | 9. Joined in a <i>miai</i> party (party that is arranged for meeting potential partners)
10. Searched via the Internet or cellular phone
11. Asked out somebody met on a street in town or during a trip
12. Registered for a marriage consultation service or marriage agency
13. Other – please specify:
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Question 51. Are you dating anyone at present? (Circle one)



Question 52. The following questions will ask you about your fiancé(e) or romantic partner.

(1) About how long have you been dating this person?

Approximately _____ years and _____ months

(2) How did you meet the person whom you are currently dating? Please choose all that apply.

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|---|--|
| 1. Introduced by parent/sibling | 9. Through a group dating party (<i>gōkon</i>) |
| 2. Introduced by relative other than parent/sibling | 10. Through a meeting arranged for finding potential partners (<i>miai</i> , or an arranged marriage) |
| 3. Introduced by friend/acquaintance/childhood friend | 11. Through a party that is arranged to meet somebody for potential partners (<i>miai</i> party) |
| 4. Introduced by colleague or boss at work | 12. Met via the Internet or cellular phone |
| 5. Met at work | 13. Met on a street in town or during a trip |
| 6. Through school classes, groups, and activities | 14. Through a marriage consultation service or marriage agency |
| 7. Through a part-time job | 15. Other: please specify below |
| 8. Through a hobby class | () |

Question 53. What are the reasons why you are presently single? Please circle all that apply.

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| 1. Because I am still too young to get married |
| 2. Because I am too old to get married |
| 3. Because I do not yet feel the necessity to get married |
| 4. Because I want to focus on my work (or study) for the moment |
| 5. Because I want to enjoy my hobbies and pastimes |
| 6. Because I have not met anybody to whom I want to marry |
| 7. Because I still want to enjoy the freedom of single life |
| 8. Because I enjoy my current home |
| 9. Because I do not have time to date |
| 10. Because I am not good at dating |
| 11. Because I have concerns with financial situation after getting married |
| 12. Because I wish to explore my current relationship more |
| 13. Because I have not found a chance to decide to marry to the current boy/girlfriend |
| 14. Because my boy/girlfriend does not have a desire to get married |
| 15. Because I do not have enough money to get married |
| 16. Because my parents and people around me do not approve my marriage |
| 17. Because I have concerns with post-marriage life in general |
| 18. Other – please specify:
() |
| 19. I am planning to get married to my current romantic partner soon |

The following questions apply to everyone

Question 54. In ten years from now, what kind of work do you think you want to be doing? (Circle one)

1. I want to be working as a fulltime employee.	6. I want to be working as a full-time housewife/househusband.
2. I want to be starting my own business.	7. I want to be not having to work.
3. I want to be managing my parents' business after succeeding it	8. Other – please specify:
4. I want to be working independently on my own	{ _____ }
5. I want to be working for a part-time job	9. Don't know

Question 55. With how many people do you have contact on a daily basis?

A. People with whom you greet and converse in person	_____ people
B. People with whom you converse on the telephone or cellular phone	_____ people
C. People with whom you exchange email via a cellular phone or computer	_____ people

We only ask this question to determine people's understanding of the social security system so that we can use the outcomes for future policy studies. This is not a test, so please respond whether or not you knew them

Question 56. Did you know any of the following facts 1 through 7? Please circle those you knew. (Circle all that apply)

1. Even if you join the national pension program, if you do not pay insurance premiums for more than a certain period of time, you will not receive a pension.
2. Even if you lose your job, If you do not go to Hello Work (Public Employment Security Office) and submit an application, you will not receive unemployment benefits.
3. When you hire somebody, you must pay at least a minimum wage.
4. Employees may claim additional wages when they worked more than the hours set by the labor law (40 hours a week).
5. Employees may demand a certain number of paid holidays per year.
6. Any employee may form a labor union.
7. By applying, employees may take childcare leave until the child reaches the age of one.

Question 57. In ten years from now, do you think your life will be better or worse than it is now? (Circle one)

1	2	3	4	5
Better	Somewhat better	No change	Somewhat worse	Worse

Question 58. Do you plan to move in the next one year?

1. Yes	2. No
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Question 59. In which month and date are you filling out this survey (today's date)?

Month:	Date:
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The questionnaire ends here. Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.

Please use the free space below if you would like to express your thoughts on your current or future work or/and marriage and family (childcare, nursing care, etc.).

[A thank you note (contains an explanation regarding the significance of the present survey: not translated here)]

- Once you have completed this questionnaire, please turn it in to one of the survey assistants who will be visiting you later.
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