

Questions about personal information

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

(1) Gender

1. Male	2. Female
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(2) Date of birth

YEAR _____	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 don't have a job
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<Follow-up question 1> What do you usually do? (Circle one)

1. Attend school	2. Domestic work	3. Other
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<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 don't 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

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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 (specify: _____)
3. Part-time (including a student having a part-time job)	6. Self-employed, entrepreneur	
	7. Family worker	

(1)-2 Is this the same type of job that you had a year ago (February, 2007)? (Circle one)

1. Same type of work	2. Different type of work	3. No job at that time
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(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)

(2)-3 Is this the same job you had a year ago (February, 2007)? Even if you have switched to another office or company, if the substance of the work is the same as before, please choose “same job.” (Circle one)

1. Same job 2. Different job 3. Had no job at that time

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

1. No managerial 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 []

(3)-2 Is this the same job title that you had a year ago (February, 2007)? Even if you have switched to another office or company, if the substance of the work is the same as before, please choose “same job.” (Circle one)

1. Same job title 2. Different job title 3. Had no job at that time

(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 (Varies by season, etc.)
2. More than 20 hours and less than 30 hours	5. 40 hours	8. Don't know
3. More than 30 hours and less than 35 hours	6. More than 40 hours	

(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	<i>Paato</i> (part-time job worker)	Contract employee	<i>Shokutaku</i>
(limited-term office worker)	<i>Arubaito</i> (part-time job)					

(11) (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)

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)

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)

1. I work overtime almost everyday	7. There is an atmosphere in which older workers guide younger colleagues
2. The office is always understaffed	8. You can transfer offices based on your request
3. I am always pressured by deadlines	9. There is a mentor for young employees to talk to about the job and life in general
4. There is an atmosphere of mutual support	10. There are opportunities to talk about future employment
5. Many tasks are independently done by individual employees	11. None of the above
6. Many tasks are done cooperatively	

(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	Don't 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	5
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	

Question 5. During the past year (from March 2007 till now), how many companies did you work for, including the company that you are currently working for? If you are temporary staff (*haken shain*) or contract staff (*ukeoi shain*), please answer regarding the temp/contract staffing companies rather than the companies for which you served as a temp/contract staff member. (Please circle one)

1. I didn't work at all for the entire past year
2. I worked for the same company for the entire past year
3. I worked for multiple companies during the last year
4. Other (please specify: _____)

As for Company, please count a business for which you worked as a short-time part-time employee, a self-employed, or an entrepreneur who started the firm.

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<Follow-up question 1> During the past year, for how many companies did you work?
How many months did you work in total?

I worked for () companies in the past year, for total of () months.

<Follow-up question 2> At the beginning of March, last year (2007), which of the following applied to you? (Circle one)

1. I was not working
2. I was working at that time but left the job afterward

<Follow-up question 2-1> What was your main reason why you left the job that you were working at that time (March, 2007)? (Circle one)

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| 1. Retirement, contract expiration, etc. | 4. Family matters | 7. Other – please specify: _____ |
| 2. Bankruptcy, business closure, lay-off, etc. | 5. To take over a family business | _____ |
| 3. Found a better job | 6. Dissatisfaction with the job | |

<Follow-up question 2-2> When did you leave the job that you were working at that time (March 2007)? (Circle one)

1. _____ (month) of last year (2007) 2. _____ (month) of this year (2008)

<Follow-up question 3> When did you begin your current job? (Circle one)

1. I am not currently working
2. _____ (month) of last year (2007)
3. _____ (month) of this year (2008)

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<Follow-up question 3-1> How did you find the job? (Circle all that apply)

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| 1. Through family/relatives | 7. Job advertisement on newspaper or magazine |
| 2. Through friends/acquaintances | 8. Requested application materials from the company or sent in CV ("entry sheet") |
| 3. Through alumni/upperclassmen from your school | 9. Succeeded family business (joined family business) |
| 4. Through teachers from your school (including school recommendation) | 10. I started the job myself. |
| 5. Unemployment office | 11. I was approached by the company. |
| 6. Private employment agency | 12. I was recommended by my previous workplace. |
| | 13. Other (Specify: _____) |

Questions about your everyday life and family

Question 6. 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 7. How often do you usually do the following activities during the past one year? (Circle one for each)

	One or more times per week	About once a month	Once a year or so	Never
A. Go to a classical music concert	1	2	3	4
B. Go to a rock/pop concert	1	2	3	4
C. Go to an art or natural history museum	1	2	3	4
D. Sing karaoke	1	2	3	4
E. Play pachinko	1	2	3	4
F. Play sports (including walking, hiking, etc.)	1	2	3	4
G. Go to a library	1	2	3	4
H. Read a novel, history book, etc.	1	2	3	4
I. Read a tabloid such as a sports newspaper or a women's weekly magazine	1	2	3	4
J. Travel abroad	1	2	3	4
K. Engage in volunteer activities	1	2	3	4

Question 8. Are you an only child? (Circle one)

1. Yes	2. No
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<Follow-up question> Please indicate the educational background of your siblings. What is the highest level of school that s/he attended (or is currently attending)? Please exclude in-laws.

		The last school that s/he attended (or currently attending)							
Example	Older brother Older sister	Younger brother Younger sister	1. Elementary or lower	2. Middle school	3. High school	4. Vocational college	5. 2-year college/ College of technology	6. University	7. Graduate school
1	Older brother Older sister	Younger brother Younger sister	1. Elementary or lower	2. Middle school	3. High school	4. Vocational college	5. 2-year college/ College of technology	6. University	7. Graduate school
2	Older brother Older sister	Younger brother Younger sister	1. Elementary or lower	2. Middle school	3. High school	4. Vocational college	5. 2-year college/ College of technology	6. University	7. Graduate school
3	Older brother Older sister	Younger brother Younger sister	1. Elementary or lower	2. Middle school	3. High school	4. Vocational college	5. 2-year college/ College of technology	6. University	7. Graduate school
4	Older brother Older sister	Younger brother Younger sister	1. Elementary or lower	2. Middle school	3. High school	4. Vocational college	5. 2-year college/ College of technology	6. University	7. Graduate school
5	Older brother Older sister	Younger brother Younger sister	1. Elementary or lower	2. Middle school	3. High school	4. Vocational college	5. 2-year college/ College of technology	6. University	7. Graduate school

Question 9. How many siblings does each of your parents have? Please include your father/mother and the deceased in the figure.

Father's siblings	1. _____ siblings, including father	2. Don't know
Mother's siblings	1. _____ siblings, including mother	2. Don't know

Question 10. The following statements A through C indicate opinions on children. How much do you agree/disagree with each of these opinions? (Circle one for each)

	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Don't know
A. I wish to have my children receive the highest level of education possible	1	2	4	5	6
B. I wish to give my children tutoring outside of school and have them attend <i>juku</i>	1	2	4	5	6
C. I wish to leave my children with as much property as possible.	1	2	4	5	6

Question 11. 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

	Relationship to you	Gender	Age	Currently in school?	Currently employed?
Example	Your <u>wife's mother</u>	M (F)	<u>68</u> years old	Yes (No)	Yes (No)
1	Your _____	M F	_____ years old	Yes No	Yes No
2	Your _____	M F	_____ years old	Yes No	Yes No
3	Your _____	M F	_____ years old	Yes No	Yes No
4	Your _____	M F	_____ years old	Yes No	Yes No
5	Your _____	M F	_____ years old	Yes No	Yes No
6	Your _____	M F	_____ years old	Yes No	Yes No
7	Your _____	M F	_____ years old	Yes No	Yes No
8	Your _____	M F	_____ years old	Yes No	Yes No

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

		Reason
Example	Your <u>second son</u> Your <u>wife's mother</u>	He was born in August 2007 She moved in with me for the need for care in October 2007
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
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<Follow-up question> Who are they? Please tell us the reason they ceased to live with you.

		Reason
Example	Your <u>grandfather</u> Your <u>oldest daughter</u>	He deceased away in October 2007 She got married and started living with her husband in Fukuoka, in June 2007
1	Your _____	
2	Your _____	
3	Your _____	
4	Your _____	

(5) Aside from those in (4) above, are there any other family members who are not living with you? (Circle one)

1. Yes	2. No
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<Follow-up question> Who are they? Please also tell us why they are not living with you.

		Reason
Example	Your <u>wife and oldest daughter</u> Your <u>oldest son</u>	My wife and oldest daughter remained in Sapporo while I was transferred to an office outside Sapporo for a new post in July 2004 He entered a university in Tokyo and started living by himself there in April 2005
1	Your _____	
2	Your _____	
3	Your _____	
4	Your _____	

Questions about schools that you have attended

Question 12. Have you attended *juku* (cram school) or *yobikō* (exam preparation school), or received tutoring? For each level of schooling, please circle all you experienced for six months or more.

	Attended <i>juku</i> or <i>yobikō</i>	Received private tutoring	Used correspondence tutoring - <i>Tsūshin tensaku</i>	Experienced none of these	Did not attend high school
A. Elementary school	1	2	3	4	
B. Middle school	1	2	3	4	
C. High school	1	2	3	4	5

Question 13. In your third year of middle school, what level of education did you think you wanted to reach in the future? (Circle one)

1. Middle school	3. Technical school/vocational college	5. University	7. Other – please specify: (_____)
2. High school	4. 2-year junior college or college of technology	6. Graduate school	8. Didn't really think about it

Question 14. Did you experience any of the followings during your middle school years? (Circle all that apply)

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| 1. Skipped class | 3. Acted violently against a teacher |
| 2. Smoked at school | 4. None of these |

Question 15. Are any of the following true of the middle school you attended? (Circle all that apply)

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| 1. The school was rowdy | 3. School rules were strict |
| 2. Many students were late | 4. None really applies |

Question 16. In April of the year you graduated middle school, to which path did you proceed? (Circle one)

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| 1. High school | 3. College of technology (5-year system) | 5. Other – please specify: () |
| 2. Technical school/vocational school | 4. Began working | |

Question 17. The following questions will ask you about your high school.

If you attended multiple high schools, please respond regarding the last school you attended

(1) Which among the followings was your high school? (Circle one)

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| 1. Day school | 3. Correspondence (including support schools) | 5. Did not attend high school |
| 2. Evening school (teijisei) | 4. College of technology (5-year system) | |

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(2) Was the high school public, private, or national? (Circle one)

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| 1. Public (prefectural; city; union-managed) [kumiairitsu] | 2. Private | 3. National | 4. Don't know |
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(3) For which course were you registered at the high school? (Circle one)

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| 1. General curriculum/science and mathematics/English and mathematics/ English/International studies | 6. Healthcare-, nursing-, welfare-, and childcare-related studies |
| 2. Industry-related studies | 7. Art- and physical education-related studies |
| 3. Commerce-related studies | 8. Integrated studies |
| 4. Agriculture- and fisheries-related studies | 9. Don't know |
| 5. Home economics- and hygiene-related studies | |

(4) In what way did you enter the high school? (Circle one)

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| 1. General entrance examination | 3. Transferred from another high school | 5. Internal progression (to upper school from an affiliated middle school) |
| 2. Nomination/recommendation | 4. Quit school and re-entered school | 6. Other – please specify: () |

(5) Did you graduate from the high school? (Circle one)

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| 1. Graduated |
| 2. Dropped out |
| 3. Currently enrolled |

(6) In your third year of high school, approximately where in your class did you fall in terms of marks? (Circle one)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Towards the top	Somewhat above average	Average	Somewhat below average	Towards the bottom	Don't know

(7) Among your classmates at the high school, how many went on to university or two-year college?

1	2	3	4	5	6
About all	70-80%	About half	20-30%	Almost none	Don't know

(8) Once you graduated (or dropped out), to what path did you proceed? (Circle one)

1. Technical school/vocational training college	2. Two-year college	3. University	4. Began full-time employment	5. Worked part-time
6. Was <i>ronin</i> – took a year off to focus on college admission				
7. Other (please specify: _____)				

Question 18. Did you take the University Entrance Qualification Exam (UEQE, or the standardized examination for admission to university)? (Circle one)

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| 1. No |
| 2. Took it and passed |
| 3. Took it but did not pass |

The UEQE includes the Certificate for Students Achieving the Proficiency Level of Upper Secondary School Graduates, which was implemented as a replacement of UEQE in 2005

Question 19. Have you attended a vocational training college, two-year college, university, graduate school, or professional training school? (Choose 1)

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| 1. Attended | 2. Have not attended |
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<Follow-up question> Please indicate the following matters about all the schools you have attended.

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

Those who attended 5 or more schools, please respond in the margin.

Question 20. While attending schools below, did you receive a scholarship or tuition remission? For each school, please circle all that apply.

	Received a scholarship loan	Received a full scholarship	Received a tuition remission	Received neither scholarship nor tuition remission	Did not attend this type of schooling
A. High school	1	2	3	4	5
B. Two-year college/Upper vocational school	1	2	3	4	5
C. Specialty/vocational training college	1	2	3	4	5
D. University	1	2	3	4	5
E. Graduate school	1	2	3	4	5

"The last school that you attended" includes the school that you dropped out of. For example, for those who graduated or dropped out of a high school, "the last school attended" is high school; for those who graduated or dropped out of a university, it is university

Question 21. The following questions will ask about your school life during "the last school that you attended" (or are currently attending).

(1) In "the last school that you attended," how enthusiastic were you about the following subjects? (Circle one for each subject)

	Very enthusiastic	Fairly enthusiastic	Not very enthusiastic	Was not enthusiastic/ did not do
A. Study and attend classes	1	2	3	4
B. Club/group activities	1	2	3	4
C. Hanging out with friends	1	2	3	4
D. Part-time job	1	2	3	4
E. Travel and leisure	1	2	3	4
F. Dating	1	2	3	4
G. taking lessons/ acquiring qualifications	1	2	3	4
H. Hobbies	1	2	3	4
I. Job-seeking activities	1	2	3	4

(2) In "the last school that you attended," about how frequently did you attend classes and lectures? (Circle one)

1	2	3	4	5
Less than 20%	20-40%	40-60%	60-80%	80% or more

(3) This question asks you about the grades in "the last school that you attended." Of all the subjects you took, in what percentage of classes did you earn a mark of 80 points or above (excellent, A, 5th level, or other highest evaluation)? (Circle one)

1	2	3	4	5
Less than 20%	20-40%	40-60%	60-80%	80% or more

(4) This question asks you about job-search activities in "the last school that you attended." Which of the following methods did you employ for searching a job and how often? (Circle one for each)

	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
A. Job search support websites (<i>rikunabi</i> , etc.)	1	2	3	4
B. Job search informational magazines (<i>Shūshoku Journal</i> , etc.)	1	2	3	4
C. Information or introduction from school teachers (professors, instructors, etc.)	1	2	3	4
D. Read job announcements that were available at the school	1	2	3	4
E. Read the data profiles on companies available at the in-school job counseling center	1	2	3	4
F. Companies' briefing sessions or seminars, etc.	1	2	3	4
G. Personal interview at in-school job counseling center (career consultation)	1	2	3	4
H. Practice interviews at school	1	2	3	4
I. Information or introduction from a friend	1	2	3	4
J. Information or introduction from parents, family, relatives	1	2	3	4

Question 22. The following questions will ask you about the job you first got ("first job") after you left "the last school that you attended."

(1) Did you begin working at your **first job** from April of the year you graduated (or within one month, for those who dropped out)? (Circle one)

1. Yes	2. No	3. Still in school	4. Have not gotten a job since graduation or leaving school
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(2) How did you come to know of and apply for your first job? (Circle all that apply)

1. Internet and data request postcard	4. School teachers	7. Friend/acquaintance
2. School seniors/recruiter	5. Family/relatives	8. Other – please specify:
3. In-school job counseling center	6. Job offer advertisement or magazine	[_____]

(3) Was your first job the kind of job that you were hoping to get when you began your job-search?

(Circle one)

1	2	3
Yes	Somewhat yes	Not particularly or no

(4) Were you satisfied with your first job when you actually started working? (Circle one)

1	2	3	4	5
Satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied	Not very satisfied	Unsatisfied

Questions about your general state of health

Question 23. How do you generally feel about your health condition? (Circle one)

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

Question 24. 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 25. 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)

	Constantly	Nearly constantly	Occasionally	Rarely	Not at all
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 are limited because of your health condition	1	2	3	4	5

Question 26. In the past three years, have you had a health checkup (regular or residential checkup) or a comprehensive medical examination (*ningen dokku*)? (Circle one)

1. Yes → _____ times
2. No

Question 27. Do you have any chronic illness diagnosed by a doctor? (Circle one)

1. Yes → What is the name of the illness? _____
2. No

<Follow-up question> (For those who responded [1. Yes]): Do you have limitations or restrictions to your everyday life as a result of this illness? (Circle one)

1	2	3	4
Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

Question 28. Did you have any life-restricting illness or disorders before you were 18 years old?

1. Yes → What is the name of the illness or ailment? _____
2. No

Question 29. The question will ask you 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						
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 30. In the past year, approximately how many days were you absent from work or school due to sickness or injury?

1. Approximately _____ days
2. Did not stay home any days

Question 31. In the past year, how many days in total did you spent on doctor's appointments or in a hospital? Among the total days spent on doctor's appointments, how many were dentist appointments?

Doctors' visits	_____ days	→	Of these, dentist visits accounted for _____ days
Hospital stay	_____ days		<If none, please respond with 0>

Questions about your perspectives

Question 32. 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. Relationships with friends	1	2	3	4	5	6 Don't have friends
D. Life in general	1	2	3	4	5	

Question 33. To what extent do the following subjects 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 34. Do you have hopes for your future job and life? (Circle one)

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

Question 35. Do you generally think people can be trusted? (Circle one)

1	2	3
Yes	No	Depends on the circumstances

Question 36. 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. It would be good to have more foreigners coming to Japan to settle down	1	2	3	4	5	6
C. Income disparity in Japan is too big	1	2	3	4	5	6
D. We must limit importing foreign products in order to protect the Japanese economy	1	2	3	4	5	6
E. Income disparity is necessary for the prosperity of Japan	1	2	3	4	5	6
F. I feel proud of being a Japanese	1	2	3	4	5	6

Question 37. How do you feel about the area where you live (about the size of an elementary school district, at the largest) and its residents? Please choose the closest answer. (Circle one for each)

	Agree	Somewhat agree	Can't say either way	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
A. The area where I live is very safe	1	2	3	4	5	6
B. The neighbors help each other in the area where I live	1	2	3	4	5	6
C. The area has hospitals/clinics that offer the residents a reassurance for medical emergencies	1	2	3	4	5	6

Question 38. Would you agree or disagree with the following opinions? Please circle the closest answer. (Circle one for each)

	Agree	Somewhat agree	Can't say either way	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

Question 39. In the last House of Councilors election in July 2007, for which party did you vote? If you voted by candidate's name, please reply with that candidate's party. (Circle one)

1. Liberal Democratic Party	4. Communist Party	7. New Party Japan	10. I forget
2. Democratic Party	5. Social Democratic Party	8. Other Party (Specify: _____)	
3. New <i>Komeito</i>	6. People's New Party	9. Did not vote (including those who returned a blank ballot)	

Question 40. Do you have favorable or unfavorable feelings toward the following political parties and countries? If you have neither favorable nor unfavorable feelings, please circle 50 degree; if favorable, choose a degree between 60 and 100; if unfavorable, a degree between 0 and 40.

	Unfavorable ←	→ Favorable									
(sample response)											
A. Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)											
B. Democratic Party (DPJ)											
C. New Komeito											
D. Communist Party											
E. Social Democratic Party											
F. Japan											
G. United States of America											
H. China (People's Republic of China)											

Question 41. 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 Komeito	6. People's New Party	9. No party in particular
		10. Don't know

Question 42. 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 43. 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 44. Which of the following clubs and organizations are you a member of? (Circle all that apply)

1. Political group or club	5. Civil movement/consumer movement group	9. Hobby club
2. Occupational association/businessman's association	6. Sports groups and clubs	10. Private learning group
3. Volunteer group	7. Self-government group/neighborhood association	
4. Religious groups and clubs	8. Labor union	11. Neither of the listed

Question about your residence and wealth

Question 45. Do you pay monthly housing expenses and mortgage? How much do you pay monthly (on average without counting bonuses)?

1. No	2. Yes →	Approximately _____ per month.
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Question 46. Which of the following items do you have in your household? Please select all that you have in your house and circle the number. Those who don't have any of them, choose "20. None of the listed."

1. <i>Ofuro</i> (Japanese bath)	8. Telephone (including cell phone, PHS)	15. Works of art/antiques
2. Child(ren)'s own room(s)	9. Satellite broadcast/cable television	16. Stock or bond certificates
3. Piano	10. DVD recorder	17. Car
4. Refrigerator	11. Personal computer/word processor	18. Second home (vacation house)
5. Dishwasher	12. High-speed internet connection	19. Farmland (excluding home gardens)
6. Warm water bidet toilet, or so-called "washlet"	13. Sports club membership (golf, tennis, etc.)	20. None of the listed
7. Cooler/air conditioner	14. Literary collection/illustrated books	

Question 47. Which of the following is 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. Sibling(s)
2. Spouse (husband or wife)	4. Spouse's father or mother	6. Other (please specify:)

Question 48. 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. Don't have a spouse	X	15	X

Question 49. Where does your household income 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 50. 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 51. To date, 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 is the approximate total value of all the property inherited or gifted? (Circle one)

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| 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 | |

Questions about marriage

Question 52. Are you currently married? (Circle one)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Married (including de-facto/common law) 2. Never married 3. Widowed 4. Divorced 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #cccccc;"> <p>Proceed to Question 57 (Page19)</p> </div>
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Question 53. Is your marriage officially registered? (Circle one)

- 1. Registered
- 2. Plan to register
- 3. Don't plan to register

Question 54. 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	You were _____ years old
The time when you got married to him/her	You were _____ years old

(2) Have you lived with your current spouse before you married to her/him? (Circle one)

- 1. Yes → Period of living together was in total for _____ years, _____ months
- 2. No

Question 55. The following questions will ask you about your spouse's current employment.

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

1. Business manager or executive	6. Side work (piecework)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #cccccc;"> <p>Those who answered 7 or 8 proceed to Question 56 (Page18)</p> </div>
2. Full-time employee	7. Unemployed (including full-time housewife/husband)	
3. Part-time worker (including contract, temporary /seasonal, or commission)	8. Student	
4. Self-employed, entrepreneur	10. Other – please specify: (_____)	
5. Family worker		

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

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| 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)

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

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

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| 1. No managerial 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) COMPANY’S TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES Include family business employees and part-time workers. (Circle one)

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| 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 56. Before you married, what have you tried in order to meet somebody of the opposite sex for 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 | 9. Joined in a <i>miai</i> party (party that is arranged for meeting potential partners) |
| 2. Asked people other than your parents or siblings if they know somebody they can introduce to you | 10. Searched via the Internet or cellular phone |
| 3. Asked your friends if they know somebody they can introduce to you | 11. Asked out somebody met on a street in town or during a trip |
| 4. Asked people at work if they know somebody they can introduce to you | 12. Registered for a marriage consultation service or marriage agency |
| 5. Joined school courses, clubs or activities | 13. Other – please specify: |
| 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) | 14. Nothing in particular |

**Those who are currently married,
please proceed to Question 62 (Page 20)**

**The following questions are addressed to
those who are currently single, divorced, or widowed**

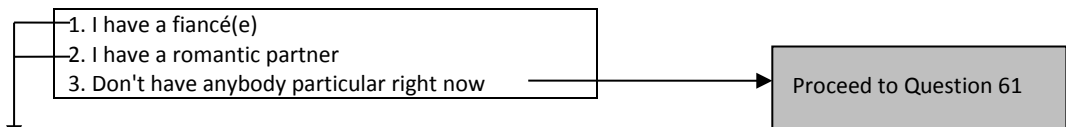
Question 57. What are your thoughts regarding marriage? (Circle one)

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

Question 58. In the past year, what have you tried 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 | 9. Joined in a <i>miai</i> party (party that is arranged for meeting potential partners) |
| 2. Asked people other than your parents or siblings if they know somebody they can introduce to you | 10. Searched via the Internet or cellular phone |
| 3. Asked your friends if they know somebody they can introduce to you | 11. Asked out somebody met on a street in town or during a trip |
| 4. Asked people at work if they know somebody they can introduce to you | 12. Registered for a marriage consultation service or marriage agency |
| 5. Joined school courses, clubs or activities | 13. Other – please specify: |
| 6. Joined hobby classes and groups | () |
| 7. Joined a <i>gōkon</i> (group dating party) | 14. Nothing in particular |
| 8. Joined a <i>miai</i> (arranged meeting for potential partners) | |

Question 59. Are you dating anyone at present? (Circle one)



Question 60. The following questions will ask you about your fiancé(e) or romantic partner.

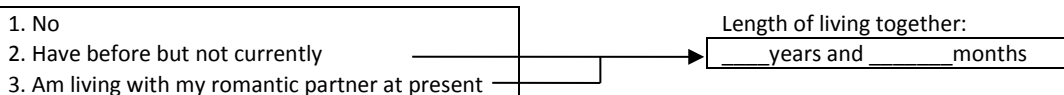
(1) About how long have you been going out with this person?

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 61. Have you ever lived with your romantic partner without officially married? If you have cohabited multiple times, please answer regarding the most recent experience. (Circle one)



The following questions apply to everyone

Question 62. In ten years from now, what kind of job do you want to be doing? (Circle one)

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| 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 63. 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 64. Please use the free space below if you would like to write about your thoughts on your current or future work or/and marriage and family (childcare, nursing care, etc.).

**The questionnaire ends here.
Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.**