## [PY050E(Wave5)]

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## Questions about personal information

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

| Gender | 1.Male $\quad$ 2.Female $\quad$Date of birth YEAR: A.D.$\quad$ MONTH: |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Question 2. Do you usually have a job that generates income (including student part-time jobs)? (Please circle one.)

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


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 ("haken shain") | 8. Side work (piecework) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. Full-time employee | 5. Contract worker ("ukeoi shain") | 9. Other |
| 3. Part-time (including a student | 6. Self-employed, entrepreneur | (specify: |
| having a part-time job) | 7. Family worker |  |

(2) SUBSTANCE OF WORK

1. Professional /technical....
2. Administrative/managerial.......
3. Office/clerical.......
4. Sales .......
5. Service.......
6. Manufacturing/skilled labor....
7. Transportation/security.....
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
(3) JOB TITLE Please select the closest description. (Circle one)

(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)

(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 nonprofit 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 <br> 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

| 2. 15 minutes or so | 4. 45 minutes or so |
| :--- | :--- |
| 6. An hour and a half or so |  |

3. 30 minutes or so
4. One hour or so
5. 2 hours or more
(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 <br> 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) Would you like to work shorter or longer hours? (Circle one)

| 1. Longer hours | 2. The same as now | 3. Shorter |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

(11) Is there a labor union at your place of work? (Circle one)

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know $\qquad$
(12) Are you a member of a labor union? (Circle one)
4. Yes, I am a member of the labor union of my workplace
5. Yes, I am a member of a labor union but outside of my workplace
6. No, I am not a member of a labor union
(13) Do you want to continue in the current job/business for another five years or so? (Circle one)
7. I plan to continue in this job/business
8. I think about quitting this job/business
9. I plan to quit this job/business soon
10. Don't know
(14) $\sim(16)$ : only applies for those who are employed with a corporation and alike. Others, please proceed to Question4.
(14) What is the length of tenure stipulated in your employment contract? (Circle one)
11. Tenured (including employment until established retirement age 3. Don't know [lifetime employment])
12. 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 |

(15) Do you currently belong to any of the following social insurance schemes through your employer? (Circle one answer for each item)

|  | Yes | No | Don't know |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. Employee pension scheme/mutual <br> aid association pension scheme | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| B. Employment insurance | 1 | 2 | 3 |

(16) Do the following systems exist in your current workplace? If so, can you use or access them?

|  | Not available | Available | Supplementary question: If you answered 2 "available", please choose the applicable option below (circle one number for each item) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. Retirement pay | 1 | 2 | 1. Can receive | 2. Can't receive | 3. Don't know |
| B. Paid leave | 1 | 2 | 1. Can use | 2. Can't use | 3. Don't know |
| C. Childcare leave | 1 | 2 | 1. Can use | 2. Can't use | 3. Don't know |
| D. Bonus | 1 | 2 | 1. Can receive | 2. Can't receive | 3. Don't know |

Question 4. The following questions will ask you about your work place
(1) To what extent do statements A through H apply to your current job? Please choose one that best fits your answer. (Circle one for each)

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

(2) During the past year, how often have your superiors, co-workers, and workmates guided and advised you with a view to enhancing your work skills? (Circle one)

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Often | Sometimes | Not often | Never | No superiors/co-workers/ workmates |

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

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

## Please tell us about your work over the past year

Question 5. Since January last year, have you changed jobs, started work (in a new job or your own business), or finished work (i.e., retired or become unemployed)?


## Calendar


"Type of work" indicates the following kinds of positions (you may use these numbers in your answer).
(1) Owner/president/director
(2) Permanent/full-time employee
(3) Part-time (including a student having a part-time job)
(4) Self-employed, freelance
(5) Family business
(6) Piecework, etc. performed at home Please indicate any period during which you were not employed (homemaker, student, etc.)
If you had two or more jobs at the same time, please answer for your main job only.
<Follow-up question2> Why did you quit or change jobs? Please circle all applicable answers below.

1. Company went bankrupt/closed
down/downsized its workforce
2. Contract ended
3. Family circumstances (marriage,
childcare, nursing elderly relatives,
etc.)
4. Health reasons
5. Dissatisfaction with working hours (overtime, weekend work, etc.)
6. Dissatisfaction with salary/wages
7. To take over family business
8. Found a better job
9. Other
(please specify: )
10. Work was difficult/stressful
11. Dissatisfaction with personal
relations in the workplace
12. No promotion/career prospects

## Questions about study and education

Question 6. 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 one)

| 1. Attending 2. Not attending |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| <Follow-up If you are at | stion> Plea ding two or | indicate the ore schools | ollowing matters lease respond in | about the sc he margin. | that | e attending. |
| Type of establishment | School name | Department, subject, etc. | Course | Matriculation date |  | tion date |
| 1. National <br> 2. Public <br> 3. Independent |  |  | 1. Daytime <br> 2. Evening <br> 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 2010 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)

2. No, I did not
<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 <br> establishment | School name | Department, <br> subject, etc. | Course | Matriculation <br> date | Graduation date |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. National |  |  | 1. Daytime <br> 2. Evening <br> 2. Public <br> 3. Independent |  |  | Year (A.D.): |
| 3.Correspondence (A.D.): |  | 1. Will graduate <br> 2. Graduated <br> 3. Dropped out |  |  |  |  |

## Questions about your everyday life

Question 7. How often do you perform the following activities? (Circle one for each)

|  | Everyday | $5-6$ days <br> per week | $3-4$ days <br> per week | $1-2$ days <br> per week | $1-3$ days <br> per <br> month | Almost <br> never |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. Exercise (walking, jogging, aerobics, <br> 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 <br> (excluding spouse) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| K. Have conversations with friend(s) or <br> 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 8. Who do you talk to when you want to discuss the following matters?
(Circle all that apply).

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ® } \\ & \stackrel{\otimes}{0} \\ & \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\omega} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ? } \\ & \frac{\overline{1}}{2} \\ & \text { 잉 } \end{aligned}$ | $\frac{\varrho}{\bar{E}}$ |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { z } \\ & \text { o } \\ & \stackrel{0}{0} \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 9. During the past year, did you experience any of the following events?
(Circle all that apply)

| 1. Got divorced <br> 2. My spouse (husband or wife) passed <br> away | 5. My spouse's father passed away <br> 6. My spouse's mother passed away | 9. Took maternity or childcare leave <br> 10. My spouse took maternity or <br> childcare leave |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4. My mother passed away away | 7. Moved in with my domestic partner |  |$\quad$| 8. Moved to new resident |
| :--- |

Question 10. 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?

(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 wife's father |  | $F$ | 64 years | Yes | (10) | (8) $s$ | 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 |  | F | ___ years | Yes |  | Yes | No |

If there are ten or more people, please respond in the margin.
(3) 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 <br> female child | Don't know |

Question 11. How do you generally feel about your health condition? (Circle one)

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

Question 12. 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 <br> always | Sometimes | Rarely | Never |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. Feeling quite nervous | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| B. Feeling so down in the dumps that nothing <br> 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 <br> limited because of health conditions | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Question 13. 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 14. 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 <br> dentist) | Hospital stay |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| days | days | days |



Question 15. 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 16. 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 17. When you were in your third year of junior high school (aged 15), did your parents smoke?

|  | Had never smoked | Had quit smoking | Smoked | No father/mother <br> at that time |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. Father | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| B. Mother | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

## Questions about your opinions

Question 18. Regarding the following subjects, how satisfied are you generally?
(Circle one for each)

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

Question 19. 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 |  |  |  |  |  | urate 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 20. 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 <br> applicable | Not applicable at <br> all |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. I have a clear idea of what kind of work I <br> 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 <br> than to worry about the future | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| D. I am worried about my ability to survive <br> in society | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| E. My friends often confided their <br> problems to me | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| F. I don't want to take a job that I don't <br> want to do | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Question 21. 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 22. 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 23. How important are the following things to you? Please circle the most appropriate one. (Circle one for each)

|  | Very important | A little <br> 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 24. 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 <br> extent | Can hardly do | Cannot do |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. Explain my thoughts to people | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| B. Speak naturally with people whom I do <br> 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 25. How much would you agree or disagree with the following opinions about Japanese society? Please choose the closest answer. (Circle one for each)

|  | Strongly <br> agree | Somewhat <br> agree | Neither <br> agree nor <br> disagree | Somewhat <br> disagree | Strongly <br> disagree | Don't <br> 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 <br> determines the rest of your life | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| D. Once you fail at your work or <br> business, you get no second chance in <br> your life | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| E. Income disparity is necessary for the <br> prosperity of Japan | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| F. Coming from a wealthy family is <br> important in order to obtain status and <br> wealth | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Question 26. 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 | $\leftarrow$ |  |  |  | Lowest |  |  |  |  |

Question 27. 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 28. Would you agree or disagree with the following opinions? Please choose the closest answer. (Circle one for each)

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

Question 29. Would you agree or disagree with the following opinions? Please circle the closest answer. (Circle one for each)

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

Question 30. Which political party do you generally support? (Circle one)

| 1. Liberal Democratic Party | 4. Communist Party | 7. Your Party |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 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 31. 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 32. In the last House of Councilors election in July 2010, 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. Your Party | 10. I forget |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. Democratic Party | 5. Social Democratic Party | 8. Other Party (Specify: |  |
| 3. New Komeito | 6. People's New Party | 9. Did not vote (including those who returned a blank <br>  | ballot) |

Question 33. Please answer the questions below on the assumption that a House of Representatives election is due to take place soon.
(1) In the proportional representation vote by party name, which party do you intend to vote for? Even if you are undecided, please choose a party that you think you could vote for.

| 1. Liberal Democratic Party | 4. Communist Party | 7. Your Party |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. Democratic Party | 5. Social Democratic Party | 8. Other Party (Specify: |
| 3. New Komeito | 6. People's New Party | 9. Don't know |

(2) Do you intend to vote in the election?

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | Probably | Maybe | Probably not | No |

Question 34. 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.


## Questions about your residence and wealth

Question 35. 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 |  | 15 | $\bigcirc$ |

Question 36. 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 | 8. Pension (excluding disability | 13. Other - specify: |
| fishing | pension) |  |
| 4. Side work | 9. Disability pension <br> 5. Renting house or land | 10. Employment insurance (with <br> unemployment benefit) |

Question 37. 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 $3,000,000$ $8.30,000,000$ to not more than 50,000,000 yen <br> yen  |  |  |

Question 38. Do you pay monthly housing expenses and/or mortgage? How much do you pay monthly (on average without counting bonuses)?

| 1. No | 2. Yes $\longrightarrow$ | Approximately __ per month. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

Question 39. Which of the following describes your current residence? (Circle one)


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

<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 <br> 2. Spouse (husband or wife) | 5. Other - please specify: |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

Question 40. Do you plan to move in the next one year?

1. Yes 2. No

Question 41. 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 <br> 2. No <br> 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 $3,000,000$ $8.30,000,000 ~ t o ~ n o t ~ m o r e ~ t h a n ~ 50,000,000 ~ y e n ~$ |  |  |
| yen |  |  |

Question 42. What kind of health insurance scheme do you belong to? (Circle one)

1. Company health insurance association
2. Japan Health Insurance Association (formerly government-managed health insurance)
3. Mutual aid association
4. National Health Insurance
5. Other (seamen's insurance, etc.)
6. Don't belong to any of these schemes
7. Don't know
<Follow-up question> (if you answered 1-5 above): What kind of membership do you have?
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# Questions about marriage 

Question 43. Are you currently married? (Circle one)

(husband or wife) current employment.
(1) TYPE OF WORK Please select the closest one. (Circle one)

(Sample responses)
Rice farmer Primary school teacher Supermarket cashier Telephone salesperson for food supply company Outside salesperson with a cosmetics company Interior electrical wiring at construction sites Care worker at welfare facility (qualified nurse/social worker) Factory labor for plastic toys production Bank receptionist
(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 | $\left(\begin{array}{l} \\ \text { 3. Assistant section chief or equivalent }\end{array}\right.$ |
| 6. Company president, executive,  <br> (kakarichō) 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: |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| B. Number of working days per month | Per average month: |  |  |
| C. Time he or she returns home (average weekdays) | About ___:__ a.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 <br> per <br> week | 3-4 days <br> per <br> week | 1-2 days <br> per <br> week | 1-3 days <br> per <br> month | Almost <br> 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. Have you lived with your current spouse without Marriage Registration?

| 1. Yes $\rightarrow$ Period of living together was in total for____ years,___ months |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2. No |  |

Question 47. Is your marriage officially registered? (Circle one)

1. Registered $\quad$ 2. Plan to register $\quad$ 3. Don't plan to register

Question 48. This is a question about your spouse (husband/wife).
(1) In what year was s/he born?

| YEAR: | A.D. |
| :--- | :--- |

(2) Among the following, which school did your spouse attend most recently ? Please circle the most appropriate response.

| 1. Middle school | 4. Two-year college (Associate's degree)/Higher vocational <br> college (Five-year system) | 7. Don't know |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. High school | 5. Four-year college (Bachelor's degree) |  |
| 3. Vocational college (vocational <br> college) | 6. Graduate school |  |

Question 49. 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 <br> your current spouse | YEAR: _ MONTH: <br> A.D. |
| :--- | :--- |
| The time when you got married to <br> him/her | YEAR: ___ MONTH: <br> A.D. |

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

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


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

Question 50. What are your thoughts regarding marriage? (Circle one)

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

Question 51. Which of the followings do you consider critical in a marriage partner? If you consider income and age important, please give specific figures.


Question 52. 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 |

(3) 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.

| 1. Asked your parents or siblings if they know somebody they can introduce to you | 9. Joined in a miai party (party that is arranged for meeting potential partners) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2. Asked relatives 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, acquaintance, and childhood 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 colleagues and boss 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 gōkon (group dating party) |  |
| 8. Joined a miai (arranged meeting for potential partners) | 14. Nothing in particular |

Question 53. Are you dating anyone at present? (Circle one)


Proceed to Question 54 on the following page
<Related question> Have you had a fiancé(e) or romantic partner in the past? (If you are widowed, please answer with regard to the time since your spouse passed away)

1. Yes, I have
2. No, I have not

Question 54. 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.

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

| 1. Middle school | 5. Four-year university |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2. High school <br> 3. Technical schools (vocational college) <br> 4. Two-year college (associate's degree) / College <br> of technology (five-year system) | 6. Graduate school |

(4) How often do you see that person?

1. living together without officially married
2. 3-4 times a month
3. almost every day
4. 1-2 times a month
5. 3-4 times a week
6. Hardly ever
7. 1-2 times a week

Follow-up question> How often does that person do the following?
(Circle one for each)

|  | Everyday | $5-6$ days <br> per week | $3-4$ days <br> per week | $1-2$ days <br> per week | $1-3$ days <br> per month | Almost <br> never |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. Prepare meals | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| B. Do laundry | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| C. House cleaning | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| D. Grocery shopping | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Question 55. What are the reasons why you are presently single? Please circle all that apply.

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:
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19. I am planning to get married to my current romantic partner soon

## The following questions apply to everyone

Question 56. 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 <br> housewife/househusband. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2. I want to be starting my own business. 7. I want to be not having to work. <br> 3. I want to be managing my parents' business after 8. Other - please specify: <br> succeeding it  <br> 4. I want to be working independently on my own l <br> 5. I want to be working for a part-time job 9. Don't know |  |

Question 57. What time do you perform the following actions on an average weekday? (Circle one for each of A-D)


Question 58. Do you know anyone who works in the following occupations? Please circle all applicable answers in each of sections A-C below.

## A. Family members/relatives

| 1. Lawyer | 5. President/director of a | 9. Farmer | 13. President of small or |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. Junior high/ high school | large corporation | 10. Regional government | medium-sized company |
| teacher | 6. Taxi driver | official | 14. Computer programmer |
| 3. Police officer | 7. Newspaper journalist | 11. Doctor | 15. Nurse |
| 4. Bank employee | 8. Elected representative <br> (national or regional <br> government) | 12. Barber/hairdresser | 16. None of the above |
|  |  |  |  |

## B. Friends/acquaintances

| 1. Lawyer | 5. President/director of a | 9. Farmer | 13. President of small or |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. Junior high/ high school | large corporation | 10. Regional government | medium-sized company |
| teacher | 6. Taxi driver | 7. Newspaper journalist | 11. Doctor |

C. I don't know anyone in these occupations directly, but could be introduced through a family member/relative/friend

| 1. Lawyer | 5. President/director of a | 9. Farmer | 13. President of small or |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2. Junior high/ high school | large corporation | 10. Regional government | medium-sized company |
| teacher | 6. Taxi driver | official | 14. Computer programmer |
| 3. Police officer | 7. Newspaper journalist | 11. Doctor | 15. Nurse |
| 4. Bank employee | 8. Elected representative <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> (national or regional <br> government) | 12. Barber/ hairdresser | 16. None of the above |

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


[^0]:    1. My own, or through my workplace
    2. Through my spouse's workplace
    3. Through my parent's workplace
    4. Other (please specify: )
