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How we live today
Questionnaire

Time interview started hr min
(24 hr clock)

Q.1 We are interested in peoples opinions about life in Britain today. For instance, compared to four or five years ago, would you say you are more satisfied or less satisfied with things in general? That is, taking yourself, do you think you are more satisfied with things than you were four or five years ago, or less satisfied?

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| Lot more | 1 |
| Little more | 2 |
| Same | 3 |
| Little less | 4 |
| Lot less | 5 |

IF MORE OR LESS

Is that a LOT more or a LITTLE more?

HAND CARD A

Q.2 I am going to read you a list of various groups of people. How dissatisfied would you say they are with things in general today? This is a scale of satisfaction with complete satisfaction at the top (POINTING) and complete dissatisfaction at the bottom (POINTING). As I mention each group of people could you tell me where you think they would be on the scale - (MOVE FINGER RAPIDLY UP AND DOWN SCALE) which step number?

READ LIST FORWARDS/BACKWARDS
IN ALTERNATE INTERVIEWS AND CODE

| | FORWARDS | BACKWARDS |
|---|----------|-----------|
| (a) Unskilled manual worker | Step no | 11 |
| (b) Skilled manual worker | Step no | 12 |
| (c) Office workers | Step no | |
| (d) Professional people (doctors, teachers and other professions) | Step no | |
| (e) Company directors and business executives | Step no | |
| (f) Shopkeepers and people with small businesses | Step no | |
| (g) Old age pensioners | Step no | 17 |
| (h) Investors and shareholders | Step no | 18 |

Q.3 And whereabouts on the ladder would you put yourself? Step no 19

Q.4 And where would you put yourself as you were about 4 or 5 years ago? Step no 20

Q.5 Where would you put yourself as you expect to be about 4 or 5 years from now? Step no 21

Q.6 And what do you feel is the right level for people like yourself - what do you feel people like yourself are entitled to? Step no 22

RECOVER CARD A, HAND CARD B

Q.7 Which one of these groups on the card would you place yourself in (RING ONE CODE ONLY)

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|---|---|
| 1 | Unskilled manual workers |
| 2 | Skilled manual workers |
| 3 | Office workers |
| 4 | Professional people |
| 5 | Company directors & business executives |
| 6 | Shopkeepers/small business people |
| 7 | Old age pensioners |
| 8 | Investors and shareholders |

RECOVER CARD B

SHOW CARD C

Q.8

I am going to read some statements that describe people. As I read each one, would you tell me which of the replies on the card is the nearest answer in your own case? Don't think too long about the exact meanings. There are no right or wrong answers and no trick questions.

| | Stron -gly agree | Agree | Nei- ther agree nor dis- agree | Dis- agree | Stron -gly dis- agree |
|--|------------------------|-------|---|---------------|--------------------------------|
| a) Most people will go out of their way to help someone else | (1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5) |
| b) The average man is probably better off today than he ever was | (1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5) |
| c) It's hardly fair to bring children into the world the way things look for the future | (1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5) |
| d) Most public officials are not really interested in the problems of the average man | (1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5) |
| e) Even today, the way you make money is more important than <u>how much</u> you make | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5) |
| f) These days a person doesn't really know whom he can count on | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5) |
| g) Most people can still be depended on to come through in a pinch | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5) |
| h) Nowadays a person has to live pretty much for today and let tomorrow take care of itself | (1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5) |
| i) To make money, there are no right and wrong ways any more, only easy and hard ways | (1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5) |
| j) Most people don't really care what happens to the next person | (1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5) |
| k) If you try hard enough you can usually get what you want | (1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5) |
| l) In spite of what some people say, the lot of the average man is getting worse, not better | (1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5) |
| m) You sometimes can't help wondering whether anything is worthwhile | (1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5) |

RECOVER CARD C

HAND CARD A AGAIN

Apart from how people feel in general about their lives, we are interested in how satisfied they are with some particular aspects of life. For each of these aspects we would like to know how you personally feel.

NOTE. THE NEXT 5 PAGES MAY APPEAR TO BE BOUND IN THE WRONG ORDER. THIS HAS BEEN DONE DELIBERATELY TO VARY THE ORDER OF QUESTIONS. WORK THROUGH THE QUESTIONS IN THE ORDER YOU FIND THEM.

Q.9

Can we think about the district you live in

- a) How satisfied are you personally with the district you live in - where would you put yourself on the scale?

Step no 37 10: Don't ask b)
0: Don't ask c)

- b) What changes would be needed in the district you live in to make you more satisfied?

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- c) What sort of things could happen in the district you live in to make you less satisfied?

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Q.10

Now about your housing:

- a) Is this house/flat/accommodation owned or rented by you or do you live here rent free?

| | | |
|------|---|-------------------|
| Own | X | 1 Go to 10c) 1-75 |
| Rent | Y | Ask 10b) |
| Free | 0 | 4 Go to 10c) |

- b) Is it rented from the council or privately?

| | | |
|---------|---|---|
| NA/DK | 8 | Y |
| Council | 1 | 2 |
| Private | 2 | 3 |

- c) How long have you lived in this accommodation?

| | | |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Less than 12 months | 3 | 1 |
| 1 year but under 2 | 4 | 2 |
| 2 " " " | 5 | 3 |
| 5 " " " | 6 | 4 |
| 10 years or more | 7 | 5 |

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- Q.11 a) How satisfied are you personally with the house/flat/accommodation you live in - where would you put yourself on the scale?

Step no 41

- b) What changes would be needed in your accommodation to make you more satisfied?

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- c) What sort of things could happen in your accommodation to make you less satisfied?

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Q.12 What about your general state of health? Would you say it was -

excellent
reasonably good
only fair
or poor?

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

Q.13 a) How satisfied are you personally with your general state of health? Where would you put yourself on this scale (CARD A)?

Step no

10: Don't ask b)
0: Don't ask c)

b) What changes would be needed in your personal state of health to make you more satisfied?

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c) What sort of things could happen in your personal state of health that would make you less satisfied?

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Q.14 Have you a full time job? Yes No

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|---|
| Y |
| X |

GO TO Q.15, ASK Q.15 ABOUT OWN JOB

MARRIED WOMAN | NOT MARRIED
ASK Q.15 ABOUT | WOMAN GO TO
HUSB'S JOB | Q.16

Q.15 a) How satisfied are you personally with your/your husband's job? Where would you place yourself on this scale?

Step no

10: DON'T ASK b)
0: DON'T ASK c)

b) What changes would be needed in your/your husband's job to make you more satisfied?

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c) What sort of things could happen to you/your husband's job that would make you less satisfied?

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Q.16 a) How satisfied are you personally with your general financial situation? Where would you place yourself on this scale? (CARD A)

Step no 10: DON'T ASK b) 0: DON'T ASK c)

b) What changes would be needed in your general financial situation to make you more satisfied?

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c) What sort of things could happen in your general financial situation to make you less satisfied?

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Q.17 a) How satisfied are you personally with the things you can do in your leisure time - where would you place yourself on this scale?

Step no 10: DON'T ASK b) 0: DON'T ASK c)

b) What changes would be needed in your leisure to make you more satisfied?

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c) What sort of things could happen to your leisure to make you less satisfied?

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Q.18 a) How satisfied are you personally with your family life. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

Step no 10: DON'T ASK b) 0: DON'T ASK c)

IF INFORMANT SAYS HE HAS NO FAMILY, SKIP TO Q.19 BUT RING CODE HERE

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b) What changes would be needed in your family life to make you more satisfied?

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c) What sort of things could happen to your family life to make you less satisfied?

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Q.19 a) How satisfied are you personally with your friendships - where would you put yourself on this scale? (CARD A).

Step no 10: DON'T ASK b) 0: DON'T ASK c)

b) What changes would be needed in your friendships to make you more satisfied?

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c) What things could happen to your friendships to make you less satisfied?

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Q.20 Do you have any children at school or college?

Yes No ASK Q.21a), NOT b) ASK Q.21b), NOT a)

Q.21 a) How satisfied are you personally with the education that your children are getting? Where would you put yourself on this scale? _____

Step no 10: DON'T ASK c) 0: DON'T ASK d)

b) If you had children at school or college how satisfied would you be with the education they were getting -- where would you be on this scale?

c) What changes would be needed in your children's education to make you more satisfied?

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d) What sort of things could happen to your children's education to make you less satisfied?

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Q.22 a)

How satisfied are you personally with the way the police and the courts do their job - where would you put yourself on this scale?

Step No 64

10: DON'T ASK b)

0: DON'T ASK c)

b) What changes would be needed in the way the police and the courts do their job to make you more satisfied?

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c) What sort of things could happen to the way the police and the courts do their job to make you less satisfied?

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Q.23 a)

How satisfied are you personally with the welfare services such as health, pensions, social workers, social security and the like? Where would you place yourself on this scale? (CARD A).

Step no 72

10: DON'T ASK b)

0: DON'T ASK c)

b) What changes would be needed in the welfare services to make you more satisfied?

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c) What sort of things could happen to the welfare services to make you less satisfied?

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17-10

RECOVER CARD A

HAND CARD D

2.24

In the past 12 months have you, or anyone in your household, used or received benefits from these social services? I mean services provided by the Government and Local Authorities, not private arrangements:

| | Yes | No | | Yes | No |
|-----------------------|-----|----|---|-----|----|
| Visited doctor | X | Y | Family planning clinic | 6 | 7 |
| Visit from doctor | 0 | 1 | Free school meals | 8 | 9 |
| Hospital outpatient | 2 | 3 | Home (or district) nurse | X | Y |
| Hospital inpatient | 4 | 5 | Home help | 0 | 1 |
| Dentist | 6 | 7 | Health visitor | 2 | 3 |
| Maternity benefit | 8 | 9 | Supplementary benefits (National Assistance) | 4 | 5 |
| Midwife | X | Y | Unemployment benefit | 6 | 7 |
| Day nursery | 0 | 1 | Old age pension | 8 | 9 |
| Children's officer | 2 | 3 | Other pension (non-private) | X | Y |
| Child guidance clinic | 4 | 5 | (specify) _____ | | |
| | | | _____ | | |

RECOVER CARD D

a) We have now covered this list of different aspects of life today with which people may be more satisfied or less satisfied, (that is to say, housing, jobs, education, family life and so on) Now, could you look at the list and say whether there are any important aspects of life we have left off the list? What other things do you think there are which are important in affecting how satisfied you would be with life in general?
 WRITE IN AT X BELOW

| | Most(b) important | (c)Next most | (d) least |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| The district you live in | (1 | 2 | 3 |
| The house you live in | (1 | 2 | 3 |
| Your state of health | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Your job (or your husband's job) | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Your general financial situation | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| The things you can do in your leisure time | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Your family life | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Your friendships | (1 | 2 | 3 |
| Your childrens education | (1 | 2 | 3 |
| Police and courts | (1 | 2 | 3 |
| Welfare services | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| X | (1 | 2 | 3 |
| | (1 | 2 | 3 |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 |

b) Now if you take the things you have just mentioned, that is (READ LIST FROM X:) together with what is on the card, which single thing out of them all do you think is the MOST important in determining your general satisfaction with life?

(RING 1 IN COL(b) ABOVE)

c) And which do you think is the next most important for you?

(RING 2 IN COL(c) ABOVE)

d) Now, looking at the other side, which one of all these things do you think is the LEAST important for you?

(RING 3 IN COL(d) ABOVE)

Q.26 (a) Think of how your life is going now. Do you want it to continue in much the same way as it is going now, do you wish you could change some parts of it or do you wish you could change many parts of your life as it is now?

Continue same
Change some
Change many

| |
|---|
| 0 |
| 1 |
| 2 |

IF CHANGE SOME OR MANY ASK:

(b) What would you change?
(PROBE Anything else?)

(c) Now think of your life as it was in the past. If you could have your life over again, would you want to change some parts, would you want to change many parts, or would you not change any of it.

Change some
Change many
Not change

| |
|---|
| 1 |
| 2 |
| 0 |

IF CHANGE SOME OR MANY ASK:

(d) What would you like to have changed?
(PROBE Anything else?)

Q.27. Now I'd like you to think about the person you'd most like to be.

In what ways do you think this person has more satisfaction with life than you have?

Q.28 Now think about the person that you would least like to be.

In what ways do you think this person has less satisfaction with life than you have?

Q.29 (a) Would you say you were closer in general satisfaction to the person you'd most like to be, or to the person you'd least like to be?

IF NOT IN MIDDLE ASK:

Closer to the one I'd most like to be. (much / a little)

In the middle / D.K.

(b) Would you say you were a little closer to this person than to the other, or much closer to this person than to the other?

Closer to the one I'd least like to be (much / a little)

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3
2
1

| | | | | | | | |
|---|------|---------------|--------|--|----|---------------|--------|
| a) Is there a car in this household | 2-56 | 1 Yes 0 No | Y X | f) Have you your own telephone | 46 | 1 Yes 0 No | 8 9 |
| b) Do you have a garden of your own | 2-42 | 1 Yes 0 No | 0 1 | g) Excluding short visits to friends and relatives, have you had a holiday away from home since this time last year? | 47 | 1 Yes 0 No | 1 2 |
| c) Do you have a cheque book of your own? | 43 | 1 Yes 0 No | 2 3 | | | | |
| d) Do you yourself own any stocks or shares or any holdings in a unit trust | 44 | 1 Yes 0 No | 4 5 | IF YES | | | |
| e) Have you a colour T.V. | 45 | 1 Yes 0 No | 6 7 | h) Did you go abroad | 48 | 1 Yes 0 No | 3 4 |

D.1. HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION: Can you tell me about the people living in this household (I don't mean people who cater for themselves separately):

(a) FIRST, can I take your own family and relatives (record details in GRID, SECTION A).

(b) NOW, is there anyone else, not related to you, who is a member of the household living here—again, not including any who may cater for themselves separately?

Yes - 1 Record in GRID SECTION B
 No - 2 Go to CLASSIFICATION DATA (11)

LIST BELOW, STARTING WITH INFORMANT, RECORDING INFORMATION REQUIRED

| Person No. | Relationship to informant | Sex | | Marital Status | | | Normal Occupation Status | | | | | Age last birthday | Age group of informant | | | | | | How old were you when you finished your full-time education? | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|---|----------------|---------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------------------|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|--|-------|-------|------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | M | F | Single (50) | Married | Wid. Div. Sep. | Has paid job | | No paid job | | | | 15-24 (52) | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65 or over (53) | 15 or under (53) | 16-18 | 19-23 | 24 or over | Still at school or college | | | |
| | | | | | | | Full time 30 hrs p.w. | Part time 8-29 hrs p.w. | Undr. 8 hrs p.w. | Retired from full time job | Othrs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A. FAMILY UNIT OF INFORMANT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | (49) | | | | |
| 1 | INFORMANT | Y | X | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | |
| 2 | | Y | X | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | Y | X | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | Y | X | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | | Y | X | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | | Y | X | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | | Y | X | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | | Y | X | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| B. OTHERS IN HOUSEHOLD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | | Y | X | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | | Y | X | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | | Y | X | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | | Y | X | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | | Y | X | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | | Y | X | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | | Y | X | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | | Y | X | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

OFFICE USE ONLY (54)

INFORMANT IS—
 Female Housewife (main or shared resp.) 1
 Not housewife 2
 Head of household (56) 3
 Not head of household 4

AGE OF HOUSEWIFE— (if female)
 15-24 1
 25-34 2
 35-44 3
 45-54 4
 55-64 5
 65+ 6
 Don't know Y

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION AND TYPE

| | | |
|-------------|----|------------------------------|
| NUMBER AGED | | HOUSEHOLD TYPE: |
| 0-1 | | Adults only |
| 2-4 | | Adults and children 5-15 |
| 5-15 | | Adults and infants |
| 16-20 | | Adults, children and infants |
| 21+ | | |
| TOTAL | 36 | |

NUMBER WITH FULL-TIME JOBS (Code 4's in grid) 7

CLASSIFICATION DATA (ii)

| | | | |
|--|------------------------------|---|---|
| EMPLOYMENT CODE | HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD IS— | IF HIH EMPLOYMENT CODE 9 IS RINGED CHECK BACK WITH HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION GRID FOR THE CHIEF WAGE EARNER. | RECORD INFORMANT'S OCCUPATION DETAILS AT B BELOW. (IF INFORMANT IS HIH OR CWE, AND THEREFORE RECORDED AT A, STATE) |
| FULL-TIME EMPLOYED | 7 | IF HIH EMPLOYMENT CODE 7 OR 8 IS RINGED OR IF THERE IS NO CHIEF WAGE EARNER THE OCCUPATION DETAILS RELATE TO THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD. (Record at A below). | |
| PART-TIME EMPLOYED/UNEMPLOYED/SICK/RETIRED/WIDOWED/PENSIONER With income from all sources (salary, private means, private pension, disablement pension, compensation, etc.) coming to £8 a week or over | 8 | IF HIH EMPLOYMENT CODE 9 IS RINGED THE OCCUPATION DETAILS RELATE TO CHIEF WAGE EARNER: (Record at A below) | |
| PART-TIME EMPLOYED/UNEMPLOYED/SICK/RETIRED/WIDOWED/PENSIONER With income from all above sources coming to less than £8 a week | 9 | | |

| OCCUPATION DETAILS | A. Head of Household or Chief Wage Earner | | B. Informant | |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| What type of firm or organisation does/did (this person) work for? STATE: (a) Type of firm etc. (including what the firm makes/does etc.) (b) Name of firm/organisation | | | | |
| What job does/did (this person) actually do? | | | | |
| IF IN CIVIL SERVICE, FORCES, POLICE, ETC. What is his/her rank or grade? | | | | |
| IF OTHER Does/did (this person) hold any particular position in the organisation? (e.g. foreman, typing supervisor, office manager, company secretary, etc.) IF SELF-EMPLOYED—STATE THIS | | | | |
| IF PROPRIETOR OF BUSINESS OR A MANAGER OR SUPERVISOR (i.e. RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WORK OF OTHER PEOPLE) (a) Roughly how many people work at the place where (this person) works -- INCLUDE THIS PERSON. ENTER ACTUAL NUMBER IF POSSIBLE, OR NEAREST APPROXIMATION. (b) For how many is he/she responsible? | (a) Total at this place INCLUDE THIS PERSON & STATE No. IN ALL CASES | (b) No. for whom responsible STATE No. | (a) Total at this place INCLUDE THIS PERSON & STATE No. IN ALL CASES | (b) No. for whom responsible STATE No. |
| | 25 or more | 25 or more | 25 or more | 25 or more |
| | 10-24 | 10-24 | 10-24 | 10-24 |
| | less than 10 | less than 10 | less than 10 | less than 10 |
| ASK FOR ALL: Has (this person) any qualifications? (such as apprenticeships, professional qualifications, university degrees, diplomas etc.) STATE WHAT QUALIFICATIONS HELD | | | | |

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|--|------|-----|
| DATE | Year | Y/1 |
| Day of interview: | | |
| Monday | | 1 |
| Tuesday | | 2 |
| Wednesday | | 3 |
| Thursday | | 4 |
| Friday | | 5 |
| Saturday | | 6 |
| Day of month of interview | | |
| Month of interview: | | |
| January | | 1 |
| February | | 2 |
| March | | 3 |
| April | | 4 |
| May | | 5 |
| June | | 6 |
| July | | 7 |
| August | | 8 |
| September | | 9 |
| October | | 0 |
| November | | X |
| December | | Y |
| LENGTH OF INTERVIEWmins. | | |
| FIELD OFFICER (if accompanied) | | |

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|--|---------------|--------|
| SOCIAL GRADE OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD OR CHIEF WAGE EARNER | A | Y |
| | B | X |
| | C1 | 0 |
| | C2 | 1 |
| | D | 2 |
| | E | 3 |
| | O.U.O. | |
| NET INCOME OF HIH OR C.W.E. | £450 | Y |
| | £650 | X |
| HAND CARD | £850 | 0 |
| Which of these comes closest to your (his/her) income, that is after deducting income tax national insurance, pension schemes and so on? | £1050 | 1 |
| | £1250 | 2 |
| | £1650 | 3 |
| | £2000 | 4 |
| | £2500 | 5 |
| | £3000 or more | 6 |
| | Refused | 7 |
| | | O.U.O. |

Admin. Area:

Time interview finished

Hour Minute
70 71 72 73

(24 hour clock)

Name of informant:
Mr./Mrs./Miss
Full Postal Address

DECLARATION: I declare that this interview has been conducted according to the manual and has been edited.

Signed:

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| Interviewer's Code No. | 74 | 75 | 76 | O.U.O. | 7321 |
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