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# QUESTIONNAIRE ON HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES

STANDARDS OF LIVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM 1967-68

I Housing and Living Facilities

II Employment

III Occupational Facilities and Fringe Benefits

IV Current Monetary Income

Assets and Savings

VI Health and Disability

VII Social Services

VIII Private Income in Kind

IX Style of Living

A Survey carried out from the University of Essex and the University of London (L.S.E.)

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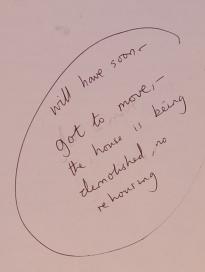


#### Form of introduction

"My name is X. I'm from Essex/London University. We're preparing a report (writing a book) about standards of living in Britain today and how families manage. We think it's important for the Government and everyone else to know what the facts really are. We're hoping to talk to about 3,000 families throughout the country and I'd be very grateful if you could help us by answering some questions. All our information is, of course, strictly confidential."

#### SUMMARY: COMPLETE AFTER INTERVIEW Section 1, 2, 3, etc 1. Interview carried out Which sections were answered 21 5 Number of other households at first call at second call (X) in whole or in part by which persons on the household? 2 13 at address at third or later call -9 Informant 0 14 22 6. Household living on 11 X 2. Information for household \_\_ 2nd member 2)1-9 ground basement floor complete skip to Q. 3 (X)15 incomplete—answer 2a 1st floor 2nd floor 12345 CODE ALL THAT APPLY AS LISTED IN Q'AIRE (Some Sections may be listed twice) (a) Sections Housing (0) 3rd 3rd floor 4th floor incomplete Employment 2345 Occupational 16 5th or above Specify Income CODE ALL THAT APPLY Assets Health 4th 6 7 8 9 Soc. Services Inc. in kind 17 (a) Is there a lift in the building? Yes 67 Style of living 5th 12 (b) Reasons if incomplete\_ 18 \_ill/disabled 6th 23 X Is there an internal or external does not know information flight of at least 4 steps or stairs to the dwelling entrance? 19 Y unwilling to give information Other (specify) 0 other (specify) 1 4. 20 Semi or detached house Yes No 8 or bungalow Ter. h'se or bungalow Self-con. flat in block Self-con. flat in house Self-con. flat attached to shop/business Room(s): furnished Other (specify) Rooms unfunished

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# QUESTION 8(d) — Length of housing problem

Number of years should not include any period before the age of 21.

# QUESTION 9 — Structural defects

Note that the need for redecoration and refurnishing is not included. Informants may vary in their interpretation of a "defect" (for example, a woman living in a modern house may complain of small damp spots on the walls) but apart from discouraging people from regarding minor blemishes as defects you should accept what informants say.

#### **QUESTION 9**

 ${\bf Television};$  combined television, radio and record-playing sets may be listed under separate headings.

Central heating: uniform heating throughout dwelling (or part of dwelling) occupied by household.

#### QUESTION 9

Exclude Bank Holidays in counting up holiday entitlement. List number of weeks to nearest week. Do not insert "  $\frac{1}{2}$  ".

#### QUESTION 10 Occupation

See instructions above for Q. 7(b). Start by recording member of household in left-hand box (informant, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) and then carefully note occupation and industry or business. The office will code in the right-hand columns on the basis of your information. Avoid all vague terms, e.g. "engineer". If you find the answer too general or difficult to understand always ask "What do you do?" and write in the answer. In many households there will be only one or two persons who have been at work in the past twelve months. If necessary you can use all the space in the box just for one or two persons, providing it is clear to which person(s) the information applies.

#### QUESTION 11 Change of Job

Note that sub-questions (a) - (d) apply only to persons changing their jobs less than five years previously.

11(e). IRU, etc., means Industrial Rehabilitation Unit or any other Government training centre.

QUESTION 12 Training Course

Our object is to check on men taking a re-training or training course, whether or not they changed their job. Some men may have taken a course and gone back to their former job or employers. Others may be unemployed and yet have taken such a course.

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# QUESTION 13 Fall in Earnings

You may be asked what you mean by "big" fall. Accept whatever the informant thinks is big. Put the information in the box, including the approximate earnings previously as well as the subsequent earnings and code the extent of the fall in the right-hand columns.

#### QUESTION 25(a) Private and business accommodation

Count as "business" accommodation any accommodation which counts of purposes of offsetting tax. This may include a study room for some teachers, for example.

#### QUESTION 25(e) Rate rebate or reduction

Note that many councils pay rebates twice a year.

# QUESTION 25(h) Mortgage

The informant may know the total sum paid in the previous year but not the division of the sum between interest and repayments of principal. Yet it is essential for us to find how much of the peyment represents capital repayments and how much interest payments, because otherwise we cannot work out housing costs which are comparable with costs incurred by households paying rent. In many instances a monthly or annual payment slip will show the two amounts and the informant should be encouraged to look this up. Note that if the informant still cannot give you the answer we have provided certain questions on the right-hand side of the page which will allow us to make a reliable estimate. You should note certain details in the

- (a) source of loan or mortgage;
  (b) term of repayment;
  (c) number of years paid;
  (d) amount of loan.

Please make special note if the repayment of a mortgage is covered by an endowment policy and note the amount and frequency of the premium. As elsewhere put a tick in the small box or make a note if you are fortunate enough to be shown documents.

### QUESTION 25(i) Value of house/flat

Ask for an estimate and only show Flashcard No. 3 if the informant hesitates in giving an answer and you judge that it would be appropriate. Always insert the code number as given on the Flashcard, even if you also obtain an exact estimate.

QUESTION 25(1) Government's Mortgage Scheme

Note that, broadly, this is advantageous only to a householder with relatively low income who does not expect to pay tax at the standard rate in the foreseeable future

# QUESTION 19 Housekeeping and board

The question refers to ALL INCOME RECIPIENTS including pensioners, as well as earners, who contribute to the housekeeping expenses. Be careful that you probe for everyone in the house, including adolescent earners. Sometimes the actual sum available for housekeeping will be quite different from that suggested by the total income of the household. The husband or teenagers may retain quite large sums not only for their own use but because the pattern of responsibility in one household for expenditure may be different from that in another household which has the same composition. Housekeeping can be a touchy point if both husband and wife are present, and it is perhaps best dealt with by interviewing one of them on their own (the housewife preferably) and, if possible, checking later with the other (the husband). If both husband and wife are present avoid expressing any surprise or criticism if you think the housekeeping is small. Also avoid indicating any opinion on the question of whether wage-earners should pay bills. Try to imply that all arrangements are equally possible. We have listed the common ones, but there will be others. REMEMBER TO CODE EACH INCOME RECIPIENT. The question refers to ALL INCOME RECIPIENTS including pension-

# QUESTION 19 (b) Money back

This can be daily fares, insurances or clubs paid, dinner money, or simply "spending money". Some teenagers hand over their wages but get clothing bought. Usually this question will apply to teenagers, but some husbands may get money from the housekeeping for their cigarettes and beer mid-week

#### QUESTION 19 (c) Payment of housekeeping bills

Often the husband will pay some larger bills, but alternatively he may pay housekeeping but expect to "help out" if a heavy bill comes in. We realise that an estimate may be rough but try to get an average contribution. Teenage children may buy food as "treats" for the household from the money they retain. Again try for an average.

#### QUESTION 20 Long-term saving

We are not interested in asking here whether the informant has savings (that was asked in Section V). Nor are we interested here in asking for short-term saving. Instead the question explores whether at the present time the informant manages to put aside savings for a long-term objective.

#### QUESTION 21 Ten years ago

To give us some idea of fluctuating fortunes we ask what things were like ten years ago. Some persons aged 35 or over will have been at home in their parents' households ten years ago and therefore we have to find what was the composition of the household. In any case, we require an estimate of the total money flowing into the household, and the number of adults and children that were supported at that time. Give the informant time to recollect. And check that income includes pensions, family allowances, etc. Fortunately, the informant will already have some idea of what you are after from the detailed questions asked earlier. shopping) to relatives.

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#### QUESTION 23 Poor now

Stress genuinely and try to avoid facetiousness at this point. Question 23 (a) explores what the informant understands by feeling "poor". If the word "poor" seems inappropriate use the alternative "very hard up".

#### **QUESTION 24** Poverty

Stress the word "poverty". Do not explain what you think it means if you are asked. Seek from the informant his definition and write it in the box as clearly as you can

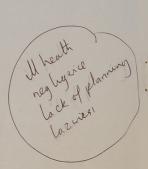
#### QUESTION 25 Voting

Ask for those old enough to have voted in the last election (March 1965). We are not concerned who they voted for (although they will probably say) but would like to know if they are sufficiently involved to vote at all. Be careful to reassure people that this is confidential and as far as you are concerned non-voting is blameless—many people consider that voting is legally compulsory or morally obligatory and so voting figures are over-estimated. Try to get a clear recollection by fixing the incident (time of day, who they went with) if necessary. Stress National, not local elections.

#### QUESTION 26 Action on poverty

We are interested in what the informant thinks can be done. Give as  $\mbox{\rm full}$  an answer as possible.

Please write in any additional notes.



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# INTERVIEWER PLEASE CODE ALL THAT APPLY AFTER INTERVIEW

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(a)	Household in which there is a child, one of whose parents is not resident						
(b)	Household consisting of woman and adult dependants						
(c)	Household in which there are five or more dependent children						
(d)	Household containing an adult who has been unemployed for eight weeks (consecutively or in last 12 months)						
(e)	Household containing an adult under 65 years of age who has been ill or injured for eight weeks (consecutively or in last 12 months)	2					
(f)	Household containing a disabled adult under 65 (a) disabled	3	ı				
	(b) borderline disabled	4					
(g)	Household containing a disabled or handicapped child (including child ill or injured for eight weeks or more)	5					
(h)	Household containing a person aged 65 or over who has been bedfast or ill for eight weeks or more or who is otherwise severely incapacitated	6					
(i)	Household in which there are (a) earners, none earning £12 a week or more (b) adult male earners (aged 21 to 64) earning less than £14 a week	7 8					
(j)	Household in which there are persons who are (a) non-white	68					
	(b) born in Eire	X					



#### COMPOSITION OF HOUSEHOLD: CODES (Q. 10, p. 3) One generation Man: and widowed or separated daughter Woman: and widowed or separated daughter Woman: and widowed or separated daughter Otherwise two generations: all related Otherwise two generations: at least one person not related to any other Other (SPECIFY) Man alone: aged 60 or over Man alone: aged 60 or over Man alone: aged 60 or over Moman alone: aged 60 or over Woman alone: aged 60 or over Woman alone: aged 10 or over Husband and wife: both aged 60 or over Husband and wife: at least one aged under 60 Man and woman: otherwise related Man and woman: otherwise related Two or more men only: related Two or more men only: unrelated Two or more women only: unrelated Two or more women only: unrelated Other (SPECIFY) $\frac{225}{226}$ Three generation Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 .... Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15 Man, daughter & son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 301 302 Man, daughter & son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15. Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15. Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15. Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 16, one over 15. Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15. Married couple, married child and child-in-law, grandchildren under 15. Otherwise 3-generations: —all persons 2-generations: —all persons related, at least one child under 15. —all persons related. —unrelated. Other (SPECIFY) 113 114 303 Wo generation Man, wife: +1 child under 15 Man, wife: +2 children both under 15 Man, wife: +3 children all under 15 Man, wife: +4 or more children all under 15 Man, wife: +4 or more children all under 15 Man, wife: +6 children al least 1 under 15 and at least 1 over 15, none married Man, wife: +6 children all aged 15-24, none married Man, wife: +6 children all aged 15-24, none married Man and one child under 15 Man and three or more children under 15 Man and three or more children under 15 Man and children all aged 15-24, none married Man and children all aged 15-24, none married Man and children all over 15 at least one 25 or over, none married Man and children all over 15 at least one 25 or over, none married Moman: and one child under 15 Woman: and three or more children under 15 Woman: and children, at least one under and one over 15, none married Woman: and children, all aged 15-24, none married Woman: and children all over 15, at least one 25 or over, none married Woman: and children all over 15, at least one 25 or over, none married Man: and widowed or separated son Two generation 201 202 203 204 306 307 $\frac{205}{206}$ 308 309 207 $208 \\ 209 \\ 210$ 310 311 312 313 314 $\frac{211}{212}$ Four generation 401 213 214 DESCRIBE COMPOSITION BELOW $\begin{array}{c} 217 \\ 218 \end{array}$