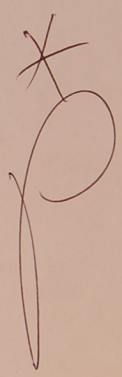


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QUESTIONNAIRE ON HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES  
&  
STANDARDS OF LIVING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM  
1967-68

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|  | I Housing and Living Facilities                 |
|  | II Employment                                   |
|  | III Occupational Facilities and Fringe Benefits |
|  | IV Current Monetary Income                      |
|  | V Assets and Savings                            |
|  | VI Health and Disability                        |
|  | VII Social Services                             |
|  | VIII Private Income in Kind                     |
|  | IX Style of Living                              |



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SERIAL NUMBER

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Name of Interviewer D. Marden

Date(s) of interview(s) 23/7  
or contacts 25/7

Length of interview(s) 20 mins  
3/4 hr

Total actual interviewing time 1 hr 5 mins

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

1. Interview carried out at first call at second call at third or later call	10	3. Which sections were answered in whole or in part by which persons on the household?	Write Section 1, 2, 3, etc.	5. Number of other households at address →	21
	X Y 0		Informant		13
2. Information for household — complete skip to Q. 3 incomplete—answer 2a	11	2nd member	14	6. Household living on	22
	3		15		
(a) Sections Housing incomplete Employment Occupational Income Assets Health Soc. Services Inc. in kind Style of living	1	3rd	16	Answer 6a {	23
	2		17		
CODE ALL THAT APPLY	3	4th	18	(a) Is there a lift in the building?	6 7
	4		19		
(b) Reasons if incomplete — ill/disabled does not know information unwilling to give information other (specify)	12	5th	20	7. Is there an internal or external flight of at least 4 steps or stairs to the dwelling entrance?	8 9
	X Y 1		21		
Dtt was in, but ill & dressed only in dressing gown so I couldn't see her, but she was obviously opposed when I asked her to answer. Since her father died she's "turned very queer and cynical", and somehow the refusal seemed bound in with her enjoying her independence & headship of the household. Mother would answer	1	6th	22	Yes No	8 9
			2		
Very few questions concerning her daughter.	1	Other (specify)	23		
			7		
4. Semi or detached house 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)	20	Type of Accom.	24		
			X Y 0 1 2 3 4		

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**QUESTION 8 Work record**

Our aim is to trace persons whose work record is not full and to establish both numbers of weeks off work and numbers of weeks in which fewer than 30 hours were worked.

**Weeks off work in year**

The procedure is first to ask the general question about numbers of weeks off work. Some informants will be uncertain of the right answer. They can be encouraged by prompts about the last spell off work for **unemployment**, then **sickness** and so on down the list. Whenever it is clear they are going back more than 12 months you should move on to the next eventuality on the list. In the appropriate column note the number of weeks for all spells of unemployment, sickness, etc. You must record "0" in all open boxes when the person has had no spell off work for that reason. You may ignore the codes "X" and "Y" under each open box. They are for office use. For easy reference you can record each spell off work alongside the months listed below. (You may in rare instances interview persons, say, who had five or six spells off work through sickness and may need to show some rough working to arrive at the right total. (Please leave any rough working in case of queries.)

**List member of household (informant, 2nd, 3rd) and weeks off work and reason**

January.....	July.....
February.....	August.....
March.....	September.....
April.....	October.....
May.....	November.....
June.....	December.....

Some informants may have a quick answer for the first general question (usually because they have a very full or almost empty record of work in the year). You should nonetheless use the same procedure of asking about each type of eventuality and each spell off work as a check. If an informant says he hasn't been off work except for "just odd days because of colds and so on" ASK **How much would it amount to over the past twelve months — one week, two weeks? AND CODE ACCORDINGLY.** For informants (e.g. housewives or students) who have only worked for a few weeks in the year, you may find it quicker to establish first how long they were at work.

As with so many other questions about "the last twelve months" in this questionnaire, informants will often find it helpful if you encourage them to think forwards from a date exactly a year ago.

① Difficult to say how to code this. She was a housewife up to Feb. Then had 6 weeks work but was forced to give up by ~~severe~~ disability, making her disabled? She would now work but for her back  
back



**QUESTION 9**

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

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**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.

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**QUESTION 11 Change of Job**

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

① She hasn't worked  
for a long time until  
she tried to work  
last Feb.

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

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**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 14 Second job**

This will have been established in the earlier section on Employment. Repeat the question because earnings from subsidiary occupations tend to be forgotten. For example, painters and decorators may have done one remunerative weekend job for a few weeks several months earlier in the year. A gardener may have done some intensive paid work for various local people in the evenings and weekends of the summer months. Or a university lecturer may have had a remunerative consultancy or a series of well-paid broadcasts at some point in the year. Remember that extra earnings from a source other than usual employment may not be thought of as a second job. You should probe for all kinds of additional earnings, depending on the nature of the usual employment.

**QUESTION 15**

This is laid out as concisely as possible on one page and you are asked to ring 01, 02, 03, etc., as appropriate and then to enter the rates per week and amounts below, carefully writing in the code "01" (i.e. Family Allowances) "02" (i.e. Retirement Pension) and so on so that we are clearly aware of the allowances to which the amounts refer.

Amounts will sometimes be joint — e.g. retirement pension for man and wife — or will be for several members of the household — e.g. sickness benefit for man and wife and children. In these instances the amount should be entered (if necessary, after the interview) in one column only, under that member of household receiving the payment. Wherever possible encourage informants (especially when elderly) to show you the allowance or pension book.

**CODE 01 Family Allowances**

	First child	Second	Third	Fourth & subsequent
up to April 1968 ... ..	nil	8s.	10s.	15s.
after April 1968 ... ..	nil	15s.	17s.	17s.

counting children under 15 or up to 19 if still in full-time education or college or an apprentice on low wages.

**CODE 02 Retirement Pension**

Note that the actual amounts vary widely. Increased pensions are paid if retirement is deferred. There are now in addition small graduated state pensions (averaging about 3s.) and pensions may be reduced because of earnings or a deficient contribution record. Note that some of these points also apply to other benefits. Pensions and supplementary benefits can be combined in a single payment. You will be prompting for supplementary benefit and wherever possible we should like you to list the amount separately (as well as the fact that it is being received). But whenever the rate given to you exceeds the standard rate below you should check the reason.

Single person (husband) ... ..	£4 10s. 0d.
Wife's income ... ..	£2 16s. 0d.
1st dependent child ... ..	£1 5s. 0d.
2nd dependent child ... ..	17s. 0d.

**CODE 03 Standard Widow's Pension**

Note: not the widow's allowance which is paid for the first 26 weeks after widowhood.

Widow or widowed mother ... ..	£4 10s. 0d.
1st dependent child ... ..	£2 2s. 6d.
2nd child ... ..	£1 14s. 6d.
3rd and subsequent child ... ..	£1 12s. 6d.

Depending on the circumstances of the death of the husband (armed service and so on) widows' pensions may differ in size. Note that family allowances are received in addition to dependent children's allowances.

**Widow's Allowance: Widow £6 7s., children as for widow's pension**

**CODE 04 and 05 Sickness Benefit and Unemployment Benefit**

Sickness benefit is often paid for periods other than a week. Find what was the last payment and for how many days (excluding Sundays). A payment for 6 days, excluding Sunday, makes up a "week's" benefit. Note that an earnings-related supplement may be paid in addition to the flat rate benefits listed below. Moreover, these benefit rates depend on the contribution record.

Single person ... ..	£4 10s. 0d.
Married woman ... ..	£2 16s. 0d.
1st dependent child ... ..	£1 5s. 0d.
Each subsequent child ... ..	17s. 0d.

**CODE 06 Supplementary Benefit**

The former "national assistance". Rent is sometimes paid direct to the landlord by the Supplementary Benefits Commission. There is a check later that the amount is known and counted as income.

**CODE 07 Industrial Injury Benefit**

£6 7s. 0d. (with additions for dependants) is payable for the first 26 weeks after injury after which the injured person goes before a Board to have his injury assessed for an individual disablement pension.

**CODES 08 and 09 Industrial and Disablement Pensions**

The 100 per cent rate is £7 12s. 0d. (with additions for dependants). **CODE 09:** Note that these are war pensions, not service pensions included under occupational pensions later in Q. 19.

**CODE 10 Maternity Allowance**

The standard rate of maternity allowance is £4 a week. It is paid to women who have been paying full national insurance contributions. It begins 11 weeks before the expected confinement and ends after the sixth week following it.

**CODE 11 Maternity Grant**

This grant is £22 either for home or hospital confinement.

**CODE 14 Single Grant**

This is officially described as an exceptional needs grant. The Ministry of Social Security has replaced the former National Assistance Board and you may need to explain "a grant from the Assistance". Probe carefully for this for all income units who are not employed, whether or not they receive supplementary benefit. A large number of people obtain single grants, e.g. for spectacles or dentures, even though they are not normally eligible to receive supplementary benefit. Note also that since you are asking about a period of 12 months there will be instances of people now in work who obtained a grant at an earlier point in the year.

*Rec'd all year pension, but sent back in when she started work. In fact they said she could still have drawn some SB, but she didn't claim.*



**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 full an answer as possible.

Please write in any additional notes.

A curious interview. Daughter was at home ill and very irascible by the sound of her voice, although I never saw her. I had to do the first part of the interview in the small lobby at the bottom of the stairs because "I've got my sandy at home and she's not fit to be seen." Mr was always referred to as 'my sandy'. Had to break off because of a hair appointment, and when I returned the mother's face fell and she said she hoped I ~~hadn't~~ wouldn't come back. I had to talk my way onto the lobby again & produce my identity card for the daughter to see. Daughter kept coming and telling her mother that the film was just starting <sup>on TV</sup> etc. Mother very uncomfortable and thought the name and savings questions were "not nice". What saved the day was the fact that I hadn't had time for any tea and she took pity on me, almost against her better judgement. A sad interview, woman desolated by her husband's death, and having a very debilitating back ailment which prevents her walking. Evidence of strain; these not enough chairs, drawing on savings, thinking of sending back the TV. I got the mother to ask her daughter to be interviewed, but the daughter has turned cynical (lost faith since her father's death) & seems to feel very fatalistic & that this kind of activity is "useless". Rather rude! no point in going back I should think



You don't like to admit to being poor - you just say you're not well off.

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY  
 23. \* Do you think you could GENUINELY say you are poor now? —

X Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.24  
 Y all the time } ASK Q.23(a)  
 0 sometimes }  
 1 never } SKIP TO Q.24  
 2 DK }

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY

(a) Do you feel poor at any of these times or in any of these situations?

3 at weekends  
 4 mid-week  
 5 at Christmas  
 6 with some of your friends  
 7 with some of your relatives  
 8 with some of the people round here  
 9 other (SPECIFY)

PROMPT AND CODE ALL THAT APPLY

FOR CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY  
 24. (a) There's been a lot of talk about poverty. Do you think there's such a thing as REAL poverty these days? \*

yes  
 no  
 DK

Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.25

(b) What would you describe as poverty?

WRITE IN ANSWER

I can remember the days when I used to wake up at the pump kitchen that's why I hate having handed down now.

(c) Would you say that if people are in poverty its mainly

X - their own fault?  
 Y - the Government's fault?  
 0 - the fault of their education?  
 1 - the fault of industry not providing the right jobs?  
 2 - anything else? (SPECIFY)  
 3 - a combination of (some of) these?  
 4 - none of these?  
 5 DK

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER AND HOUSEWIFE ABOUT ALL AGED 23 AND OVER CODE ALL AGED 23 & OVER  
 25. Do you mind telling me if you voted in the last General Election (I don't mean who you voted for, just whether you voted)? \*

yes, voted  
 no  
 DK  
 DNA

My last husband used to be a local politician but since he died who's dropped all that.

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER/H.O.H. CODE C.W.E./H.O.H. ONLY  
 26. If there is poverty what do you think can be done about it?

nothing  
 DK

WRITE IN ANSWER

If there as the top know they go out of their way to help them. It is there's no date poverty

Inft	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7	8	9	10
71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71
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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
76									
3									
77									
3									
78									
X									

And there were days when I had to stop off school because I was doing brother's turn for the books.

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MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name  
for reference only

Infant	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
56	21								

Age last birthday

INTERVIEWER PLEASE CODE ALL THAT APPLY AFTER INTERVIEW

- (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)
- (f) Household containing a disabled adult under 65
  - (a) disabled
  - (b) borderline disabled
- (g) Household containing a disabled or handicapped child (including child ill or injured for eight weeks or more)
- (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
- (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
- (j) Household in which there are persons who are
  - (a) non-white
  - (b) born in Eire

67
X
Y
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
8
68
X
Y

DK

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COMPOSITION OF HOUSEHOLD: CODES (Q. 10, p. 3)

<b>One generation</b>	Man alone: aged 60 or over ... .. 101	Man: and widowed or separated daughter ... .. 221
	Man alone: aged under 60 ... .. 102	Woman: and widowed or separated son ... .. 222
	Woman alone: aged 60 or over ... .. 103	Woman: and widowed or separated daughter ... .. 223
	Woman alone: aged under 60 ... .. 104	Otherwise two generations: all related ... .. 224
	Husband and wife: both aged 60 or over ... .. 105	Otherwise two generations: at least one person not related to any other ... .. 225
	Husband and wife: at least one aged under 60 ... .. 106	Other (SPECIFY) ... .. 226
	Husband and wife: both under 60 ... .. 107	<b>Three generation</b>
	Man and woman: otherwise related ... .. 108	Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... 301
	Man and woman: unrelated ... .. 109	Man, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15 ... .. 302
	Two or more men only: related ... .. 110	Man, daughter & son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... .. 303
	Two or more men only: unrelated ... .. 111	Man, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15 and one over 15 ... .. 304
	Two or more women only: related ... .. 112	Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... .. 305
	Two or more women only: unrelated ... .. 113	Woman, son and d-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15 ... .. 306
	Other (SPECIFY) ... .. 114	Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: all under 15 ... .. 307
<b>Two generation</b>	Man, wife: + 1 child under 15 ... .. 201	Woman, daughter and son-in-law, grandchildren: at least one under 15, one over 15 ... .. 308
	Man, wife: + 2 children both under 15 ... .. 202	Married couple, married child and child-in-law, grandchildren under 15 ... .. 309
	Man, wife: + 3 children all under 15 ... .. 203	Otherwise 3-generations:
	Man, wife: + 4 or more children all under 15 ... .. 204	—all persons related, at least one child under 15 ... 310
	Man, wife: + children, at least 1 under 15 and at least 1 over 15, none married ... .. 205	—at least one child under 15 ... .. 311
	Man, wife: + children all aged 15-24, none married ... 206	—all persons related ... .. 312
	Man, wife: + children all over 15, at least 1 aged 25 or over, none married ... .. 207	—unrelated ... .. 313
	Man and one child under 15 ... .. 208	Other (SPECIFY) ... .. 314
	Man and two children both under 15 ... .. 209	<b>Four generation</b>
	Man and three or more children under 15 ... .. 210	DESCRIBE COMPOSITION BELOW
	Man and children at least one under and one over 15, none married ... .. 211	
	Man and children all aged 15-24, none married ... .. 212	
	Man and children all over 15 at least one 25 or over, none married ... .. 213	
	Woman: and one child under 15 ... .. 214	
	Woman: and two children both under 15 ... .. 215	
	Woman: and three or more children under 15 ... .. 216	
	Woman: and children, at least one under and one over 15, none married ... .. 217	
	Woman: and children, all aged 15-24, none married ... 218	
	Woman: and children all over 15, at least one 25 or over, none married ... .. 219	
	Man: and widowed or separated son ... .. 220	