

## MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name  
for reference only

Age last birthday

Infant	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Miss	Mrs	Aunt (Mrs)	Mrs (Grand)						
65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66	65-66				
63	89	84	75						

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

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Single woman  
defendants

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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

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

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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? —

PROMPT AND CODE  
 ONE ONLY

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 }

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

PROMPT AND  
 CODE ALL THAT  
 APPLY

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)

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

*There shouldn't be. Poverty is  
 a middle class nowadays*

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

PROMPT  
 AND CODE  
 ONE ONLY

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

*Circumstantial*

ASK CHIEF WAGE EARNER AND HOUSEWIFE ABOUT ALL AGED 23 AND 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

CODE  
 ALL AGED  
 23 & OVER

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

*I don't see how you can*

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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 full an answer as possible.

Please write in any additional notes.

This was a difficult interview. A Georgian house 1750 with a croquet lawn. Formidable lady, said she could tell me in a couple of minutes that they only had their pensions to manage in. We stood for 1 3/4 hrs on a cool evening, and I managed to plough through as much of the interview as possible. She would not invite me in as her mother of 89 was making strawberry jam on the old coal range and as she was getting deaf she did not like talking to strangers. As I was talking two old ladies vanished into the house, also never to be seen again. I politely enquired of the other ladies if I may speak to them, but was told it was better to take it from my informant for I would not be seeing the other. Inf. gave me much more information than I ever anticipated, when I ventured to say I may return for another few minutes re Savings & Assets I was told "What for?" and "I rather think not" <sup>she added</sup> as it was unfortunate for me I had drawn Mount Pleasant out of my survey bag! I could not get any other information from this lady who apparently thought I would die of cold long before she did! She was however adamant & bitter about the poverty of the old middle class. Their shares went down & the value of their capital decreased with a few years back they could have managed adequately. The majority were too proud of still felt "poor law" atmosphere at the thought of asking for money from the Government and suffered acutely, trying to keep up the standards that they had been brought up to be used to. She pointed out that she recently had to cut the hedge such as one time she would not have been expected to do as there was always a "kier man" to do such jobs. The house looked comfortable from outside the window & front door and the Inf. looked exceedingly healthy & vigorous. We got on very well really but I sensed a steel shutter come down as soon as I talked of money. She did say her friend had a supplementary pension as her annuity was not enough to live on.

Under these circumstances I felt I had better end in this interview.