

MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD

Christian name
for reference only

Age last birthday

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

PROMPT AND CODE ONE ONLY

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?

3 at weekends
4 mid-week
5 at Christmas

PROMPT AND

6 with some of your friends
7 with some of your relatives

CODE ALL THAT

8 with some of the people round here

APPLY

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? *

Does Not Apply SKIP TO Q.25
yes
no
DK

(b) What would you describe as poverty?

WRITE IN ANSWER

In poor districts in cities

(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 those?
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

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

Teach 'em to work the land and manage better. I'd not know what to do with some of the money folk now, and them still complain.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7	8	9	10
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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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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 old lady was extremely difficult to interview, hence the long time consumed interviewing her. She was very much against letting me in for the first 15 mins but eventually realised I was not a Jehovah's witness and I got in. This is my eyes was a foot house. There was an old -chaise longue where the dog occupied but she & I sat on Windsor chairs to talk eventually. She showed me all the rooms in her old people's bungalow which were clean but sparsely furnished. She cooks a lot and as we talked she shelled the peas for her lunch and I could see her kitchen a meal cooking. She believes in looking after her tummy. I quite believe she has no savings and assets and that she just about ~~manages~~ manages on her pension etc. She keeps her electric down to £5 a quarter and lives off her 'land' as much as possible. Her life is happy I'm sure & she is a bright-eyed sharp old lady despite her awful deafness. She rises at 7.0 AM works on her 'land' during the day or sews patchwork cushions & bedspreads for the church fairs. She sews until 9 pm then reads until 10 pm & then goes to bed. In winter she goes to bed to read to save fuel. She is grateful for the money assistance she gets after working on the land (In her youth she went to work Stranberry picking at 5.30 AM. brought by the house's dray and picked & hulled £112 lbs of strawberries for 3/4d. The strawberries picked her went to Pershore station for 5 pm. to catch the train north to Haverley farm factory). She is an independent old lady who says if she had to pay 5/4d for a home help, she & by far do it herself. When she feels like seeing the doctor she pays him a visit otherwise a neighbour collects the prescription for her. She will not stay in bed, even when her legs are "bad" as she puts it and is astonished by her age as well as being most content to be in her own home.