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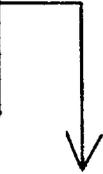
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INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS: FAMILY

>> These questions are being asked in more than a dozen nations throughout the world, including Australia, Britain, Ireland, Italy, Germany, Japan and the United States. They are important questions and we think you will find them very interesting.

Do you agree or disagree?

| | |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| Yes!! | -- Strongly agree |
| Yes | -- Agree |
| ?? | -- Neither agree nor disagree |
| No | -- Disagree |
| No!! | -- Strongly disagree |
| - | (can't choose) |



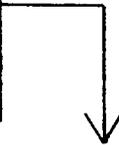
- 1a. A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -
 - b. A pre-school child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -
 - c. All in all, family life suffers when the woman has a full-time job Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -
 - d. Having a job is all right, but what most women really want is a home and children . . . Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -
 - e. Being a housewife is just as fulfilling as working for pay Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -
 - f. Having a job is the best way for a woman to be an independent person Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -
 - g. Most women have to work these days to support their families Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -
- And, do you agree or disagree ...
- h. Both the man and the woman should contribute to the household income Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -
 - i. A man's job is to earn money; a woman's job is to look after the home and family . . . Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -
 - j. It is not good if the man stays at home and cares for the children, and the woman goes out to work Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -
 - k. Family life often suffers because men concentrate too much on their work Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -

2. Do you think that women should work outside the home full-time, part-time, or not at all under these circumstances ...

| | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| a. After marrying and before there are children | Work full-time | Work part-time | Stay home | (can't say) |
| b. When there is a child under school age | Work full-time | Work part-time | Stay home | (can't say) |
| c. After the youngest child starts school | Work full-time | Work part-time | Stay home | (can't say) |
| d. After the children leave home | Work full-time | Work part-time | Stay home | (can't say) |

About marriage, do you agree or disagree...

| | |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| Yes!! | -- Strongly agree |
| Yes | -- Agree |
| ?? | -- Neither agree nor disagree |
| No | -- Disagree |
| No!! | -- Strongly disagree |
| - | (can't choose) |



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|--|-------|-----|----|----|------|---|
| 3a. Married people are generally happier than unmarried people | Yes!! | Yes | ?? | No | No!! | - |
| b. The main advantage of marriage is that it gives financial security | Yes!! | Yes | ?? | No | No!! | - |
| c. The main purpose of marriage these days is to have children | Yes!! | Yes | ?? | No | No!! | - |
| d. It is better to have a bad marriage than no marriage at all | Yes!! | Yes | ?? | No | No!! | - |
| e. People who want children ought to get married | Yes!! | Yes | ?? | No | No!! | - |
| f. One parent can bring up a child as well as two parents together | Yes!! | Yes | ?? | No | No!! | - |
| g. It is alright for a couple to live together without intending to get married | Yes!! | Yes | ?? | No | No!! | - |
| h. It is a good idea for a couple who intend to get married to live together first | Yes!! | Yes | ?? | No | No!! | - |
| i. Divorce is usually the best solution when a couple can't seem to work out their marriage problems | Yes!! | Yes | ?? | No | No!! | - |

| | | |
|---|-------------------------|---|
| 4. All in all, what do you think is the <u>ideal</u> number of children for a family to have? | None | 0 |
| | One | 1 |
| | Two | 2 |
| | Three | 3 |
| | Four | 4 |
| | Five | 5 |
| | Six | 6 |
| | Seven or more | 7 |
| | (can't say) | - |

About children, do you agree or disagree...

5a. Watching children grow up is life's greatest joy Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -

b. Having children interferes too much with the freedom of the parents Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -

c. People who have never had children lead empty lives Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -

d. When there are children in the family, parents should stay together, even if they don't get along Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -

e. Even when there are no children, a married couple should stay together, even if they don't get along Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -

6. Which of these would you say is more important in preparing children for life?

To be obedient 1

To think for themselves. 2

(can't say) -

7a. Did your mother ever work for pay for as long as one year after you were born and before you were 14?

Yes, she worked 1

No 2

(did not live with mother) -

b. How often do you see or visit your mother?

She lives in the same household. . 1

Daily 2

At least several times a week. . . 3

At least once a week 4

At least once a month. 5

Several times a year 6

Less often 7

(mother no longer alive) -

8. Do you agree or disagree ...

a. Working women should receive paid maternity leave when they have a baby Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -

b. Families should receive financial benefits for child care when both parents work Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -

c. A pregnant woman should be able to obtain a legal abortion for any reason whatsoever, if she chooses not to have the baby Yes!! Yes ?? No No!! -

9a. Do you think it is wrong or not wrong if a man and a woman have sexual relations before marriage?

Always wrong 1

Almost always wrong. 2

Wrong only sometimes 3

Not wrong at all 4

(can't choose) -

And if a man and a woman have sexual relations...

| | |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| Always | -- Always wrong |
| Almost | -- Almost always wrong |
| Sometimes | -- Wrong only sometimes |
| Not | -- Not wrong at all |
| - | (can't choose) |



b. What if they are in their early teens, say under 16 years old? . . . Always Almost Sometimes Not -

c. What about a married person having sexual relations with someone other than his or her husband or wife? . . . Always Almost Sometimes Not -

d. And what about sexual relations between two adults of the same sex? . Always Almost Sometimes Not -

9. Sometimes at work people find themselves the object of sexual advances, propositions, or unwanted sexual discussions from co-workers or supervisors. The advances sometimes involve physical contact and sometimes just sexual conversations. Has this ever happened to you?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- (never had a job) . . -

10. How do you and your spouse or de facto organize the income that one or both of you receive? Please choose the option that comes closest.

- I manage all the money and give my partner his/her share . . 1
- My partner manages all the money and gives me my share . . . 2
- We pool all the money and each take out what we need 3
- We pool some of the money and keep the rest separate 4
- We each keep our own money separate 5
- (not now married or de facto) -

11. In your household, who...

| | |
|-------|-----------------------------------|
| Her!! | -- Always the woman |
| Her | -- Usually the woman |
| = | -- About equal or both together |
| Him | -- Usually the man |
| Him!! | -- Always the man |
| Other | -- Someone else |
| - | -- (can't choose, not applicable) |



- a. Does the laundry? Her!! Her = Him Him!! Other -
- b. Makes small repairs around the house? Her!! Her = Him Him!! Other -
- c. Cares for sick family members? . . . Her!! Her = Him Him!! Other -
- d. Shops for groceries? Her!! Her = Him Him!! Other -
- e. Decides what to have for dinner? . . Her!! Her = Him Him!! Other -

- 12. Who earns more money? . . . The man earns much more 1
- The man earns a bit more 2
- We earn about the same amount 3
- The woman earns a bit more 4
- The woman earns much more 5
- (not married or de facto) 6

13. Did you work outside the home full-time, part-time, or stay home ...
- | | | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| a. After marrying and before you had children? | Worked full-time | Worked part-time | Stayed home | (doesn't apply) |
| b. When a child was under school age? | Worked full-time | Worked part-time | Stayed home | (doesn't apply) |
| c. After the youngest child started school? | Worked full-time | Worked part-time | Stayed home | (doesn't apply) |
| d. How about after the children left home? | Worked full-time | Worked part-time | Stayed home | (doesn't apply) |

14. And your husband or wife (or de facto), what did he or she do?

- | | | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| a. After marrying and before you had children? | Worked full-time | Worked part-time | Stayed home | (doesn't apply) |
| b. When a child was under school age? | Worked full-time | Worked part-time | Stayed home | (doesn't apply) |
| c. After the youngest child started school? | Worked full-time | Worked part-time | Stayed home | (doesn't apply) |
| d. How about after the children left home? | Worked full-time | Worked part-time | Stayed home | (doesn't apply) |

15a. How many sex partners have you had in the last 12 months (including your spouse)?

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Number of men | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| None. | 00 | |
| Number of women | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| None. | 00 | |

b. And in the past 5 years -- since January 1989 and including the last 12 months -- how many sex partners have you had in that period?

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Number of men | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| None. | 00 | |
| Number of women | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| None. | 00 | |

c. Altogether, since you were 18 years old, how many sex partners have you had (including those you just told us about)?

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Number of men | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| None. | 00 | |
| Number of women | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| None. | 00 | |

d. Were there any others before you were 18?

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Number of men | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| None. | 00 | |
| Number of women | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| None. | 00 | |

- 16a. Have you ever paid someone to have sex with you? No Yes
- b. Has anyone ever paid you to have sex with them? No Yes

17. Who were your sex partners in the last 12 months? In the last 5 years?

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| | last 12 months | last 5 YEARS |
|--|----------------|--------------|
| Husband or wife | 1 | 1 |
| Steady girlfriend / boyfriend | 2 | 2 |
| Close personal friend | 3 | 3 |
| Neighbour, co-worker, or long-term acquaintance. | 4 | 4 |
| Casual date or pick-up. | 5 | 5 |
| Person you paid for sex | 6 | 6 |
| Someone who paid you for sex. | 7 | 7 |
| Other | 8 | 8 |

18. About how often did you have sex during the past 12 months? In the past 5 years?

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Not at all | 1 | 1 |
| Once or twice | 2 | 2 |
| About once a month. | 3 | 3 |
| Two or three times a month. | 4 | 4 |
| About once a week | 5 | 5 |
| Two or three times a week | 6 | 6 |
| Four or five times a week | 7 | 7 |
| Six or more times a week. | 8 | 8 |

19. How do you feel about your current sexual situation? And 5 years ago?

| | | |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Extremely happy | 1 | 1 |
| Very happy. | 2 | 2 |
| Fairly happy. | 3 | 3 |
| Not very happy. | 4 | 4 |
| Somewhat unhappy. | 5 | 5 |
| Very unhappy. | 6 | 6 |

19. While you've been married, have you ever had sex with someone other than your husband or wife?

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| No, never | 1 |
| Once or twice. | 2 |
| Sometimes. | 3 |
| Often. | 4 |
| (never married). | - |

20. When were you born? . . . / . . . / 19 . . .
 day month year

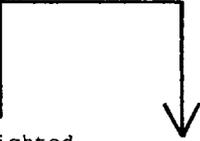
21. What is your sex? Male 1
 Female 2

22. Do you worry about you or your family...

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|--|-------|-----|----|----|------|---|
| a. Being hurt in a car accident? | Yes!! | Yes | ?? | No | No!! | - |
| b. Being bitten by a poisonous spider? | Yes!! | Yes | ?? | No | No!! | - |
| c. Crime -- worry about that? | Yes!! | Yes | ?? | No | No!! | - |
| d. Falling seriously ill? | Yes!! | Yes | ?? | No | No!! | - |

HOW DO YOU FEEL
ABOUT YOUR LIFE?

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1 | Delighted |
| 2 | Very pleased |
| 3 | Pleased |
| 4 | Mostly satisfied |
| 5 | Mixed feelings |
| 6 | Mostly dissatisfied |
| 7 | Unhappy |
| 8 | Terrible |



- | | | | |
|---|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1a. How do you feel about your <u>life as a whole</u> ? | <u>Delighted</u> | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | <u>Terrible</u> |
| b. Your sex life? | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| c. Your standard of living -- the things you have, like a car appliances and so on? | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| d. Your hobbies, garden, sports and such? | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| e. Your income and financial situation? | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| f. Your sense of purpose and meaning in life? | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| g. How do you feel about your marriage? (Leave blank if not married) | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| h. Your children? (Leave blank if you have none). | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| i. All in all, about your <u>life as a whole</u> ? | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR HUSBAND OR WIFE

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|--|--|-----------------|--|
| 2. How do you feel about your <u>husband or wife</u> ... | | | |
| a. How much you enjoy their company? | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| b. How well they understand you? | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| c. How close they are to you? | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| d. With how hard they try to be a good husband or wife? | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| e. With how much you enjoy sex with them? | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| f. With their cooking? | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| g. With the housework they do? | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| h. With how close they are to the children? (Leave blank if you have none) | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| i. How good a father or mother they are? | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| j. With how much money they earn? | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| k. With how good a job they have (or had). | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| l. With how secure their job is (or was)? | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |
| m. Your husband or wife <u>all in all</u> ? | | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | |