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**Economic expectations and attitudes V.**

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Interviewer

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Respondent

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**Our interview will deal with the topical issues of national economy and financial situation of your household. The survey is anonymous, it serves only to scientific purposes and will not be used as a basis for decision making of governmental institutions. You were randomly chosen.**

*Instruction: Show CARD A!*

definitely yes	1
rather yes	2
rather not	3
definitely not	4

**1. Would you say that you are generally satisfied with the preparation and recent progress of the present economic reform?**

1	2	3	4
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**2. Do you think that the reform is being implemented at an appropriate pace?**

1	2	3	4
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**3. Would you characterize the present period as being the beginning of a substantial improvement of our economic situation?**

1	2	3	4
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**4. Do you think that the changes in our society have brought about more justice during the last year?**

1	2	3	4
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**5. Looking into the near future, are you afraid of economic development? Do you have a feeling of insecurity?**

1	2	3	4
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**6. Do you think that poverty will be a serious problem in our society in the near future?**

1	2	3	4
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**7. How long will it take till our society reaches a standard of living you would consider satisfactory?**

*Instruction: Read out following answers!*

1 - 2 years	1
3 - 5 years	2
6 - 10 years	3
More than 10 years	4
Never	5

**Tell me now to what extent you agree with the following statements.**

*Instruction: Use card A for following questions again!*

**8. Favourable and satisfactory conditions have already been set for private entrepreneurship.**

1	2	3	4
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**9. Capitalism represents the only possible course for our future development.**

1	2	3	4
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**10. Every competent man can earn a lot of money nowadays.**

1	2	3	4
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11. The majority of people are lazy and they rely too much on the help of others.

1	2	3	4
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12. Private entrepreneurship should be given complete freedom.

1	2	3	4
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13. It is right that capable and competent people have a lot of money, even millions.

1	2	3	4
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14. Unemployment should be prevented even at the cost of preserving many unnecessary jobs.

1	2	3	4
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15. Even under the new conditions the economy should be under the control of the state.

1	2	3	4
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16. ALL big state enterprises should be transformed into joint stock companies or private firms.

1	2	3	4
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17. Foreign firms should be absolutely free in their activities in our country.

1	2	3	4
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18. Market functioning must be absolutely free from state intervention.

1	2	3	4
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19. Economic changes should run gradually to preserve unemployment.

1	2	3	4
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20. Only an individual can be blamed for his/her poverty.

1	2	3	4
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21. The people in our country get rich primarily by an unjust way.

1	2	3	4
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22. At present, the competent and industrious man can be rich very quickly.

1	2	3	4
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23. Most of the unemployed are people without any actual interest for working.

1	2	3	4
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24. The changes in the economy must be as rapid as possible, despite a temporal decline in the standard of living.

1	2	3	4
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25. Do you generally prefer an economy:

as socialist, which was in our country before 1989	1
as a social market with high degree of state intervention	2
as a free market with minimal state intervention	3

**We would like to know your idea about the future of our society.**

26. Would it be right in your opinion , that a part of social care, i.e. care for the elderly, would be performed by private institutions?

1	2	3	4
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27. Would you agree with the introduction of private medical care?

1	2	3	4
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28. Do you think that the development of private secondary schools should be promoted?

1	2	3	4
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29. Should differences in wages and salaries increase?

1	2	3	4
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30. According to your opinion, should the state administratively fix prices more?

1	2	3	4
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31. The state should provide a job for anyone who wants to work?.

1	2	3	4
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32. According to your opinion, is it necessary that privatization should quickly continue regardless of the danger that property should fall into improper hands?

1	2	3	4
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33. The taxes, according to you, should be higher in order to finance social care?

1	2	3	4
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34. The government, according to you, should continue to restrict wages so as not to reach a high inflation rate?

1	2	3	4
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35. Do you think the state should settle the level of money which an individual can earn?

1	2	3	4
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36. Do you think that the state should provide housing for every family which is not able to find it.?

1	2	3	4
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37. Do you think that existing provisions and measures for social policy, i.e. benefits, family allowances, and contributions, are at present satisfactory?

1	2	3	4
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38. Do you think that the state should command to some entrepreneurs to lessen the prices of their products?

1	2	3	4
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39. Do you think that the independent Czech (Slovak in Slovak version) republic could become economically prosperous earlier?

1	2	3	4
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40. What should be the government policy on unemployment?

*Instruction: Read out the answers!*

To provide such benefits, which would not diminish much the standard of living of the unemployed	1
To provide only minimal benefits, which would lead everyone to look for employment, even at cost of less qualified work, retraining, moving to other place etc.	2

**Now we will focus on your family and your household in more detail.**

**41. How do you manage with the present income of your household?**

*Instruction: Hand out the CARD D!*

Very hard	1
Hard	2
Rather hard	3
Rather easy	4
Easy	5
Very easy	6

**42. Is your household in a better financial situation than one year ago?**

*Instruction: CARD A!*

1    2    3    4

**43. Does the money you have in your household provide enough for good food?**

1    2    3    4

**44. And is the money enough for good quality clothing for the members of your family?**

1    2    3    4

**45. Is some money left for culture, recreation, sport, and similar activities and for the purchase of things you need for your activities (books, records, sportswear, equipment)?**

1    2    3    4

**46. Do you consider your present expenses for housing, i.e. rent, heating, electricity and gas reasonable?**

1    2    3    4

**47. Can you say, today, that the present economic situation is favourable to your family?**

1    2    3    4

**48. Did you manage to save something during the last three months?**

1    2    3    4

**49. Do you try to do, make, or repair as much as possible at home by yourself.**

1    2    3    4

**50. Is the help of parents, relatives or friends essential for the functioning of your household?**

1    2    3    4

**51. Are subsidiary incomes very important in your family today?**

1    2    3    4

**52. Did your family get into a very difficult financial situation within the last year?**

1	2	3	4
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**53. Imagine your family gets into a very difficult financial situation due to unfavourable external conditions. I will offer you a series of possible solutions. Decide which of them would be the most feasible in your present situation for you and your family.**

*Instruction: Answers again through CARD A!*

For you personally:

A. Try to increase the income from present employment
B. Find a better paid job
C. To work abroad
D. Find a supplementary job, perform paid services to others
E. To run a private business

For your family:

F. To rent rooms, cottage, summer house
G. To sell home made products
H. To sell own produced fruit, vegetables, flowers
I. To make, produce, repair as much as possible ourselves.
J. To economize

**54. Which of that following possible solutions did you or your family actually use within the last year or are you or your family actually presently using ? I will read aloud particular items and you will briefly answer yes or no.**

For you personally:

A. Tried to increase the income from present employment
B. Found a better paid job
C. Worked abroad
D. Found a supplementary job, performed paid services to others
E. Run a private business

For your family:

F. Rented rooms, cottage, summer house
G. Sold home made products
H. Sold own produce fruit, vegetables, flowers
I. Made, produced, repaired as much as possible ourselves.
J. Economized

### Now we shall deal with your employment and with your income

**55. The following changes occurred in your life within the last three years:**

	Yes	No
Was hired for employment for the first time	1	2

Left for retirement	1	2
Changed employers more than once	1	2
Changed employer only one time	1	2
Changed profession more than once	1	2
Changed profession one time	1	2

**56. In case, you have changed your employer, which of the following possibilities correspond to your situation?**

I work virtually on the same place, but the enterprise was re-organised, privatised	1
I changed my employer within the state (cooperatives) sector	2
I left the state enterprise for a private one	3
I a self-employer	4

**57. If you changed your employment, for what reasons?**

The job was removed	1
The organization dissolved	2
Because of money	3
For political reasons	4
For family reasons	5
For other reasons	6

**58. Imagine you would win the lotto or inherit plenty of money whereby you could enjoy the rest of your life in leisure? How would you procede?**

I would stop working	1
I would normally continue in my present work	2
I would continue working, but in different conditions	3

**59. I consider my profession as being prospective regarding the present changes?**

1	2	3	4
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**60. Do you think your enterprise has a future with respect to present changes?**

1	2	3	4
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**61. Do you think your training and education is appropriate and sufficient in the period of transformation to a market economy?**

1	2	3	4
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**62. Are you personally afraid of unemployment?**

1	2	3	4
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**63. Is your partner afraid of unemployment?**

1	2	3	4
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**64. Have you been unemployed more than 2 months during last two years?**

yes	1
no	2

**65. Has your partner been unemployed more than two months during the last two years?**

yes	1
no	2

**66. How many months in total have you been unemployed?**

1	2	3	4
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67. How many months in total has your partner been totally unemployed?

1	2	3	4
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68. Do you feel that you have a poor family?

1	2	3	4
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69. Those households whose incomes are under a certain limit are considered to be poor. This is the poverty line. Would you try to fix the poverty line for a family of four members, i.e. a married couple and two children of school age. We are interested in monthly income.

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70. What would be the minimal monthly income which would be satisfactory for covering the basic needs of your household.

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71. What would you consider a very bad or a very good income for your family in a month? Try to assess sums which would correspond to following statements.

A very bad income is about	Kčs					
A bad income is about	Kčs					
Insufficient income is about	Kčs					
Sufficient income is about	Kčs					
A good income is about	Kčs					
A very good income is about	Kčs					

**Now we shall address political questions.**

72. Did you participate in the 1992 parliamentary elections?

yes	1
no	2

73. Which political partyá(movement) did you vote for in the parliamentary elections in July 1992?

A. The Chamber of Peoples?

(write in) .....

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B. The Chamber of Nations?

(write in) .....

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C. The Czech National Council?

(write in) .....

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74. Would you remember which political party you voted for in the preceding parliamentary elections in June 1990:

A. The Chamber of Peoples?

(write in) .....

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B. The Chamber of Nations

(write in) .....

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C. The Czech National Council

(write in) .....

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75. The "left" and the "right" are often used concepts in politics. Where would you place yourself, where do you belong with your political views?

*Instruction: Read out the answers!*

Complete left	1
Rather left	2
Centre	3
Rather right	4
Complete right	5

76. Would you say that you understand the present political scene?

1	2	3	4
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77. Do you think that Czechoslovakia has succeeded in laying the foundations for democracy?

1	2	3	4
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78. Do you think that civil liberties in Czechoslovakia today are on the level of the advanced western countries?

1	2	3	4
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79. Would it be better for our country to be ruled by a strong hand and someone who would clearly say what should be done, rather than head discussions about different solutions to our present situation?

1	2	3	4
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80. Do you think that it is necessary to protect our nation against the impact of an imposing alien bias?

1	2	3	4
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81. Are you personally pleased with the results of the present elections?

1	2	3	4
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**Now you should answer YES or NO.**

82. If there were a referendum about the form of our state within the next two months, would you take part in it?

Yes	1
No	2

83. The question in a referendum should be answered yes or no. How would you answer if the question was this: "Do you agree with the division of Czechoslovakia into an independent Czech and an independent Slovak state?"

Yes	1
No	2

**Finally, necessary indicators for statistical processing.**

**84. What is your age?**

*Instruction: Write into the box*

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**85. What is the age of your partner?**

*Instruction: Write into the box*

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**86. Marital status:**

single	1
married first time	2
married repeatedly	3
divorced	4
widowed	5

**87. What is your economic position**

Economically active	1
Unemployed	2
Pensioner in labour	3
Pensioner not in labour	4
Housewife	5
Student, apprentice	6

**88. What is economic position of your partner?**

Economically active	1
Unemployed	2
Pensioner in labour	3
Pensioner not in labour	4
Housewife	5
Student, apprentice	6

**89. What is your profession?**

*Instruction: Fill in the most detailed description, name profession and character of work. For unemployed, pensioners must note this fact and write down the last profession.*

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**90. What is the profession of your partner?**

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**91. In what branch do you work?**

Agriculture, forestry	1
Industry, building industry	2
Transportation, communication	3
Business, services	4
Banking, insurance	5
Administration, social services	6
Education, science, research, culture	7
Army, security, intelligence	8

**92. In what branch does your partner work?**

Agriculture, forestry	1
Industry, building industry	2
Transportation, communication	3
Business, services	4
Banking, insurance	5
Administration, social services	6
Education, science, research, culture	7
Army, security, intelligence	8

**93. In what firm or organization are you employed?**

State enterprise	1
Cooperative firm	2
Other state organization	3
Employee in a private firm	4
Private firm without employers of your own	5
Private firm with employers of your own	6

**94. In what firm or organization is your partner employed?**

State enterprise	1
Cooperative firm	2
Other state organization	3
Employee in a private firm	4
Private firm without employers of your own	5
Private firm with employers of your own	6

**95. What is your highest school education?**

Elementary	1
Vocational training	2
Secondary school	3
University, college	4

**96. What is the highest school education of your partner?**

Elementary	1
Vocational training	2
Secondary school	3
University, college	4

**97. What is the highest school education of your father?**

Elementary	1
Vocational training	2
Secondary school	3
University, college	4

**98. Are you or someone from your household registered for private business?**

Yes	1
No	2

99. If yes, what does an income from private enterprising mean for your household? Is it a sole income, main income or subsidiary income?

Sole income	1
Main income	2
Subsidiary income	3
We dont have any income from enterprise	4

100. What is your net monthly income from employment, without all social benefits?

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101. What is your partners's net monthly income from employment, without all social benefits?

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102. What is the total net monthly income from employment of all other members of your household (not including social benefits)?

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103. Are you or any member of your household entitled to child allowances, alimony or some social benefits, for which we did not yet ask about?

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104. How would you estimate other incomes of your household for the last month, (supplementary income, presents, aid, cashed savings etc.), i.e. besides the incomes you have previously stated?

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105. How many people live in your household? Tell me how many of them are employed, how many of them are dependent children and how many pensioners who do not work.

<i>TOTAL NUMBER:</i>	
<i>Economically active:</i>	
<i>Dependent children:</i>	
<i>Pensioners not Working:</i>	

Instruction: Only for respondents with dependent children!

106. What is the age of your children?

First one			age
Second one			age
Third one			age

107. Does your household own:

Instruction: Mark the answer in each row!

	yes	no
Family house	1	2

Car	1	2
Cottage	1	2
Renting house	1	2
Field, forest	1	2
Trade, business, etc.	1	2

**108. Imagine you were insured and as a result of some natural disaster you were deprived of all your property, assets and possessions, i.e. house, cottage, garden, all the equipment of your household, all your savings and other belongings.**

**What should be the amount of money to compensate this loss? Make estimates of all the items, add them up and choose one of these categories.**

*Instruction: Show CARD E!*

Less than 50 thousand Kcs	1
50 - 99 thous. Kcs	2
100 - 199 thous. Kcs	3
200 - 299 thous. Kcs	4
300 - 399 thous. Kcs	5
400 - 499 thous. Kcs	6
500 - 999 thous. Kcs	7
1 - 2 million Kcs	8
More than two million Kcs	9

**109. District of permanent residence:**

District: .....

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**110. The locality size**

Village up to 999 inhabitants	1
Locality 1000 - 1999 inhab.	2
Locality 2000 - 4999 inhab.	3
Town of 5000 - 19999 inhab.	4
Town of 20000 - 99999 inhab.	5
The city over 100 000 inhab.	6

**111. Do you live in:**

A family house	1
In a cooperative flat	2
In a rented flat	3
Otherwise	4

<b>Thank you for your answers</b>
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**112. Sex of the respondent**

male	1
female	2

113. Date of the interview:

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114. How did the interview go?

Easy, normal	1
Demanding	2
Difficult, hard	3

INTERVIEWER STATEMENT:

I confirm, that this is the exact record of the answers of the respondent.

signature in handwriting .....