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**Economic Expectations and Attitudes I.**

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Interviewer

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Respondent

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**Our interview is dealing with topics of our national economy and financial situation of your family.**

*Instruction: For questions 1-5 show card A!*

**1. Are you interested in what is going on in our economy and what changes are being prepared?**

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

1	2	3	4
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**2. Do you expect major changes in our economy until the end of this year?**

1	2	3	4
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**3. Do you think that new economic situation will in near future /within two years/ result in improvement of the standard of living of your family?**

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

1	2	3	4
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**5. Do you think that the problem of poverty might emerge in near future?**

1	2	3	4
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**6. How is the economic situation to develop this year? Would you say it is going to develop:**

*Instruction: Read the answers.*

- very well 1
- quite well 2
- rather badly 3
- very badly 4

1	2	3	4
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**7. And what development do you expect in the financial situation of your family, as compared to the situation 1 or 2 years ago? Would you say it is going to develop:**

*Instruction: Read the:answers.*

- much better 1
- slightly better 2
- rather worse 3
- much worse 4
- as up to now 5

1	2	3	4
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**8. Now I will show you several cards. Tell me please, which of the two requirements according to your opinion is more important in our present situation.**

*Instruction: Show the series of cards B1 - H10. Do not forget to mark the answer in each row.*

- 01 Prices B1 Employment 02
- 03 Wages B2 Austerity 04
- 05 Prices B3 Wages 06
- 07 Austerity B4 Emgloyment 08
- 09 Wages B5 Employment 10
- 11 Austerity B6 Prices 12
- 13 Environment B7 Prices 14
- 15 Employment B8 Environment 16
- 17 Wages B9 Environment 18
- 19 Environment B10 Austerity 20

**9. When talking about environment, can you say about the quality of air, waters, forests in CSFR, that you are:**

*Instruction: Read the answers.*

- very satisfied 1
- moderately satisfied 2
- rather unsatisfied 3
- very unsatisfied 4

1	2	3	4
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**10. In what pace, in your opinion, are the prices to grow? Would you say they are going to grow?**

*Instruction: Show card C!*

- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| much faster than now | 1 |
| bit faster than now  | 2 |
| same as before       | 3 |
| bit slower           | 4 |
| much slower          | 5 |

**11. Do you think it is now a proper time for big purchases, e.g. furniture, automatic washing machine, colour TV etc.? Will you choose one of these possibilities?**

*Instruction: Show card D!*

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| it is a very good time              | 1 |
| altogether does not matter          | 2 |
| time is unsuitable, better postpone | 3 |
| do not know                         | 4 |

1	2	3	4
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**We would like to know to what extent you agree with possible changes in our national economy**

*Instruction: Show card A!*

**12. Private sector should be given complete freedom.**

1	2	3	4
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**13. It is necessary to raise the prices of food, so they would correspond to their production cost.**

1	2	3	4
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**14. It is necessary to guarantee a certain minimum income for every citizen of our republic.**

1	2	3	4
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**15. It is desirable for really competent people to have a lot of money, be it even millions.**

1	2	3	4
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16. Unemployment should be prevented, even at the cost of survival of many unnecessary jobs.

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

1	2	3	4
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18. All big state - owned enterprises should be privatized.

1	2	3	4
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19. Foreign firms should have a totally open field for their operation in our country.

1	2	3	4
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Now we would like to know how your family copes with the expenses and what action you would probably take in a new economic situation.

20. Does your family have financial problems at present?

1	2	3	4
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21. Is the money you have in your family sufficient for good food?

1	2	3	4
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22. And is the money sufficient for a good quality clothing for the members of your family?

1	2	3	4
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23. Do you think it is going to be more difficult to cover expenses?

1	2	3	4
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24. Have you been thinking of the necessity to economize, e.g. to save on food?

1	2	3	4
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**Imagine your family is facing series of financial troubles due to external factors.**

**25. I will display a series of possible solutions, please rank them according to your likely decision, to the extent they would be acceptable by your family.**

- E1. To get higher income from the present job.
- E2. To find a better paid job.
- E3. To go to work abroad.
- E4. To get a supplementary job, extra income.
- E5. To found a private firm.
- E6. To rent rooms, cottage, weekend house.
- E7. To sell, home-made goods.
- E8. To sell produced fruits, vegetables, flowers.
- E9. To make, produce, repair things at home in a maximal extent.
- E10. To economize.

**26. Have you thought of the necessity to move due to the rise of the rent of your flat or to the change of your job?**

- 1. yes
- 2. no

**27. Do you or someone of your family intend to run a private enterprise?**

*Instruction: Read the answers.*

- 1. yes
- 2. no
- 3. under certain circumstances

*Instruction: If answered 1 „yes“ proceed to question 28. If 3 „under certain circumstances“ skip to 29.*

**28. What would be the field of your private business?**

**29. Under which condition would you consider private enterprise?**

**Now we will be interested in the action of our government and in possible social provisions.**

**30. What should be the main tasks of the government and of the parliament? Name three most important tasks.**

- 1. To secure full employment.
- 2. Improvement in environmental protection.
- 3. Raising the standard of living of the population.
- 4. Maintaining order /protection against criminality/.
- 5. Acceleration of national economy.
- 6. Promote democracy and democratic development.
- 7. Retreat of foreign armies from Czechoslovakia.
- 8. Safeguard personal freedom and human rights.
- 9. Promote moral values.
- 10. Other areas: .....

**31. Does the motion of „social justice“ say anything to you?**

- 1. yes
- 2. no

*Instruction: Who replied 2 skips this question.*

**32. Can you explain what „social security" means to you?**

**33. What should be by your opinion a minimal monthly net wage / i.e. the lowest permissible /?**

**34. What should be a minimal pension for a lonely elderly person?**

**35. Would you agree with the idea that housewives get a certain income?**

*Instruction: Show again card A!*

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
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*Instruction: Following question for those who replied 1,2.*

**36. If so, which category of women should be entitled to such a benefit?**

1. all women without difference
2. all women with children /including school-age/
3. only women with small /preschool/ children

**37. Should the differences in salaries and wages increase?**

1	2	3	4
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**33. Would it be O.K. if a part of social care was provided by private institutions?**

1	2	3	4
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**39. Would you agree with introduction of private medical care?**

1	2	3	4
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**And now a few questions on political problems.**

**40. How many political parties should exist?**

1. only one party
2. two big parties
3. more parties
4. no parties at all

1	2	3	4
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**41. In politics we can often hear concepts „the right“ and „the left“. Where would you place yourself?**

*Instruction: Ask the question, eventually make sure utilizing the list.*

**42. Can you tell us, which political party /movement/ are you going to vote for in June?**

**43. Are you a member of some political party?**

1. yes
2. no

**If yes, state which.....**



**Finally some indicators on you and your household**

**44. How old are you?**

Age:.....

**45. What is your profession?**

Profession:.....

**46. What is the highest level of your education?**

- 1. elementary
- 2. vocational training
- 3. secondary school
- 4. university, college

**1   2   3   4**

**47. What is the highest educational level of your partner?**

- 1. elementary
- 2. vocational training
- 3. secondary school
- 4. university, college

**1   2   3   4**

**48. What is the highest educational level of your father?**

- 1. elementary
- 2. vocational training
- 3. secondary school
- 4. university, college

**1   2   3   4**

**49. What is your present total income /incl. all benefits, allowances, extra income/ in your household?**

Income:.....

**50. How many grown-ups and children live in your household?**

Grown-ups:.....

Children:.....

**51. Tell me the name of place you live in and the name of the district.**

Locality:.....

District:.....

**52. The size of the locality.**

1. village with less than 999 inhabitants
2. locality 1000-1999 inhabitants
3. locality 2000-4999 inhabitants
4. town with 5000-19999 inhabitants
5. town with 20000-99999 inhabitants
6. city over 100000 inhabitants.

**53. Do you live in:**

1. family house
2. cooperative flat
3. rental home
4. other

1	2	3	4
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**54. Would you like to tell us, what you consider to be main problems of our economy?**

**53. And would you like to tell us what are the main problems of your household economy?**

<b>Thank you for the interview</b>
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**56. Sex:**

1. male
2. female

**57. Interviewer's record: Which was the number of this interview?**

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**58. Date of the interview:.....**

**59. How did the interview go?**

1. easy, normal
2. demanding
3. difficult, hard