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Interviewer

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Respondent

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We would like to ask you about your opinion on the topical issues. We think that it is very important to know about what people today really think and what are their truly opinions. The survey is strictly anonymous. The interview will last about 35 minutes.

1. If you consider in general comparing the former regime with present one, would you say that the present regime is better, equal or worse than the previous one (that is before November 1989)?

Instruction: Read the variants of answers!

Much better	1
A little better	2
Almost the same	3
A little worse	4
Much worse	5

2. If the elections to the Czech parliament were organized next week, would you vote?

Yes	1
No	2
Not decided	3

3. If you were to vote, for which political party would you vote next week for the Chamber of Representatives in the Czech parliament?

(write in)

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4. In your opinion, how well has the Czech government worked during the last month?

Instruction: Read the different options!

Very well	1
Relatively well	2
Relatively badly	3
Very badly	4

5. In your opinion, how well has the Czech parliament worked during the last month?

Instruction: Read the different options!

Very well	1
Relatively well	2
Relatively badly	3
Very badly	4

To following questions answers according to the CARD A!

Instruction: Show CARD A!

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

6. Do you think that our society is developing in the right direction?

1	2	3	4
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7. Do you think that the Czech Republic has succeeded in laying the foundations for democracy?

1	2	3	4
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8. Do you have confidence in President Václav Havel?

1	2	3	4
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9. Do you have confidence in Prime Minister Václav Klaus?

1	2	3	4
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10. Do you have confidence in the Chairman of Parliament Milan Uhde?

1	2	3	4
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11. Do you think that the present economical and political changes will bring to your children better future, than the communist regime before 1989 would bring?

1	2	3	4
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We now concentrate on some economical topics

12. 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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13. Do you think that the reform is being implemented at an appropriate pace?

1	2	3	4
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14. 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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15. Do you think that new economic situation will lead to the improvement of the standard of living of your family in the near future (approx. within 2 years)?

1	2	3	4
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16. 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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Tell me now to what extent you agree with the following statements.
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17. Private entrepreneurship should be given complete freedom.

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

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

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. Everyone should be responsible for his/her the standard of living and his/her family.

1	2	3	4
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23. 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.

24. Should differences in wages and salaries increase?

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

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

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

1	2	3	4
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29. 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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30. 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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31. In your opinion, should the government once again regulate the wage level?

1	2	3	4
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32. Do you think that the tax burden of entrepreneurs is too high?

1	2	3	4
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Now we will focus on your family and your household in more detail.

33. 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

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

1	2	3	4
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35. Does the money you have in your household provide enough for good food?

1	2	3	4
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36. And is the money enough for good quality clothing for the members of your family?

1	2	3	4
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37. 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
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38. Do you consider your present expenses for housing, i.e. rent, heating, electricity and gas reasonable?

1	2	3	4
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39. Can you say, today, that the present economic situation is favorable to your family?

1	2	3	4
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40. Did you manage to save something during the last three months?

1	2	3	4
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41. Do you try to do, make, or repair as much as possible at home by yourself.

1	2	3	4
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42. Is the help of parents, relatives or friends essential for the functioning of your household?

1	2	3	4
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43. Are subsidiary incomes very important in your family today?

1	2	3	4
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44. Did your family get into a very difficult financial situation within the last year?

1	2	3	4
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45. Do you think that the standard of living of your family has within last three years (since November 1989) decreased?

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

1	2	3	4
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47. 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 the nett monthly income.

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

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49. Does your family reach at present this level of income?

1	2	3	4
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Now we shall deal with your employment.

50. What is your economic position

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

Instruction: These questions only to people in the labor force!

51. What is your occupation?

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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52. 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

53. In what firm or organization are you employed?

State enterprise, before privatization	1
Enterprise established by privatization of former state enterprise	2
Other state organization	3
Cooperative firm	4
Private firm without employers of your own	5
Private firm with employers of your own	6
Employee in a private firm, not established by privatization of former state enterprise	7

54. What is the legal status of this organization?

State organization	1
Stock company	2
Concern type company	3
Limited company, public company etc.	4
Cooperative organization	5
Licence only - "physical person"	6

Licence only - "legal person"	7
Other organization	8

55. Is your organization financed by foreign capital?

Yes, a major part of our financial capital comes from abroad	1
Yes, but only a small part of our financial capital comes from abroad	2
No, it is financed solely by domestic capital	3

56. Was it necessary to undergo some internal training for your present job at your present employer the cost of which was met by the employer?

Training with a formal final examination and certification	1
Training lasting more than one month	2
Training lasting more than two weeks	3
Training lasting one week or less	4

57. Is the hiring of people for positions similar to your own conducted internally or externally?

Externally	1
Internally	2
Do not know	3

58. Would you say that the position you hold at present is a necessary for further promotion?

Definitely yes, future promotion is possible only with my present position	1
Rather yes, but it is not a formal rule	2
Rather not, under certain circumstances promotion is also possible from other positions	3
Definitely not, promotion is also possible without going through my present position	4

59. Do you have the prospect of promotion with your present employer?

1	2	3	4
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59a. If yes, according to your opinion, when?

Within one year	1
Within three years	2
Within six years	3
Within more than six years	4

60. Do you have formal managerial responsibility at your workplace?

Yes, I am a president/director/deputy of the whole organizational unit	1
Yes, I am the manager (director etc.) of a department	2
No, I have no decision-making responsibilities	3

61. How many organizational units (departments, divisions, etc.) are there in your organization?

Instruction: Write into the box

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62. How many employers are there in the organization where you are employed?

Less than 5	1
6 - 25	2
26 - 100	3
101 - 500	4
501 - 1000	5
More than 1000	6

63. Do you know what the trade unions are doing?

Yes, very well	1
Yes, but only partially	2
No, I do not know	3
We do not have a trade union in our organization	4

64. Do you support the activities of your trade union?

1	2	3	4
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65. Do you consider your profession as being prospective regarding the present changes?

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

1	2	3	4
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67. 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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68. Imagine you would be offered a position with twice the salary you have now. Would you be willing to:

Instruction: CARD A!

A. Perform a managerial function	1	2	3	4
B. Work more than 10 hours a day	1	2	3	4
C. Attend courses of professional training				
longer than half a year	1	2	3	4
D. Learn a new foreign language				
within one year	1	2	3	4

69. Are you personally afraid of unemployment?

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

Yes	1
No	2

71. Were you registered as being unemployed at a labor office?

Yes	1
No	2

We would like to know your opinion about your health and the health care.

72. I would describes my health as:

Excellent - able to function physically and mentally at full capacity without any limitation	1
Good - having only minor physical limitation (ie. cannot walk 2 kilometers cannot lift 10 kilograms)	2
Fair - can function daily (walking to store, making meals, working full time, cannot walk stairs)	3

Poor - have one or more chronic conditions that limit my physical or mental activity. For example , I need help shopping, washing, cooking or paying my bills	4
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73a. During the past 3 months, I have seen a general practioner?

Number of visits:

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73b. During the past 3 months, I have seen a specialist (such as cardiologist)?

Number of visits:

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73c. Please list specialist?

(write in)

74a. I have been admitted to the hospital since January 1, 1993:

How many times:

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74b. How many days did you spend in 1993 in the hospital?

Number of days:

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74c. I have received prescription drugs over the past three months?

Num.of prescriptions:

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74d. I have paid for them?

Total Kč:

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75a. Do you think that patients pay nurses for health services during their hospital stay?

Yes	1
No	2

75b. Do you think that patients pay doctors for health services during their hospital stay?

Yes	1
No	2

76a. If yes, what do you expect may be the average amount of such payments to nurses?

Daily Kč:

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76b. If yes, what do you expect may be the average amount of such payments to doctors?

Daily Kč:

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77a. Do you think that patients pay doctors for visits outside of the hospital (for example in the polyclinic)?

Yes	1
No	2

77b. If yes, what do you expect may be the average amount of such payments?

For one visit Kč:

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78. I believe that the government 's reform of the health system which began January 1993,

Read: Different options!

Greatly improved the care I received or that others received	1
Somewhat improved the care	2
Had no effect	3
Made the care somewhat worse	4
Made the care much worse	5

On following questions you will answer according to the CARD B

Instructions: Show CARD B!

79. I believe that the government should permit hospitals to collect payments for care from those who receive treatment in addition to the payments they receive from the health insurance company?

strongly agree	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">7</td> </tr> </table>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	strongly disagree
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			

80. I believe that the government should permit doctors to collect payments from patients in addition to the money they receive from the government's insurance company?

strongly agree	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">7</td> </tr> </table>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	strongly disagree
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			

81. I believe that the government should permit doctors to set up private practices and collect fees directly from patients without receiving payments from the government's insurance company?

strongly agree	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="width: 12.5%; text-align: center;">7</td> </tr> </table>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	strongly disagree
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82. I believe that hospital facilities should be able to be privatized?

Read: Different options!

No	1
Some	2
Many	3
Most	4
All	5
No opinion	6

83. The best way to improve the health care system is to:

Read: Different options!

Move rapidly to privatize hospitals and polyclinics	1
Move more slowly to privatize hospitals and polyclinics	2
Allow privatization of hospitals and polyclinics only under special conditions	3
Delay the privatization for a year or two	4
Stop the privatization effort	5

84. The mandatory health insurance system introduced in January 1993?

Read: Different options!

Has made the health care system worse than it was before	1
Has somewhat improved the health care system	2
Has greatly improved the health care system	3
Should be discontinued and we should return to the former system	4
No opinion	5

We would like to know your outlook for the next two years.

Instruction: Card A!

85. Do you suppose that it is probable you will lose your job in the next two years ?

1	2	3	4
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86. Do you suppose that it is probable you will become a private businessman/woman in the next two years?

1	2	3	4
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87. Do you suppose that it is probable you will go for a job abroad in the next two years?

1	2	3	4
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88. Do you suppose that it is probable that your household will function only upon subsistence allowances in the next two years (i.e.your income will decrease under the poverty line)?

1	2	3	4
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89. Do you suppose that it is probable that the standard of living of your household will dramatically improve in the next two years?

1	2	3	4
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Now we shall address political questions.

90. 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
Center	3
Rather right	4
Complete right	5

91. 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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92. Would it be better for our country if the activity of the communist party were prohibited?

1	2	3	4
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93. Do you think that Czech Republic should strive to become an EC member?

1	2	3	4
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94. Do you think that the Czech Republic should strive to become a NATO member?

1	2	3	4
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95. Do you think that national minorities should subordinate their interests and claims to those of the majority?

1	2	3	4
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Finally, necessary indicators for statistical processing.

96. What is your age?

Instruction: Write into the box

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97. Marital status:

Single	1
Married first time	2
Married repeatedly	3
Divorced	4
Widowed	5

98. What is your highest school education?

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

99. What is the highest school education of your father?

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

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

Yes	1
No	2

101. 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

102. Did you or somebody else from your household get some property due to the restitution law or the compensation law? If yes, what is it?

Factory, workshop, shop	1
Homestead, fields, forests	2
House, another immobility	3
Financial resources	4

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

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

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

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106. 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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107. 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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108. 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.

TOTAL NUMBER:	<input type="text"/>
Economically active:	<input type="text"/>
Dependent children:	<input type="text"/>
Pensioners not Working:	<input type="text"/>

Instruction: Only for respondents with dependent children!

109. What is the age of your children?

First one age

Second one

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 age

Third one

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 age

110. 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

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

112. District of permanent residence:

District:

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113. 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

114. Do you live in:

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

Thank you for your answers

115. Sex of the respondent

male	1
female	2

116. Date of the interview:

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117. 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