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Individual questionnaire

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Third follow-up of people born 3rd — 9th March, 1958

I a) Surname.

First names in full

N622 b) Sex (Please ring appropriate number)

Boy  
Girl

II a) Date of birth /March/1958

b) Today's date N2707/N2709/19 N2709  
27/11

III a) Home address

b) Name and address of school

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Col 12 - 16

Day Month Year

Please turn the page to read the introductory notes

## Introduction

For many of you this will be the second or third time you have helped us with this study. If so, you will know that we are collecting information on all the people in England, Scotland and Wales who were born in the week of 3rd-9th March, 1958.

You may have seen some of the books and articles which have been written about the information which you, your parents, your teachers and your doctors gave to us when you were seven and when you were eleven. Already your help is benefiting younger children and will continue to do so for many years.

In the next few pages you will be asked about yourself, your school and what you expect to be doing in the next few years. It is, of course, very important that the answers you give us really do tell us your ideas about things, so please give as accurate and open an answer as you can.

You may feel that some of your answers are personal. This is why you have been given an envelope with this questionnaire. As soon as you have answered all the questions you should *put this form inside the envelope and seal it. Then, please write your name on the back of the envelope.* Your answers will then be seen by no-one except the small research team which will deal with the forms.

Of course, you may ask your teacher for help if there is anything you do not understand or are not sure about.

### How to answer the questions

You will find that the questions on these pages are of three kinds:

Firstly, there are those where we ask you simply to write an answer of a few words in the space provided.

Secondly, there are those questions where there are a number of possible answers and we have written these with a number against each one. All you have to do is put a ring around the number that is next to the answer that you want to give.

*For example:*

In your school, are there

Both boys and girls	①
Boys only	2
Girls only	3

Thirdly, some questions have a box or boxes by them in which you have to write a number, or numbers.

*For example:*

How old were you last birthday? 

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You may sometimes feel that you have not been able to say all that you want just by ringing or writing a number. If so, please add any comment you want either next to the question or on the back of the form.

Remember that this is not a test of any kind. *There are no right or wrong answers.* What we want to know is what *you* think or have done or want to do.

**Thank you for all your help**

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N2712 1 Country of birth

Leave blank  
Col 17

N2713 If you were born outside England, Wales or Scotland, in which year did you first come to live in this country?

Col 18-19

N2715 2 With which hand do you write best?

Right hand  
Left hand  
Equally well with either hand

Ring one number  
Col 20  
1  
2  
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3 Below is a list of things that people of your age have said about how they feel towards school. Read each one carefully and then ring one of the numbers to show for each one how true you think what it says is in your own case.

Leave blank

- N2716 a) I feel school is largely a waste of time
- N2717 b) I am quiet in the classroom and get on with my work
- N2718 c) I think homework is a bore
- N2719 d) I find it difficult to keep my mind on my work
- N2720 e) I never take work seriously
- N2721 f) I don't like school
- N2722 g) I think there is no point in planning for the future; you should take things as they come
- N2723 h) I am always willing to help the teacher

Very true	Partly or usually true	Cannot say, no feelings either way	Partly or usually untrue	Not true at all	
1	2	3	4	5	Col 21
1	2	3	4	5	Col 22
1	2	3	4	5	Col 23
1	2	3	4	5	Col 24
1	2	3	4	5	Col 25
1	2	3	4	5	Col 26
1	2	3	4	5	Col 27
1	2	3	4	5	Col 28

N2724 4 Sometimes people are punished for misbehaving in school. A list of typical punishments is given below. We should like to know whether you think that any of these should **never** be used in school. Please ring the number against any which you think should **never** be used.

Having to stay in school outside normal hours  
(e.g. detention)  
Being expelled  
Suspension (not being allowed to come to school for a while)  
Corporal punishment (cane, or any other method)  
Having a report or letter sent to your parent

Ring all appropriate numbers

Col 29

1  
2  
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4  
5

N2729 5 At what age do you think you are most likely to leave school?

16  
17  
18 or over  
Uncertain

Ring one number  
Col 30

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N2730

6 Are any of the following important reasons for leaving school at this age? Ring the numbers to show which are important to you.

- I have always taken it for granted
- I need to earn as soon as possible because my family needs the money
- I want to earn a wage and be independent as soon as I can
- I don't like doing school work
- I want to do the same as most of my friends
- My parents' advice
- I can't study what I want to study at school
- Teachers' advice
- I have a particular course or job in mind which I don't have to stay on at school to do
- I want to get married in the next year or so
- I want more qualifications
- I like school life
- I want to go somewhere else to finish my education
- I can't think of anything else to do
- I'm not good enough to stay on

Ring all appropriate numbers  
Col 31

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- Col 32
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

N2741

7 You will probably know that this is the first year that everybody has had to stay at school until they are 16. In your own case do you wish that you could have left when you were 15?

- Yes
- No
- Uncertain

Ring one number  
Col 33

- 1
- 2
- 3

N2742

8 Do you think that people of your age who do not want to go to school should be allowed to stay away?

- Yes
- No
- Uncertain

Ring one number  
Col 34

- 1
- 2
- 3

N2743

9 Have you stayed away from school at all this year when you should have been there?

- Yes
- No

Ring one number  
Col 35

- 1
- 2

N2744

If yes, please ring the number against whichever of these were reasons for you missing school.

- Fed up with school
- Had to help at home
- Wanted to do something special away from school
- Some other reason

Ring all that apply  
Col 36

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

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- 10 For each of the following subjects we would like you to say roughly how good you think you are at it compared with other people of your age. Please ring the appropriate numbers against each subject.

	Never studied this subject	Below Average	Average	Above Average
N2748 a) Mathematics	1	2	3	4
N2749 b) English	1	2	3	4
N2750 c) Science	1	2	3	4
N2751 d) Art	1	2	3	4
N2752 e) Music	1	2	3	4
N2753 f) Practical subjects (e.g. woodwork, metalwork, domestic science)	1	2	3	4
N2754 g) Sports and games	1	2	3	4

Leave blank

Col 37  
Col 38  
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Col 42  
Col 43

- N2755 11 a) Do you hope to go on to take GCE A (Advanced) level (or Highers, in Scotland)?

Yes  
No  
Uncertain

Ring one number  
Col 44

1  
2  
3

- N2756 b) If you do hope to take A-levels or Highers, would you prefer to study at school or go somewhere else such as a college of further education/technical college?

At school  
Somewhere else  
Uncertain or don't know

Ring one Number  
Col 45

1  
2  
3

- 12 If you hope to take Advanced levels (or Highers), please show in the boxes in the margin how many subjects in each of the categories below you hope to take and write the names of the subjects you hope to take.

N2757 a) Foreign Languages (including Latin and Greek)

N2758 b) Arts subjects (e.g. English, History, Art, Music, etc.)

N2759 c) Sciences and Mathematics

N2760 d) Social Sciences (e.g. Economics, Geography, Sociology, etc.)

N2761 e) Practical subjects (e.g. Domestic Science, Metalwork, etc.)

N2762 f) Other Subjects

Enter number

Col 46

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Col 47

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Col 48

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Col 50

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Col 51

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- 13 Are there subjects which you would like to take at A-level (or Higher Grade) but which you cannot take at your school? If so, write their names below.

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N2764  
N2765

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Col 52-54

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N2766

14 After you leave school would you like to:

- Continue with full-time study
- Do a job that involves part-time study
- Do a job that requires no further study
- Don't know

Ring one number  
Col 55

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

N2767

15 If you want to continue with full-time study, please ring the number against the place where you would most like to do it.

- A University or Polytechnic
- A teacher's training college (college of education)
- A technical college, college of commerce or secretarial college
- A college of art, music or drama
- Somewhere else
- Don't know

Ring one number  
Col 56

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

N2768

16 How anxious do you think your parents are that you should do well at school?

- Very anxious
- Fairly anxious
- Contented if I do my best
- They don't mind one way or the other
- Uncertain

Ring one number  
Col 57

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

N2769

N2770

N2771

17 What would you like to be your first full-time job? Please give as many details as possible.

N2769 - Certainty of answer  
N2770 - Area of job description  
N2771 - Job description

Leave blank  
Col 58-60

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N2772

N2773

N2774

18 a) What do you think is in fact likely to be your first full-time job? Please give as many details as possible.

N2772 - Certainty of answer  
N2773 - Area of job description  
N2774 - Job description

Col 61-63

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N2775

b) From where have you heard about this job? Ring all of the following that apply.

- From your parents
- From another relative
- At school, from a teacher or careers talk or film
- From a Youth Employment Officer
- From seeing something on television
- From seeing something in a newspaper or magazine
- From a friend
- Somewhere else
- Don't remember

Ring all appropriate numbers  
Col 64

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9

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N2783 19 a) In choosing a job what things about it do you think are important? Choose your answers from the list below; ring as many as you wish.

- The job should involve working with your hands
- It should involve using your head and need thought and concentration
- It should be an outdoor job
- It should be well-paid
- It should have convenient hours and conditions
- The job should involve variety
- The job should offer you chances of promotion
- It should give you the chance of being in charge of other people
- The job should let you be your own boss
- It should be a clean job
- It should give you the opportunity of helping others
- It should not have too much responsibility at first

Ring one number

Col 65

- Y (1)
- X (2)
- 0 (3)
- 1 (4)
- 2 (5)
- 3 (6)
- 4 (7)
- 5 (8)
- 6 (9)
- 7 (10)
- 8 (11)
- 9 (12)

b) Now go back over the list above, choose the one thing which is *most* important to you about a job, and write its number or letter in the box in the margin.

Enter number  
or letter  
in boxes  
Col 66-68

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N2795 the most important  
N2796 and the second most important  
N2797 and the third most important

N2798 20 If to get the job you wanted you had to move to a different part of the country, would you be prepared to do so?

- Yes
- No
- Uncertain

Ring one number  
Col 69

- 1
- 2
- 3

21 a) Do you have a spare-time job or jobs during term-time?

N2799

- No
- Yes, *weekends* only
- Yes, *weekdays* only
- Yes, *both* weekdays and weekends

Ring one number  
Col 70

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

N2800 b) How many hours most weeks does this job (or jobs) take up?

- Less than 3 hours each week
- 3-6 hours each week
- More than 6 hours and up to 9 hours
- More than 9 hours and up to 12 hours
- More than 12 hours and up to 15 hours
- More than 15 hours

Ring one number  
Col 71

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

N2801

c) How much money do you earn on average each week through part time work during term-time?

- Up to 99p
- Between £1 and £1.99
- Between £2 and £2.99
- Between £3 and £3.99
- Between £4 and £4.99
- Between £5 and £5.99
- £6 or more

Ring one number  
Col 72

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- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
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N2802 22 a) How much money do your parents give you on average each week to save or spend? Include any money they give you regularly which is specifically for clothing, travel or meals. (If they give you money as you ask for it, please try to work out how much this comes to most weeks.)

None ..... 1  
Less than 49p ..... 2  
Between 50p and 74p ..... 3  
Between 75p and 99p ..... 4  
Between £1 and £1.49 ..... 5  
Between £1.50 and £1.99 ..... 6  
Between £2 and £2.99 ..... 7  
£3 or more ..... 8

Ring one number  
Col 73

N2803 b) Is this money meant to cover:  
(Please ring all that apply)

All or most of your clothes ..... 1  
Travel to school ..... 2  
Some meals ..... 3  
None of these ..... 4

Ring all that  
apply  
Col 74

N2806 23 From the following list, please choose the two things on which most of your money goes. (Ring two only)

Records, cassettes, record players, etc. .... Y(1)  
Sports kit and equipment ..... X(2)  
Clothes ..... 0(3)  
Make-up ..... 1(4)  
Entertainment (cinema, discos, watching sport, etc.) ..... 2(5)  
Alcoholic drinks ..... 3(6)  
Food and sweets ..... 4(7)  
Cigarettes ..... 5(8)  
Books, papers, magazines, etc. .... 6(9)  
Savings ..... 7(10)  
Any others (please describe) ..... 8(11)

Ring two numbers  
Col 75

N2809 24 What do you think would be the best age to get married?  
Ring the number against this age.

16 or 17 ..... 1  
18 or 19 ..... 2  
20 or 21 ..... 3  
22 - 25 ..... 4  
26 - 30 ..... 5  
Over 30 ..... 6  
Uncertain or don't know ..... 7  
Don't wish to marry ..... 8

Ring one number  
Col 76

N2810 25 At what age would you ideally like to start a family?

16 or 17 ..... 1  
18 or 19 ..... 2  
20 or 21 ..... 3  
22 - 25 ..... 4  
26 - 30 ..... 5  
Over 30 ..... 6  
Uncertain or don't know ..... 7  
Don't wish to have children ..... 8

Ring one number  
Col 77



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N2811

26 What size family would you like to have?

No children  
One child  
Two children  
Three children  
Four children  
Five children  
Six or more children  
Don't know

Ring one number  
Col 78

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Col 79-80

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N2825

27 a) Have you learnt in lessons at school about any of the following? Please ring the number against each one that you have learnt about.

How babies are conceived (started)  
How babies are born  
How people get VD (venereal disease)  
The care of babies  
How children grow and develop  
Practical problems of family life (e.g. budgeting, looking after a house, etc.)

Ring all that apply  
Col 11

1  
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5  
6

N2831

b) On such topics did your lessons include: (ring all that apply)

T.V. programmes  
Radio programmes  
Films

Col 12

1  
2  
3

28 No doubt you have been told about these things by other people or in other places. For each of the things listed below please show, by ringing a number, from where you think you got the most useful information on this topic.

Leave blank

Friends or a brother or sister  
TV (not at school)  
Films (not at school)  
Books or magazines  
Church  
Parents  
Some-one else  
Youth clubs  
Nowhere in particular

N2834

N2838

N2842

N2846

N2850

N2854

How babies are conceived  
How babies are born

How people get VD

The care of babies

How children grow and develop

Practical problems of family life

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Col 13
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Col 14
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Col 15
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Col 16
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Col 17
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Col 18

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Does Not Apply (-2)

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- 29 For each of these things do you feel that you need to know more?  
For each one ring the number below the answer you want to give.

Yes I need  
to know more

No I don't  
need to know  
more

Uncertain

Leave blank

N2858	How babies are conceived	1	2	3	Col 19
N2859	How babies are born	1	2	3	Col 20
N2860	How people get V.D.	1	2	3	Col 21
N2861	The care of babies	1	2	3	Col 22
N2862	How children grow and develop	1	2	3	Col 23
N2863	Practical problems of family life	1	2	3	Col 24

- 30 Below is a list of things which many people do in their spare time. You will probably only do a few of these. Please show by ringing one of the numbers for each one whether this is something that you do often, sometimes, never or hardly ever. If it is something that you would like to do but don't have the chance, please ring 4.

Often

Some-  
times

Never or  
hardly  
ever

Like to  
but no  
chance

Leave blank

N2864	Reading books (apart from school work or homework)	1	2	3	4	Col 25
N2865	Playing outdoor games and sports	1	2	3	4	Col 26
N2866	Swimming	1	2	3	4	Col 27
N2867	Playing indoor games and sports (e.g. basket-ball, badminton, gymnastics, etc.)	1	2	3	4	Col 28
N2868	Watching television	1	2	3	4	Col 29
N2869	Going to parties in friends' homes	1	2	3	4	Col 30
N2870	Dancing at dance halls, discos, etc.	1	2	3	4	Col 31
N2871	Voluntary work to help others	1	2	3	4	Col 32

- N2872 31 Have you ever taken part in any of the following activities?  
(Please ring all that apply.)

Ring all that  
apply  
Col 33

Babysitting for your younger brothers and sisters . . . . . 1

Babysitting for other families . . . . . 2

Helping to run a playgroup . . . . . 3

Helping with younger children at school . . . . . 4

Any other activity with children much younger than yourself  
(please describe . . . . . ) 5

- 32 How satisfied are you with the following things in the neighbourhood or area in which you live?  
Please ring the appropriate number against each one.

Leave blank

N2877	Places for young people to meet (clubs, coffee bars, dance halls, etc.)	Satisfied	Uncertain	Dis-satisfied	Not bothered	Col 34
N2878	Playing fields, pitches for sports and games	1	2	3	4	Col 35

- N2879 33 Is there a room in your home where you can usually go to be on your own to do homework or revise for an exam?

Ring one  
number  
Col 36

Yes

No

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- 34 Some people nowadays consider that young people and their families do not always get on very well. We should like to find out more about this. Read the statements below and please show by ringing the appropriate numbers how true each of them is in your own case. If any of these do not apply to you (e.g. you have no brother or sister) leave that one blank.

		Very true	True	Uncertain	Untrue	Very untrue	Leave blank
N2880	I get on well with my mother	1	2	3	4	5	Col 37
N2881	I get on well with my father	1	2	3	4	5	Col 38
N2882	I often quarrel with a brother or sister	1	2	3	4	5	Col 39
N2883	My parents have strong views about my appearance (e.g. dress, hairstyle, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	Col 40
N2884	My parents want to know where I go in the evenings	1	2	3	4	5	Col 41
N2885	My parents disapprove of some of my male friends	1	2	3	4	5	Col 42
N2886	My parents disapprove of some of my female friends	1	2	3	4	5	Col 43

- N2887 35 How many cigarettes do you usually smoke in a week?

None, don't smoke  
Less than 1 a week  
Between 1 and 9 a week  
Between 10 and 19 a week  
Between 20 and 29 a week  
Between 30 and 39 a week  
Between 40 and 49 a week  
Between 50 and 59 a week  
60 or more a week

Ring one number  
Col 44

1  
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- N2888 36 How long is it since you had an alcoholic drink (beer, wine, spirits, etc.)?

Less than 1 week  
2 - 4 weeks  
5 - 8 weeks  
9 - 12 weeks  
Over 12 weeks  
Uncertain/Can't remember  
Never had one

Ring one number  
Col 45

1  
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- N2889 37 If it is less than one week since your last drink, please write down below the number of drinks you have had in the past week, and what they were (e.g. one whisky, and two halfpints of beer).

Leave blank  
Col 46

- N2892 38 Where did you drink these? (Please ring all that apply.)

At home  
At a friend's home  
In a restaurant  
Somewhere else (please say where)

Ring all that apply  
Col 47

1  
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3  
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