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## **Economic expectations and attitudes IV.**

**10. - 20. December 1991**

Interviewer

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Coder

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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. Can you say, that you are generally satisfied with the preparation and recent progress of economic reform?**

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

1	2	3	4
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**3. Would you characterize the present period as 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 brought about more justice during the last year?**

1	2	3	4
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**5. Do you think the 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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**6. 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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**7. Do you think that the near future in our society will seriously expose the problem of poverty?**

1	2	3	4
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**8. How long will it take, till our society reaches the standard of living you could consider as 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 following statements.**

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

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

1	2	3	4
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**10. Capitalism represents the only possible course of our future development.**

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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11. The quality of environment has improved during last five years.
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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
12. In our society one could notice an improvement of interpersonal relations during the last year.
- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
13. Private entrepreneurship should be given complete freedom.
- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
14. It is right that capable and competent people have a lot of money, even millions.
- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
15. Unemployment should be prevented even at the cost of preserving many unnecessary jobs.
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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
16. Even in the new conditions should the economy be under the control of the state.
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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
17. ALL big state enterprises should be transformed into share holders' companies or private firms.
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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
18. There should be an absolutely open space for foreign firms in our country.
- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
19. New economic conditions will result in more free help between friends, neighbours etc.
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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
20. New economic conditions will result in the fact that one would be more dependent on his family, that would have less personal freedom.
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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
21. Would it be right, according to your opinion , that a part of social care, e.g. care for the elderly, would be performed by private institutions?
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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
22. Would you agree with the introduction of private medical care?
- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
23. Do you think that there should be promoted the development of private secondary schools?
- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
24. Should the differences in wages and salaries increase?
- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
25. Do you think that existing provisions and measures of social policy, i.e. the benefits, family allowances, contributions are at present satisfactory?
- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
26. According to your opinion, should the state to a higher level administratively fix the prices?

1	2	3	4
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27. Do you think that people should react to price increases by strikes?

1	2	3	4
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28. Do you understand what is meant by "big privatization", i.e. the transformation of state property into private hands through the vouchers?

1	2	3	4
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29. Will you be personally interested in buying the investment vouchers for 1000 Kčs or have you already invested ?

1	2	3	4
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30. Do you expect that the investment vouchers will be purchased by all grown up members of your family?

1	2	3	4
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31. If you buy investment vouchers in your family, would you invest them directly to an enterprise, i.e. without utilizing an investment fund?

1	2	3	4
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32. Do you believe the voucher privatization is a proper form of distributing the national property?

1	2	3	4
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33. Do you think it is right that the richer regions should contribute to the development of poorer regions?

1	2	3	4
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34. Do you think that the present division of competences between the federal government and the republic governments is beneficial to our national economy?

1	2	3	4
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35. Do you have a feeling that during the last five years the Czechs have to pay for the Slovaks? (vice versa in Slovak version)

1	2	3	4
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36. Do you think that the independent Czech /Slovak in Slovak version/ republic could reach the state of economic prosperity more effectively?

1	2	3	4
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37. 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. Safeguard personal freedom and human rights.
8. Promote moral values.
9. Other areas: .....

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 C1 - C10. Do not forget to mark the answer in each row!*

01	Prices	C1	Employment	02
03	Wages	C2	Austerity	04
05	Prices	C3	Wages	06
07	Austerity	C4	Employment	08
09	Wages	C5	Employment	10
11	Austerity	C6	Prices	12
13	Environment	C7	Prices	14
15	Employment	C8	Environment	16
17	Wages	C9	Environment	18
19	Environment	C10	Austerity	20

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

*Instruction: Read the answers!*

Very satisfied	1
Moderately satisfied	2
Rather unsatisfied	3
Very unsatisfied	4

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

**40. Would you say that the environment pollution is worse in your neighbourhood than it is the average in our state?**

1	2	3	4
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**41. Would you be willing to pay 100 crowns more monthly in taxes if you would know these resources would be directed solely to environment protection?**

1	2	3	4
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**42. Does the government pay enough attention to environmental issues?**

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

**43. How do you manage with the present income, you have in your household?**

*Instruction: Hand out the CARD D!*

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

**44. Is the money, you have in your household, enough for good food?**

*Instruction: CARD A!*

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

1	2	3	4
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**46. Is some money left for culture, recreation, sport, and similar activities and for the purchase of things you need for that (books, records, sportswear, equipment)?**

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

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

1	2	3	4
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49. Did you succeed in saving something during the last three months?

1	2	3	4
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50. Is the help of parents, relatives or friends essential for the life in your household?

1	2	3	4
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51. Do you think it is necessary nowadays, that the parents would support their grown up children?

1	2	3	4
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52. Can you say already today, that present economic situation is favourable to your family?

1	2	3	4
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53. Do you think that within next two years the extent of household activities you have to perform yourself today will diminish, as you will be able to buy these things and services?

1	2	3	4
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54. Do you think the 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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55. During the last year, did you give your grown up children, i.e. the children who already live and run their household independently, money or gifts totalling 5000 crowns in value or more?

Yes	1
No	2
No grown up children	3

56. During the last year, did you give money or gifts in excess of 5000 crowns or more to your or your partner's parents?

Yes	1
No	2
No parents, deceased	3

57. 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 to 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

**Now we shall deal with with serious social problems.**

58. Do you think your profession has a future with respect to present changes?

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

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

1	2	3	4
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61. 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
B. Work more than 10 hours a day
C. Attend courses of professional training longer than half a year
D. Learn a new foreign language within one year

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?

1	2	3	4
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65. And has your partner been unemployed more than two months during last two years?

1	2	3	4
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**66. 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

**67. If your job was endangered, would you be willing to work even for a lower salary, just to remain employed?**

*Instruction: CARD A!*

1	2	3	4
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**68. Would you be willing to work even for minimum wage (i.e. 2200 Czechoslovak crowns monthly brutto)?**

1	2	3	4
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**69. And would you be willing to work even for a salary lower than minimum wage?**

1	2	3	4
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**70. Do you have a feeling that you are a poor family?**

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

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**72. Do you think the government should secure such an income for every family, corresponding to the number of the persons, irrespective of other factors, such as the job of individual members of the household?**

1	2	3	4
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**73. What would you consider as a very bad or a very good income for your family in a month? Try to assess**

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.**

**75. Which is your most favourable political party/movement?**

(write out) .....

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76. Can you tell us, which political party did you vote in June 1990 parliamentary elections for the Chamber of people?

(write out) .....

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77. 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

*Instruction: CARD A!*

78. Do you have a confidence in president Vaclav Havel?

1	2	3	4
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79. Do you have a confidence in our federal government?

1	2	3	4
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80. Do you trust in Federal parliament?

1	2	3	4
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81. Do you trust in Czech /Slovak in Slovakia/ parliament?

1	2	3	4
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82. Can you say, that you understand present political scene?

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

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

1	2	3	4
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85. Would it be better for our country, if instead of discussions about different solutions of our present situation, there was a rule of a strong hand and someone would clearly say what is necessary to be done?

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

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

yes	1
no	2

87. 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

**At the end some indicators which are necessary for statistical processing.**

**88. What is your age?**

*Instruction: Write into the box*

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

*Instruction: Write into the box*

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**90. Marital status:**

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

**91. If you are married, what is the duration of your present marriage?**

*Instruction: Write into the box*

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**92. What is your occupation?**

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**93. What occupation is your partner?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes	1
No	2

**98. What is that private business?**

(write in) .....

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

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

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**101. What is the total net monthly income from employment of all other members of your household (without all social benefits)?**

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**102. Are you or someone of your household entitled to any of the following social benefits?**

*Instruction: First circle the number in each row, than write in the total sum!*

	Yes	No	Sum Kčs				
A. Child allowances	1	2					
B. Parent benefit	1	2					
C. Motherhood benefit, mother leave	1	2					
D. Old age pension	1	2					
E. Disablement pension	1	2					
F. Widow, widower, orphan pension	1	2					
G. Other pension, e.g. years of service, social, etc.	1	2					

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

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**104. During the last year, did someone of your household receive from the local government office any of the monetary benefits of social care, i.e. different allowances, e.g. maintenance, car, flat equipment, diet etc. allowances?**

Yes		1
No		2

**If YES, in total amount of Kčs:**

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**105. Did someone of your household receive any material help within the framework of social care of the local government?**

Yes	1
No	2

If YES, state which:

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106. Does someone of your household receive an unemployment benefit?

Yes	1
No	2

If YES, state the total monthly sum of all the unemployment benefits for all the members of your household:

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107. 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:

Economically active:

Dependent children:

Pensioners not Working:


Instruction: Only for respondents with dependent children!

108. What is the age of your children?

First one 

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 age

Second one 

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 age

Third one 

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 age

109. Does your household own:

Instruction: Mark the answer in each row!

	yes	no
family house	1	2
car	1	2
cottage	1	2

**110. Imagine you were insured and in consequence of some natural disaster you would be deprived of all your property, assets and possessions, e.g. house, cottage, garden, all 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

**111. District of permanent residence:**

District: .....

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**112. 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

**113. 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**

**114. Sex of the respondent**

male	1
female	2

**115. Interviewer record: What is the order of this interview?**

*Write out*

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**116. Date of the interview:**

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

easy, normal	1
demanding	2
difficult, hard	3