

TRANSLATED FROM GUJARATI VERSION OF SOCIAL ATTITUDE  
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Keeping social life in focuss, some statements are given in this booklet. Each statement reflects opinion towards topic like individual, social or religious life. Such opinions are nothing but characteristic of our life. Opinion of two individuals can be different. Present research aims to know your opinion. Read each statement carefully and decide about your level/degree of agreement.

Follow the following instructions :

- 1) If you strongly agree with the statement than put X in the (1) first Column.
- 2) If you agree with the statement then put X in the (2) second column.
- 3) If you can't decide about statement then put X in the (3) column.
- 4) If you disagree with the statement then put X in the (4) fourth column.
- 5) If you strongly disagree put X in the (5) fifth column.

\* Please put X against each statement. Give your frank opinion.

\* Research is based on your honest and definite-frank opinion. Conclusion can be drawn from your frank opinion only. So, please feel free in giving your frank and honest responses.

YOUR RESPONSES WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. IT IS HOPED THAT YOU WILL CO-OPERATE.

(Do not write anything in this booklet. Answer sheet is provided separately for your response).

- (1) Persons/Individuals having faith in religion are more narrow minded.
- (2) If you satisfy all the desires of a child he becomes obstinate.
- (3) Now a days, there is nothing like values. Every body behaves in their own way to satisfy selfish motives.
- (4) Family planning is the best solution of our progress.
- (5) It is not possible for women to have both married life and profession.
- (6) Tradition and custom maintain society.
- (7) Film shows new direction to individual for future life.
- (8) Old values and new values cannot keep space with each other, so old man and woman should find out their own separate way.
- (9) Around development of individual is possible only in joint family.
- (10) Youth must be allowed to mix freely before marriage so that they can select life partner of their choice.
- (11) Loosing gold, spill of ghee and milk, breaking glass, seeing comets, crossing of a cat, crying of an owl at night.... all these foretells evils.
- (12) To stick to own caste is nothing but madness.
- (13) Men and women must be given sex education from childhood so that they can solve their future problems.
- (14) Individuals frustrated from all sides are the rigid followers of religion.
- (15) All activities of the child must be watched properly and continuous direction must be given.
- (16) Value of values is in preserving them.

- (17) Those who are obstacles in the programme of family planning are doing social and National.
- (18) If more women will go for job then social and economical problems can be solved.
- (19) Traditions of society are related with human life so they cannot be neglected.
- (20) Fashion is a sign of modernization.
- (21) Old people can't live in the present life structure according to what they want, therefore, there must be a separate arrangement for them.
- (22) Acceptance of joint family is in the roots of Indian society and this joint family system is superior in all aspects.
- (23) Marriage must be arranged after mutual introduction and consent, though both of them belong to different caste.
- (24) Future (destiny) of life has been pre-decided so it can not be changed through efforts.
- (25) Superiority on the basis of birth in high class family is nothing but real foolishness.
- (26) Root cause for venereal disease is the lack of awareness for sex education.
- (27) Adherence to religion hinders independent individual development.
- (28) Licentious behaviour of the child indicates lack of proper upbringing on the part of parents.
- (29) Moral and religious values are the pillars of life and life without them is like life of animal.
- (30) Religious leaders should not interfere in the matter of family planning.
- (31) A society in which women are backward is bound to remain backward.

- (32) For social approval one should spend on these things which are considered desirable by the society.
- (33) A man looks cultured and prestigous because of fashion.
- (34) The only way of coming out of the present confused situations of the youth is to follow the advice of old parents.
- (35) A child can be brought up systematically and carefully in a joint family.
- (36) In today's industrial and urban society only inter-caste marriages are more suitable.
- (37) Caste system is root cause of many social evils.
- (38) Imitation of great saint and sage, is always fruitful.
- (39) Instead of avoiding the answer, parents should provide correct answer to children when they raise questions regarding sex.
- (40) Man has progressed due to advancement in science, not due to faith in God.
- (41) A child is ignorant, so it is necessary to nag and scold him for his mistakes.
- (42) Moral values like honesty, commitment, and service to humanity etc., should be followed but in the present age it is impossible.
- (43) Samll family (Two children is enough) should be followed compulsorily.
- (44) Women is energy, hence one should behave courteously to her.
- (45) After spending a lot on son's education there is nothing wrong in accepting dowry from bride's parents.
- (46) If one wants to keep abreast of the changing time, one must accept the fashion.

- (47) The contribution of the parent in upbringing of the youth can not be repaired hence the youth should not neglect the parents.
- (48) The joint family is the only place where some of the social qualities like mercy, love and tolerance can be nurtured.
- (49) It is not possible to get proper match within the narrow circle of one's own community hence intercaste marriage should be encourage.
- (50) To convert iron into gold, to produce rings, watches from air and cure the sick people by magic touch are some of the miracles performed by saints.
- (50) Caste system is hinderance to social justice
- (52) Pre-marital sex creates many social problems.
- (53) Society must be secular hence there is no need of religion in the present age.
- (54) Child is immaturred so instead of leaving everything to him, parents should decide for him.
- (55) It is wise to follow the elders and to abide by the majority.
- (56) Man's energy is affected by adopting family planning.
- (57) There should not be descrimination between son and daughter for the distribution of property.
- (58) To get good groom one should not hesitate to pay handsome dowry.
- (59) Fashion brings novelty and variety in one's life thereby making life colourful.
- (60) Welfare of the old people lies in allotting the management of family to the new generation.
- (61) For the most of the problems of present society nuclear family is the cause.

- (62) Inter-caste marriages can be very helpful for achieving social and national integration.
- (63) One should not perform any auspicious task on Amavasya day.
- (64) Barriers of caste system stifles individual progress.
- (65) Sexual awareness and freedom is the cause of all the evils.
- (66) Reading of scriptures, and chanting of holy mantras etc., can not fulfil any purpose.
- (67) Contact with many persons from early childhood helps the child in development,
- (68) One should follow the right path without bothering about what other people say.
- (69) Propaganda of family planning encourages social evils and immorality.
- (70) Women should be paid equal wages for same work.
- (71) Society should make provision for easier way of divorce.
- (72) Adopting the fashion is necessary for individual developments.
- (73) Separate residence for old people is undesirable in our culture.
- (74) In nuclear family, a person becomes lonely and one-sided because of limited social relations.
- (75) An educated girl should marry a person who is equally or more educated than her.
- (76) Some of the diseases are caused by wrath of the God or some evil spirits.
- (77) Any system based on caste insists casteism and communalism.
- (78) The root cause of problems like abortions and abandoned children is sexual restrictions.

- (79) One should not criticise religions matter but should follow with full faith.
- (80) Instead of imposing their ideas on children, the elders should only guide them whenever necessary.
- (81) Material happiness is unimportant because it is not the real happiness.
- (82) The idea of family planning is not in tune with our cultural heritage, hence it is not desirable for us.
- (83) Working women should have all the rights on her income.
- (84) Remarriage of widow will help in controlling corruption and wantonness.
- (85) Instead of adopting fashions, clothes and hair style for children, the children should concentrate more on studies, which is more desirable.
- (86) Youth must be free to express their views and must be free to act and behave accordingly.
- (87) It is not possible to act freely and independently in joint family.
- (88) Marriages imposed by the elders lead to marital disharmony.
- (89) If one meets, a virgin, a lady with vermillion on her forehead or a cow on the way, it is auspicious and indicates success in the task.
- (90) Enrollment in some job/profession must be on the basis of caste system, so that job/profession can be properly justified.
- (91) Sexual control is necessary in youth, because lack of it ruins the youth.
- (92) Lack of peace in the world is due to lack of faith in religion.

- (93) It is not desirable to interfere/meddle with/in any activity of child by an outsider.
- (94) One should not disobey a religious leader, a teacher or the authority, even if they do wrong.
- (95) How many children one has is a matter of personal choice, hence society or state should not interfere in it.
- (96) Like men, women must also be free to move around.
- (97) Social customs/traditions are not at all in the tune with present condition, so one should not waste time and money after them.
- (98) Blind imitation of films, generates perversions in the youth.
- (99) Elders should not suspect when boys and girls study together, move together or go to trips.
- (100) Possibility of friction/conflict is more in joint family.
- (101) At the small age i.e. before maturity girls should get married so that evils of society can be prevented.
- (102) While performing any auspicious work one should eat sugar, curd, sweet so that he will get success in that work.
- (103) Caste can not be changed by education or property, because it is by birth.
- (104) Sexual attraction is natural, therefore, friendship with opposite sex is of no harm for healthy development of an individual.
- (105) Creation and maintenance of the whole world is certainly by some super-natural power.
- (106) Child must be allowed to think and move freely for his natural development.



- (107) "Be a Roman in Rome" and "Tit for tat" such proverbs can only work in present age/society.
- (108) A child who is born with two hands will work, feed himself, hence family planning is not necessary.
- (109) It is proper that parents put more restrictions on girls than boys.
- (110) Spending money on death ceremony is sign of ignorance.
- (111) Fashion is against traditions so its acceptance is not proper.
- (112) It is not wrong to abandon parents, if one's progress is obstructed due to their obstinacy.
- (113) Because there is no other restriction in nuclear family, comprehensive development of individual is possible.
- (114) Selection of life partner independently is against our culture and tradition, so it should not be encouraged.
- (115) Caste system is an essential feature of Indian culture, so it is the duty of all to preserve it without any bias.
- (116) To follow any superstitious customs, or misbelief, consulting auspicious time etc., is a sign of weak mind.
- (117) Experiences based on friendship with the opposite sex help an individual to adjust in one's marital life easily.
- (118) Religion gives peace and consolation to individual in difficulties.
- (119) Parents should satisfy the curiosity of children by responding to their all queries.
- (120) In the present day world, each person should behave according to the demand of time.
- (121) To adopt Family Planning, is against nature.
- (122) Right place of women is four walls of the house, so it is not desirable that they enter in public life,

- job or any profession.
- (123) Dowry etc., exposes the greed of the person who demands it.
  - (124) Western style, transparent and exposing clothes deminishes decorum.
  - (125) Parents should not give unwanted advice to their children.
  - (126) After marriage a son should stay separately from his parents.
  - (127) Person must marry within the caste.
  - (128) Blind faith and superstitions weakens the ability of an individual to think independently.
  - (129) Caste system is a factor to preserve our culture.
  - (130) To forbid relation with opposite sex is a narrow minded and backward state of mind.
  - (131) Only worship of God and prayer, make human being free from all the sins.
  - (132) To make a child obedient and courtious, one should instill religious beliefs in the child from the beginning.
  - (133) In the present age everybody is selfish so helping somebody is a folly.
  - (134) Family planning and abortion are against religious beliefs so they must not be implemented.
  - (135) A daughter is not going to stay with the parents forever hence they should not worry much about her development.
  - (136) Nobody likes to pay dowry but there is no way out.
  - (137) Blind imitation of fashion has destroyed our ideals.
  - (138) Inability to adapt to the constant changes, elders become unhappy.

- (139) Staying in a joint family creates quarrels and conflicts among youngsters and elders.
- (140) Intercaste marriages are not successful because in such cases social upbringing and culture of both is entirely different.
- (141) Superstitions, beliefs are obstructions in the way of your progress.
- (142) Birth of a person is determined on the basis of theory of KARMA.
- (143) There should be provision for sex education in educational institutions.
- (144) Religion is very necessary for the development of character and morality.
- (145) Each child is born with different abilities so he/she should be allowed to become, according to his/her will so that his/her abilities can developed fully.
- (146) To speak the truth, is an ideal but in present day society, ~~to follow the truth rigidly,~~ buts a person in trouble.
- (147) ~~Resorting~~ to abortion for birth control is a sin.
- (148) A woman can never take place of a man.
- (149) Provision of divorce makes man and women licentious/uncontrolled.
- (150) Some girls adopt fashions because they suffer from interiority complex.
- (151) It is very selfish on the part of youngsters to abandon their parents inspite of their contribution in their upbbringing.
- (152) In the present scientific and technological age, joint family system cannot work because it hinders the person's progress.
- (153) Love marriage is a sign of licentiousness so they rarely become successful.
- (154) If you have faith in something you are bound to get success.
- (155) Caste system is inevitable to preserve the society.
- (156) Sex education incite/inflames the sexual instincts of the youth.