





**Q14.** Leaving aside the period of elections, how much interest would you say you have in politics and public affairs – a great deal of interest, some interest or no interest at all?

1 No interest                      2 Some interest                      3 Great deal                      8 D.K.

**Q15.** Is there any political party which you particularly like? 1 No (*Go to Q16*)      2 Yes      8 D.K.

**Q15a.** (*If Yes*) Which party? (*Record exact answer*) \_\_\_\_\_

**Q16.** Is there any political party which you particularly dislike? 1 No (*Go to Q17*)      2 Yes      8 D.K.

**Q16a.** (*If Yes*) Which party? (*Record exact answer*) \_\_\_\_\_

**Q17.** Are you a member of any political party?      1 No (*Go to Q18*)                      2 Yes      8 D.K.

**Q17a.** (*If Yes*) Which party? (*Record exact answer*) \_\_\_\_\_

**Q18.** Other than political parties, are you a member of any religious/caste organisation or association?                      1 No                      2 Yes                      8 D.K.

**Q19.** Aside from caste and religious organisations, do you belong to any other associations and organisations like co-operatives, farmers' association, trade unions, welfare organisations, cultural and sports organisations, etc. (*Give two/three relevant examples in the locality*)

1 No                      2 Yes                      8 D.K.

a

**Q20.** Now I will talk about the changes that have taken place in the country during the last five years. You tell me, in the last five years have the conditions regarding these issues improved or deteriorated ?

b

	Improved	Same as before	Deteriorated	No Opinion
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c

	3	2	1	8
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d

	3	2	1	8
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e

	3	2	1	8
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f

	3	2	1	8
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**Q21.** Do you think your vote has effect on how things are run in this country or you think your vote makes no difference?      1 Has no effect                      2 Has effect                      8 D.K.

**Q22.** People's opinions are divided on the issue of the Kashmir problem, some people say that the government should suppress the agitation by any means while others say that this problem should be resolved through mutual dialogue. What would you say, should the agitation be suppressed or resolved through negotiation?

1 Should be suppressed                      2 Resolved through negotiation  
3 I have not heard of the Kashmir problem      7 Other (*Specify*) \_\_\_\_\_ 8 D.K.

**Q23.** People have different opinions about democracy. Some people believe that democracy is better than any form of government. Others believe that dictatorship is better than democracy in certain conditions. And, others believe that it makes no real difference between a democratic or any other form of government. What is your opinion about it?

1 Democracy is better                      2 Dictatorship is better                      3 Makes no difference                      8 D.K.

**Q24.** Now I will read out a few options. Tell me, to what extent do you agree with these options- fully agree, somewhat agree somewhat disagree or fully disagree?

	Agree		Disagree		No Opinion (8)
	Fully (4)	Somewhat (3)	Somewhat (2)	Fully (1)	
a <input type="checkbox"/>					
a. We should be loyal to our own region first and then to the country.	4	3	2	1	8
b <input type="checkbox"/>					
b. One should vote in the same way ones caste/community votes.	4	3	2	1	8
c <input type="checkbox"/>					
c. Compared to national parties, regional/local parties can provide better government in states.	4	3	2	1	8
d <input type="checkbox"/>					
d. On the site of <i>Babri Masjid</i> , only Ram temple should be built.	4	3	2	1	8
e <input type="checkbox"/>					
e. Making of the atomic bomb has not benefitted the country.	4	3	2	1	8
f <input type="checkbox"/>					
f. The needs and problems of Muslims have been neglected in India.	4	3	2	1	8
g <input type="checkbox"/>					
g. Large states should be divided up and smaller states should be created.	4	3	2	1	8
h <input type="checkbox"/>					
h. Protecting the interests of the minorities is the responsibility of the government.	4	3	2	1	8
i <input type="checkbox"/>					
i. Country should increase spending on the army even if it increases the burden on ordinary people.	4	3	2	1	8
j <input type="checkbox"/>					
j. Those who are not well educated should not be allowed to contest elections.	4	3	2	1	8
k <input type="checkbox"/>					
k. War is the only solution to Indo-Pakistan problem.	4	3	2	1	8

**Q25.** While voting some people give more importance to the work done by the state government while others give more importance to the work done by the central government. While voting in this election, what mattered to you the most?

- 1 Central Government in Delhi      2 State Government      3 Both  
 4 Interested in neither      7 Others (*Specify*) \_\_\_\_\_      8 D.K.

**Q26.** Now I would like to know your opinion about a coalition government. Some people believe that there is no harm in a coalition government. Others believe that in special circumstances there is no alternative to it. While, for others, a coalition government is not good in any case circumstances. What is your opinion in this regard?

- 1 Nothing wrong in it      2 No alternative to coalition  
 3 No coalition government in any circumstances      8 D.K.

**Q27.** Suppose there were no parties or assemblies and elections were not held- do you think that the government in this country can be run better? 1 No 2 Yes 8 D.K.

**Q28.** There is quite a bit of talk these days about different social classes. Some people say they belong to the middle class, others say they belong to the working class, yet others say they do not belong to either of these classes but to some other class? Now thinking of people like you, to which class would you say you belong?

1 Middle class 2 Working class 7 Other(*Specify*)\_\_\_\_\_

**Q29.** People have different opinions about the NDA Government. Some people believe that the economic policies of this Government have brought prosperity to the whole country, whereas some believe that only the rich have benefited and others believe that no one has benefited. What is your opinion - the whole country has become prosperous, only the rich have benefited or no one has benefited?

1 Prosperity has come 2 Only rich have benefited  
3 No one has benefited 8 D.K.

**Q30.** Now I will read out a few statements regarding the economic policy of the country. You tell me, do you fully agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or fully disagree with these statements?

Agree		Disagree		No Opinion (8)
Fully (4)	Somewhat (3)	Somewhat (2)	Fully (1)	

a 

a. There should be a ban on possessing land and property above a limit.

4 3 2 1 8

b 

b. The number of government employees should be reduced as paying their salaries is costly for the country.

4 3 2 1 8

c 

c. The government factories and businesses should be sold/handed over to private companies.

4 3 2 1 8

d 

d. Foreign companies should not be allowed free trade in India.

4 3 2 1 8

e 

e. People themselves are responsible for their poverty not the government.

4 3 2 1 8

f 

f. Government hospitals should offer better treatment even if it means charging high/costly fees.

4 3 2 1 8

**Q31.** During the past five years, has your financial situation improved, worsened, or has it remained the same? 1 Worsened 2 Same 3 Improved 8 D.K.

**Q32.** In whatever financial condition you are placed today, on the whole, are you fully satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or fully dissatisfied?

4 Fully satisfied 3 Somewhat satisfied  
2 Somewhat dissatisfied 1 Fully dissatisfied 8 D.K.

**Q33.** Now looking ahead and thinking about the next few years, do you expect that your financial condition will improve, deteriorate or remain the same?

1 Worsened 2 Remain the same 3 Improve 8 D.K.

a		Q34. Now I will ask you about a few religious activities. You tell me how often do you practice them – daily, weekly, only on festivals or never?	Daily	Weekly	On festivals	Never
b		a. Prayer ( <i>puja, namaz, etc</i> )	4	3	2	1
		b. Visiting temple, mosque, church, <i>gurudwara, etc.</i>	4	3	2	1

a		Q34a. And what about these, how often do you practice them - frequently, occasionally, rarely or never?	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Never
b		a. Participating in <i>kathas, sangats bhajan-kirtans, jalsas, church services etc.</i>	4	3	2	1
c		b. Giving donations for religious activities.	4	3	2	1
		c. Keeping fasts, <i>rozās, etc.</i>	4	3	2	1

Q35. Considering all the things I mentioned, tell me, during the past ten years has your or your family’s engagement in religious activities increased, decreased or is same as before?

1 Decreased                      2 Same as before                      3 Increased                      8 D.K.

Q36. Now I will talk about some issues/ opinions. Tell me, to what extent do you agree with these statments - fully agree, somewhat agree somewhat disagree or fully disagree with these statements?

Agree		Disagree		No Opinion (8)
Fully (4)	Somewhat (3)	Somewhat (2)	Fully (1)	

a		a. Every community should be allowed to have it’s own laws to govern marriage and property rights.	4	3	2	1	8
b		b. Marriage of boys and girls from different religions should be banned.	4	3	2	1	8
c		c. Seats should be reserved for women in Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha.	4	3	2	1	8
d		d. There should not be caste-based reservations in jobs.	4	3	2	1	8
e		e. Higher education is not good for women.	4	3	2	1	8
f		f. In a democracy, it is appropriate that the opinions of the majority community should prevail.	4	3	2	1	8
g		g. Like men, women also have the right to work.	4	3	2	1	8
h		h. There should be a legal ban on religious conversions.	4	3	2	1	8
i		i. Marriage of boys and girls from different castes should be banned.	4	3	2	1	8
j		j. Doing politics is not meant for women.	4	3	2	1	8

**Q37.** Have you heard the name of Sonia Gandhi? 1 No 2 Yes 8 D.K.

**Q37a.** Lets assume that in this election, Sonia Gandhi was not the leader of the Congress. Which ever party you voted for, instead of that party, would you have voted for some other party or this would have made no difference on your decision?

1 No effect 2 Would have effected 8 D.K. 9 N.A.

**Q37b.** What would have been the change in your voting decision?

1 BJP to Congress 2 Other party to Congress 3 Congress to BJP  
4 Congress to other party 8 D.K. 9 N.A.

**Q38.** Have you heard the name of Atal Behari Vajpayee? 1 No 2 Yes 8 D.K.

**Q38a.** Lets assume that in this election, Atal Behari Vajpayee was not the leader of the NDA. Which ever party you voted for, instead of that party, would you have voted for some other party or this would have made no difference on your decision?

1 No effect 2 Would have effected 8 D.K. 9 N.A.

**38b.** What would have been the change in your voting decision?

1 Congress to BJP 2 Other party to BJP 3 BJP to Congress  
4 BJP to other party 8 D.K. 9 N.A.

**Q39.** About two years ago, a train was burned near Godhra station in Gujarat and many people were burnt to death. Have you heard about it? 1 No 2 Yes 8 D.K.

**Q39a.(If Yes)** Mostly who were killed in the Godhra incident - Hindus or Muslims?

1 Hindus 2 Muslims 3 Both 8 D.K.

**Q40.** After the Godhra incident, riots took place in many areas of Gujarat in which many people were killed. Have you heard about it? 1 No 2 Yes 8 D.K.

**Q40a.(If Yes)** Mostly who were killed in the riots - Hindus or Muslims?

1 Hindus 2 Muslims 3 Both 8 D.K.

**Q41.** Who do you think was primarily responsible for the riots in Gujarat - the Government, Muslim extremists, Hindu extremists or someone else?

1 The Government 2 Muslim extremists 3 Hindu extremists  
7 Others(*Specify*)\_\_\_\_\_ 8 D.K.

**Q42.** Thinking of the way elections are conducted in India, what do you feel - are elections fair, somewhat fair or unfair?

1 Not at all fair 2 Somewhat fair 3 Fair 8 D.K.

**Q43.** Now compare the recently held election in your area with elections held in the past. Do you think in this election things like rigging, fraud and other mal-practices have increased, decreased or remained the same?

1 Increased 2 Same as before  
3 Decreased 4 Malpractices never take place 8 D.K.

**Q44.** Do you read newspapers? 1 No (*Go to Q46*) 2 Yes

**Q44a.(If Yes)** How often do you read the newspaper – daily, often, once in a while,?

1 Daily 2 Often 3 Once in a while 9 N.A.

1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q45.** Which newspapers do you read? (*Record name of the newspaper*)

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Q46.** Do you listen to Radio? 1 No (*Go to Q47*) 2 Yes

**Q46a.** (*If Yes*) How often do you listen to news on the radio - daily, often or once in a while?

1 Daily 2 Often 3 Once in a while 4 Never 9 N.A.

**Q47.** Do you watch television? 1 No (*Go to Q48*) 2 Yes

**Q47a.** (*If Yes*) How frequently do you watch news on T.V. - daily, often or once in a while?

1 Daily 2 Often 3 Once in a while 4 Never 9 N.A.

**Q47b.** Which channels do you watch for news?

1


1 \_\_\_\_\_

2

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3

3 \_\_\_\_\_

**Q48.** Which source did you trust most for election related news - Newspaper, TV or radio?

(*Ask for only one response*) 1 None 2 TV. 3 Newspaper 4 Radio

**Q49.** During the recent India-Pakistan cricket series how many matches did you watch on television or listened to the commentary on the radio - almost all, most of the matches, only a few matches or none?

1 Almost all 2 Mostly 3 Few 4 None 8 D.K.

**Q50.** Do you think that the Vajpayee led NDA government should get another chance?

1 No 2 Yes 8 D.K.

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**Q51.** Who do you think is most likely to win from your parliamentary constituency? (*Record exact party or candidate and consult the party code*) \_\_\_\_\_

**Q52.** How satisfied are you with the work of your M.P. in the past five years. Are you fully satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or fully dissatisfied?

4 Fully satisfied 3 Somewhat satisfied

2 Somewhat dissatisfied 1 Fully dissatisfied 8 D.K.

**STATE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS (Common to all states)**

**Q53.** Thinking of how you or your family have voted in the past few elections, how would you describe yourself, would you say you have been a Congress voter, you have been a BJP voter, you have been a (regional party) voter or you have not been a voter of any one party?

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|--------------------------------|--|
| 1 Congress voter               | 2 BJP voter                            |
| 3 (Regional Party) voter       | 4 (Regional Party) voter               |
| 5 Voter of no particular party | 7 Others( <i>Specify</i> )_____ 8 D.K. |

**Q54.** What is your opinion about the performance of the (name of the states Government) over the past (number of years since the Government was formed). Are you fully satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or fully dissatisfied?

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|-------------------------|----------------------|--------|
| 4 Fully satisfied       | 3 Somewhat satisfied |        |
| 2 Somewhat dissatisfied | 1 Fully dissatisfied | 8 D.K. |

 

**Q55.** Who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister in (give the name of the state). (*Do not offer any name and record exact answer*)\_\_\_\_\_

**Q56.** Now I will talk about the changes that have taken place in (name of the state) during the last (number of years since the state govt. was elected) years. You tell me, in the last (number of years since the state govt. was elected) years have the conditions regarding these issues improved or deteriorated in your state ?

a

b

	Improved	Same as before	Deteriorated	No Opinion
a. Security of life and property.	3	2	1	8
b. Condition of roads.	3	2	1	8



