# 2005 ISSP MODULE ON WORK ORIENTATION 

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Notes to members:

1. All notes which are not part of the questionnaire and intended only for members are enclosed in pointed, angle brackets.
2. All the elements in questions which require local adaptation are enclosed in square brackets.
3. Q-numbers in parentheses: question numbers in 1997 questionnaire. $(\mathrm{N})=$ new in 2005

## ISSP 2005 - WORK ORIENTATION

1(Q1). Suppose you could change the way you spend your time, spending more time on some things and less time on others.
Which of the things on the following list would you like to spend more time on, which would you like to spend less time on and which would you like to spend the same amount of time on as now?

| PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Much more time | A bit more time | Same time as now | A bit less time | Much less time | Can't <br> choose/ | Doesn't <br> Apply |
| a. Time in a paid job | 1 | 2 |  |  | 5 |  | 8 |
| b. Time doing household work | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  | 8 |
| c. Time with your family | 1 | 2 |  | 4 |  |  | 8 |
| d. Time with your friends | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |  | 8 | 8 |
| e. Time in leisure activities | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 8 |

<Translation note: by "paid job" we mean a job that pays, regardless of whether salaried or self-employed.>

2(Q2). Please tick one box for each statement below to show how much you agree or disagree with it, thinking of work in general.

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Can't <br> choose |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. A job is just a way of earning money - no more |  |  |  | $4$ | 5 |  |
| b. I would enjoy having a paid job even if I did not need the money |  | 2 |  | 4 | 5 |  |

3(Q4) For each of the following, please tick one box to show how important you personally think it is in a job.

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

How important is...
a. ... job security
b. ... high income
$\begin{aligned} & \text { c. ... good opportunities for } \\ & \text { advancement }\end{aligned}$
d. $\ldots$ an interesting job
e. ... a job that allows someone to work independently
f. ... a job that allows someone to help other people
g. ... a job that is useful to society
h. ... a job that allows someone to decide their times or days of work
 advancement


4(Q8). Suppose you were working and could choose between different kinds of jobs. Which of the following would you personally choose?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

a. I would choose...
... being an employee
... being self-employed


Can't choose


## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

b. I would choose...
... working in a small firm
... working in a large firm

Can't choose


## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

c. I would choose...
... working in a private business
... working for the government or civil service


Can't choose $\square$
$5(\mathrm{~N})$. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

| Strongly <br> agree | Agree | Neither <br> agree nor <br> disagree | Disagree | Strongly <br> disagree |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

a. Employees have more job security than the self- employed

b. Being an employee interferes more with family life than selfemployment

$\square$ agree nor isagree

6(N). To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE
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|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Can't choose |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Trade unions are very important for the job security of employees | 1 | 2 | $3$ |  | 5 | 8 |
| b. Without trade unions the working conditions of employees would be much worse than they are | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |

7(Q9). Suppose you could decide on your work situation at present. Which of the following would you prefer?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

A full time job [30 hours or more per week] $\square$
A part-time job [10-29 hours per week] $\square$
A job with less than [10] hours a week
No paid job at all


Can't choose

<Clarification note: We are trying to get at full-time/part time so the verbal labels 'full-time", 'part-time", 'less than', are of central importance. The numbers in parentheses can vary by country if necessary.>

8(Q11). Are you currently working for pay?

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PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY
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| Yes | $\boxed{1}$ | Please answer questions 9 to 27 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| No | 2 | Please go to question 28 |

<Clarification note: "currently working" refers to both self-employed and employees, and should include persons on leave if they are in an employment relationship.>

## IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY:

## PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 9-27 ABOUT YOUR MAIN JOB

9(Q13). Think of the number of hours you work, and the money you earn in your main job, including any regular overtime.

If you had only one of these three choices, which of the following would you prefer?
$\square$
Work longer hours and earn more money


Work the same number of hours and earn the same money
Work fewer hours and earn less money


Can't choose


10(Q14). For each of these statements about your (main) job, please tick one box to show how much you agree or disagree that it applies to your job.

|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Can't choose |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. My job is secure | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| b. My income is high | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| c. My opportunities for advancement are high | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| d. My job is interesting | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| e. I can work independently | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| f. In my job I can help other people | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| g. My job is useful to society | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| $h(N)$. My job gives me a chance to improve my skills. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |

[^0]11(Q15) Now some more questions about your working conditions.
Please tick one box for each item below to show how often it applies to your work.

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

| How often... | Always | Often | Sometime <br> s | Hardly ever | Never | Can't choose |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. ... do you come home from work exhausted? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| b. ... do you have to do hard physical work? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| c. ... do you find your work stressful? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| d. ... do you work in dangerous conditions? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |

12(Q16). Which of the following statements best describes how your working hours are decided? (By working hours we mean here the times you start and finish work, and not the total hours you work per week or month.)
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PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Starting and finishing times are decided by my employer and I cannot change them on my own


I can decide the time I start and finish work, within certain limits
I am entirely free to decide when I start and finish work


13(N). Which of the following statements best describes how your daily work is organized?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

I am free to decide how my daily work is organized


I can decide how my daily work is organized, within certain limits

I am not free to decide how my daily work is organized $\square$
Can't choose


14(N). How difficult would it be for you to take an hour or two off during working hours, to take care of personal or family matters?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Not difficult at all


Not too difficult


Somewhat difficult


Very difficult $\square$
Can't choose


15(N). How often do you feel that.

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

|  | Always | Often | Sometimes | Hardly ever | Never | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Can't } \\ & \text { choose } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. ...the demands of your job interfere with your family life? | 1 | 2 | 3 |  | 5 | 8 |
| b. ...the demands of your family life interfere with your job? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |

16(Q19). How much of your past work experience and /or job skills can you make use of in your present job?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

| Almost none | $\boxed{1}, ~$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| A little | 2 |
| A lot | $\boxed{3}$ |
| Almost all | $\boxed{4}$ |
|  |  |
| Can't choose | $\boxed{8}$ |

17(N). If you were to look for a new job, how helpful would your present work experience and/or job skills be?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Very helpful


Quite helpful


Not so helpful


Not helpful at all $\square$
Can't choose


18(N). Over the past 12 months, have you had any training to improve your job skills, either at the workplace or somewhere else?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

| Yes | $\boxed{1}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| No | $\boxed{2}$ |
| Can't choose | $\boxed{8}$ |

19(Q21). In general, how would you describe relations at your workplace...

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PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE
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| Very good | Quite good | Neither good nor bad | Quite bad | Very bad | Can't choose |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |

20(Q22). How satisfied are you in your (main) job?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Completely satisfied $\square$
Very satisfied


Fairly satisfied


Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied


Fairly dissatisfied
Very dissatisfied


Completely dissatisfied


Can't choose $\square$
<Clarification note - the question refers to one's main job if he or she have multiple jobs.>

21(Q23). To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

| PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE |  |  |  |  |  | Can't choose |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |  |
| a. I am willing to work harder than I have to in order to help the firm or organization I work for succeed | 1 | 2 | 3 |  | 5 | 8 |
| b. I am proud to be working for my firm or organization | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| c. I would turn down another job that offered quite a bit more pay in order to stay with this organization | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |

22(N). How difficult or easy do you think it would be for you to find a job at least as good as your current one?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Very easy


Fairly easy


Neither easy nor difficult


Fairly difficult


Very difficult $\square$
Can't choose


23(N). How difficult or easy do you think it would be for your firm or organization to replace you if you left?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Very easy


Fairly easy


Neither easy nor difficult


Fairly difficult


Very difficult


Can't choose


24(Q25). All in all, how likely is it that you will try to find a job with another firm or organization within the next 12 months?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Very likely


Likely


Unlikely $\square$
Very unlikely $\square$

Can't choose


25(Q26). To what extent, if at all, do you worry about the possibility of losing your job?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

I worry a great deal


I worry to some extent


I worry a little
I don't worry at all
$\square$
$\mathbf{2 6 ( N )}$. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

In order to avoid unemployment
I would be willing ..
a. to accept a job that requires new skills.
b. to accept a position with lower pay.
c. to accept temporary employment.

d. to travel longer to get to work.

$1 \quad 2$ .


| Disagree | Strongly <br> disagree |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\boxed{4}$ | 5 |

8
Can't
choose

8 $\square$


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27(N). In addition to your main job, do you do any other work for additional income?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

No

Yes, mostly as an employee $\square$
Yes, mostly on a self-employed basis $\square$
Yes, other


PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 28-36 IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY
28. Have you ever had a paid job for one year or more?

Yes

No
$\square$ Please answer questions 29 to 36

Please go to question 31
29. When did your last paid job end?

In $\qquad$ (year)
30. What was the main reason that your job ended?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

I reached retirement age


I retired early, by choice
I retired early, not by choice $\square$
I became (permanently) disabled $\square$
My place of work shut down
I was dismissed
My term of employment/contract ended
Family responsibilities


I got married $\square$
31. Would you like to have a paid job, either now or in the future?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Yes

No

32. How likely do you think it is that you would find a job?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Very likely


Likely $\square$
Unlikely $\square$

Very unlikely


Can't choose

33. Are you currently looking for a job?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

## Yes



No

34. Thinking about the last 12 months, have you done any of the following in order to find a job?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

No

a. Registered at a public employment agency?

b. Registered at a private employment agency?

c. Answered advertisements for jobs?
d. Advertised for a job in newspaper or journals?
e. Applied directly to employers?

$\square$
f. Asked relatives, friends, or colleagues to help you find a job? $\square$
$\square$
$\square$
$35(\mathbf{N})$. Over the past 12 months, have you had any training to improve your job skills?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Yes

No


Can't choose $\square$
36. What is your main source of economic support?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Pension (private or state) $\square$
Unemployment benefits


Spouse/partner


Other family members $\square$

Social assistance/welfare $\square$
Occasional work $\square$

Other $\square$
<’Economic support" is not just financial support. It includes such things as food, clothing, and accomodation>

## Optional Background Variables

## To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

## PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

| PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Can't choose |
| I see myself as someone who... <br> a. ...is reserved | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| b. . . is generally trusting | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | , |
| c. ...does a thorough job | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| d. ...is relaxed, handles stress well | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| e. ...has an active imagination | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| f. ...is outgoing, sociable | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| g. ...tends to find fault with others | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| h. ...tends to be lazy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| i. ...gets nervous easily | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| j. ...has few artistic interests | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 |


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