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Proxy Interview Sheet(#4875)
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Branch No. Site No. Subject No. Name of Interviewer Name of Supervisor

[Interviewer Entry]

(1) In the event that a number is entered in each column of the A, B, C, or D name register, post it below.

A	_____	no entry
B	_____	no entry
C	_____	no entry
D	_____	no entry

(2) [Reasons why the respondent him or herself could not be interviewed and a proxy interview was conducted]

- | | |
|------------------------------|---|
| 1 Illness | 5 Subject unable to respond due to old age |
| 2 Deafness, muteness | 6 Subject refused mid-interview, unable to continue |
| 3 Senility, no comprehension | 7 Unable to meet subject due to long absence or |
| 4 Emotional instability | temporary absence |

(3) [Proxy respondent] Among our family members, who knows a lot about (subject's name) daily life? Please tell me about his/her daily life. First, what is your relationship to him or her?

- | | | |
|------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 spouse | 4 daughter-in-law | 7 other relative (specify_____) |
| 2 son | 5 son-in-law | 8 neighbor |
| 3 daughter | 6 grandchild | 9 other (specify _____) |

[Interviewer note] Be sure to read the following statement to the subject before the interview]:

In this survey, I am going to ask you about various things. It is not necessary to force yourself to answer anything you do not want to answer. Furthermore, your answers will be kept strictly confidential, and will never be communicated to anyone else, so please answer the questions freely. Also, for the purpose of comparing our research questions with those of the American survey, I may ask you about some personal matters, so please bear with me.

[Basic characteristics; Family structure]

To begin with, I would like to ask you several things about _____'s (**subject's**) family.

Q1. [Interviewer verification] (Record date of birth from name roster)

1 2 3
Meiji Taisho Showa (age) ____ Year ____ Month ____ Day

Q2. **[Answer sheet 1]** At present, does _____ (**subject's name**) have a job in which he/she is earning income, or is he/she engaged in housework? Please choose the answer that fits his/her situation.

- 1 Working now
- 2 On temporary leave due to sickness, etc.
- 3 Unpaid family employee
- 4 Looking for work, unemployed
- 5 Retired
- 6 Can't work due to disability
- 7 Engaged in housework, or retired from housework
- 8 Other (specify _____)

Q3. [Answer sheet 2] Is _____ (subject's name) married at present? Or is he or she divorced or separated? Please answer from among the following.

- 1 Married (Including separations due to hospitalization, institutionalization, and living apart for work).
2 Separated
3 Divorced
4 Widowed
5 Never married
6 Don't know

Q4. At present, including the subject, how many persons are living with the subject?

People

- Q5. (1) Please tell me the relation, age, and sex of each person living with the subject.
 (2) Of the family members you just listed, who is the head of the household?

	Relation	After code	Age	Sex 1 Male 2 Female	Head of Household
1	Respondent himself/herself	-0-		1. Male 2. Female	1
2	Respondent's _____			1. Male 2. Female	1
3	Respondent's _____			1. Male 2. Female	1
4	Respondent's _____			1. Male 2. Female	1
5	Respondent's _____			1. Male 2. Female	1
6	Respondent's _____			1. Male 2. Female	1
7	Respondent's _____			1. Male 2. Female	1
8	Respondent's _____			1. Male 2. Female	1
9	Respondent's _____			1. Male 2. Female	1
10	Respondent's _____			1. Male 2. Female	1
11	Respondent's _____			1. Male 2. Female	1
12	Respondent's _____			1. Male 2. Female	1

[After Code]:

1 Spouse 2 Child 3 Child's spouse 4 Grandchild 5 Grandchild's spouse
 6 Parent 7 Parent-in-law 8 Sibling 9 Other

[Health status and physical handicaps] Next, I would like to ask you some questions about _____(subject's name) health.

Q6. Does _____ (subject's name) have any of the following diseases or after effects?
(M.A.)

[Interviewer's note] Be sure to read each choice one by one.

- 1 Heart disease
- 2 Arthritis, rheumatism, neuralgia
- 3 High blood pressure
- 4 Diabetes
- 5 Apoplexy, cerebral hemorrhage, stroke, subarachnoid bleeding
- 6 Cataract, glaucoma, or other disease of the eye
- 7 Parkinson's disease
- 8 Cancer
- 9 Anemia
- 10 Phlebitis or diseases of the veins in the leg
- 11 Stomach or intestinal ulcers
- 12 Kidney disease
- 13 Disease of the thyroid
- 14 Gout
- 15 Bedsores, ulcers of the feet, serious burns, or other diseases of the skin
- 16 Bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, tuberculosis, or other diseases of the respiratory system
- 17 Chronic back pain
- 18 Broken bone, bone fracture
- 19 Loss or injury of the hands or feet
- 20 Disease of the liver or gall bladder
- 21 Disease of the prostate gland (difficult or painful urination, etc.) Only ask males
- 22 Other (specify in detail)
- 23 Other (specify in detail)
- 24 No particular disease
- 25 Don't know

[Activity of Daily Living]

Q7. **(Answer sheet 10)** I would like to ask you about his or her daily life. Tell me how difficult it is for _____ (subject's name) to do each of the following things without assistance. [Ask items 1-6 one by one]

	1 Not at all difficult	2 Slightly difficult	3 Fairly difficult	4 Extremely difficult	5 Cannot do at all	6 Don't know
(1) take a bath	1	2	3	4	5	6
(2) dressing or undressing yourself	1	2	3	4	5	6
(3) eat	1	2	3	4	5	6
(4) get out of bed, get up and sit down in a chair	1	2	3	4	5	6
(5) going outside	1	2	3	4	5	6
(6) go to the lavatory (in his/her own home) and relieve him-herself	1	2	3	4	5	6

[Instrumental activity of daily living]

Q8. **[Answer sheet 10]** Please tell me how difficult it is for _____ (subject's name) to do each of the following things without assistance. **(Ask items 1-4 one by one).**

[Interviewer's note: Even if he or she has never done such a thing, ask whether the subject could do it if he or she tried].

	1 Not at all difficult	2 Slightly difficult	3 Fairly difficult	4 Extremely difficult	5 Cannot do at all	6 Don't know
(1) going out shopping for personal items, medicines, etc	1	2	3	4	5	6
(2) making a telephone call	1	2	3	4	5	6
(3) going out alone, riding a bus or subway	1	2	3	4	5	6
(4) dusting furniture, taking out the garbage, changing light bulbs, or other light housework	1	2	3	4	5	6

[Physical Ability]

Q9. **[Answer sheet 11]** How difficult is it for _____ (subject's name) to do the following without help or aids such as a cane or support? **[Ask items 1-7 one by one]**

[Interviewer's note: Even if he or she has never done such a thing, ask whether the subject could do it if he or she tried].

	1 Not at all difficult	2 Slightly difficult	3 Extremely difficult	4 Cannot do at all	5 Don't know
(1) stand continuously for about 15 minutes	1	2	3	4	5
(2) walking about 200-300 meters	1	2	3	4	5
(3) squat and get down on your knees	1	2	3	4	5
(4) stretch out your hand and reach for something above your head	1	2	3	4	5
(5) grasp something with your fingers, use your fingers freely	1	2	3	4	5
(6) lift and carry a heavy weight such as 10 kg of rice	1	2	3	4	5
(7) climbing 2-3 flights of stairs	1	2	3	4	5

Q10. **[Answer sheet 12]** On the whole, how is _____ (subject's name) health at the present time?

- 1 Perfectly healthy
- 2 Fairly healthy
- 3 Average

- 4 Not very healthy
- 5 Not at all healthy
- 6 Don't know

[Telephone number]

The interview is now finished. Thank you very much for your cooperation. If it's not too much of an inconvenience, could you tell me your telephone number? It will be used to confirm that my visit took place, and though I don't think it will happen, if I find that I have accidentally missed some information, I can ask you about it by phone. Please do not worry, it will not cause you any trouble.

(1) Has phone Telephone number _____ (2) No phone

[Length of interview]

- 1 less than 10 minutes
- 2 10-14 minutes
- 3 15-19 minutes
- 4 20-24 minutes
- 5 25-29 minutes
- 6 30-34 minutes
- 7 35-39 minutes
- 8 40 minutes or more