

India
ISSP 2014 – Citizenship II
Questionnaire
(English)

ISSP_CITIZENSHIP_2 (2015)

There are different opinions as to what it takes to be a good citizen. As far as you are concerned personally on a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 is not at all important and 7 is very important, how important is it:

Q1	Always to vote in elections	1	Not at all important
Q2	Never to try to evade taxes	2	Mostly unimportant
Q3	Always to obey laws and regulations	3	Not important to some extent
Q4	To keep watch on the actions of government	4	Neither important nor unimportant
Q5	To be active in social or political associations	5	Important to some extent
Q6	To try to understand the reasoning of people with other opinions	6	Mostly important
Q7	To choose products for political, ethical or environmental reasons, even if they cost a bit more.	7	Very important
Q8	To help people in India who are worse off than yourself	8	Can't choose
Q9	To help people in the rest of the world who are worse off than yourself		

Translation notes

Q1 Elections refer to those held for public officials.
 Q2 Evade has the connotation of illegality in not paying taxes owed, and does not mean "avoid", since "tax avoidance" is not illegal.
 Q3 Regulations refers to the operationalization of laws into specific provisions having direct applicability to everyday life.
 Q4 Keep watch means exercise vigilance in observing government, with a view to pointing out unwarranted actions or ensuring that proper actions are conducted. Government refers to elected and non-elected state authorities. It is not specific to "The Government" in places where that refers to the party in power.
 Q8 & Q9 Worse off means having a lower standard of living.

There are a number of groups in society. What do you think about the following groups holding public meetings?

Q10	Should religious extremists be allowed to hold public meetings?	1	Should definitely be allowed
Q11	Should people who want to overthrow the government by force be allowed to hold public meetings?	2	Should probably be allowed
Q12	Should people prejudiced against any racial or ethnic group be allowed to hold public meetings?	3	Should probably not be allowed
		4	Should definitely not be allowed
		8	Can't Choose

Translation notes

Q10 Religious extremists means people who have religious beliefs far from the mainstream. The term usually means these people are not content to simply hold these beliefs, but try to impose them on others.
 Q12 any means one or more

Here are some different forms of political and social action that people can take. Please indicate, for each one: whether you have done any of these things in the past year
 whether you have done it in the more distant past
 whether you have not done it but might do it
 or have not done it and would never, under any circumstances, do it.

Q13	Signed a petition		
Q14	Boycotted, or deliberately bought, certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons		
Q15	Took part in a demonstration	1	Have done it in the past year
Q16	Attended a political meeting or rally	2	Have done it in the more distant past
Q17	Contacted, or attempted to contact, a politician or a civil servant to express your views	3	Have not done it but might do it
Q18	Donated money or raised funds for a social or political activity	4	Have not done it and would never do it
Q19	Contacted or appeared in the media to express your views	8	Can't choose
Q20	Expressed political views on the internet		

	<p>Translation notes Preamble to 13-20. Social action means public activity intended to produce some kind of impact on the society at large, or a segment of it.</p> <p>Q17 Civil servant should be translated with the appropriate term for the public service. Do not use the term “bureaucrat.”</p> <p>Interviewer notes Q13 to Q19 if done by internet count as yes</p> <p>Q15 any kind of demonstration</p> <p>Q20 expression could be public or private in nature Coding for 13-20. If more than one response, code the more participative one (that is, the one closer to the left end of the scale.)</p>		
Q21	How often do you use the media, including television, newspapers, radio and the internet, to get political news or information?		
1	Several times a day	5	1-2 days a week
2	Once a day	6	Less than 1 day a week
3	5-6 days a week	7	Never
4	3-4 days a week	8	Can't choose
Q22	<p>On average, about how many people do you have contact with in a typical week day, including people you live with. We are interested in contact on a one-to-one basis, including everyone with whom you chat, talk, or discuss matters. This can be face-to-face, by telephone, by mail, or on the internet. Please include only people you know. Please select one from the following categories that best matches your estimate. (Please choose one option)</p>		
1	0-4 persons	4	20-49
2	5-9	5	50 or more
3	10-19	0	Can't choose
	<p>People sometimes belong to different kinds of groups or associations. For each type of group, please indicate whether you: belong and actively participate, belong but don't actively participate used to belong but do not any more or have never belonged to it.</p>		
Q23	A political party	1	Belong and actively participate
Q24	A trade union, business, or professional association	2	Belong but don't participate
Q25	A church or other religious organization	3	Used to belong but do not any more
Q26	A sports, leisure or cultural group	4	Never belonged
Q27	Another voluntary association	8	Can't Choose

	There are different opinions about people's rights in a democracy. On a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 is not at all important and 7 is very important, how important is it:		
Q28	That all citizens have an adequate standard of living		
Q29	That government authorities respect and protect the rights of minorities	1	Not at all important
Q30	That people be given more opportunities to participate in public decision-making	2	Mostly unimportant
Q31	That citizens may engage in acts of civil disobedience when they oppose government actions.	3	Not important to some extent
Q32	That governments respect democratic rights whatever the circumstances	4	Neither important nor unimportant
Q33	That people convicted of serious crimes lose their citizen rights	5	Important to some extent
Q34	That long-term residents of a country, who are not citizens, have the right to vote in that country's national elections	6	Mostly important
Q35	That citizens have the right not to vote	7	Very important
Q36	That health care be provided for everyone	8	Can't choose
Translation notes Q29 Government authorities refers to public officials, both elected and non-elected (i.e. employees). Q29 Minorities are those groups which, because of their lesser numbers in society, are often identified as needing special attention. Q32 Governments is meant to be the whole apparatus of the state.			
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?			
Q37	People like me don't have any say about what the government does	1	Strongly Agree
		2	Agree
Q38	I don't think the government cares much what people like me think	3	Neither Agree nor Disagree
Q39	I feel I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing India.	4	Disagree
Q40	I think most people in India are better informed about politics and government than I am.	5	Strongly Disagree
		8	Can't Choose
Suppose a law were being considered by the parliament that you considered to be unjust or harmful.			
Q41	If such a case arose, how likely is it that you, acting alone or together with others, would be able to try to do something about it?	1	Very likely
		2	Fairly likely
Q42	If you made such an effort, how likely is it that parliament would give serious attention to your demands?	3	Not very likely
		4	Not at all likely
		8	Can't choose
Q43	How interested would you say you personally are in politics?		
1	Very interested	4	Not at all interested
2	Fairly interested	8	Can't choose
3	Not very interested		
Q44	In politics people sometimes talk of left and right. Where would you place yourself on a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 means the left and 10 means the right?		
	Left	Right	98 Can't choose
	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?			
Q45	Most of the time we can trust people in government to do what is right	1	Strongly Agree
		2	Agree
		3	Neither Agree nor Disagree
Q46	Most politicians are in politics only for what they can get out of it personally	4	Disagree
		5	Strongly Disagree
		8	Can't Choose
Q47	How often do you think that people would try to take advantage of you if they got the chance, and how often would they try to be fair?		
1	Try to take advantage almost all of the time	4	Try to be fair almost all of the time
2	Try to take advantage most of the time	8	Can't Choose
3	Try to be fair most of the time		
Q48	Generally speaking, would you say that people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?		
1	People can almost always be trusted	4	You almost always can't be too careful in dealing with people
2	People can usually be trusted	8	Can't Choose
3	You usually can't be too careful in dealing with people		
Q49	When you get together with your friends, relatives or fellow workers, how often do you discuss politics?		
1	Often	4	Never
2	Sometimes	8	Can't choose
3	Rarely		
Q50	When you hold a strong opinion about politics, how often do you try to persuade your friends, relatives or fellow workers to share your views?		
1	Often	4	Never
2	Sometimes	8	Can't choose
3	Rarely		
Thinking now about politics in India, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?			
Q51	Political parties encourage people to become active in politics	1	Strongly Agree
		2	Agree
Q52	Political parties do not give voters real policy choices	3	Neither Agree nor Disagree
		4	Disagree
Q53	Referendums are a good way to decide important political questions.	5	Strongly Disagree
		8	Can't choose
Q54	Thinking of the 2014 Lok sabha election in India, how honest was it regarding the counting and reporting of the votes?		
1	Very honest	4	Somewhat dishonest
2	Somewhat honest	5	Very dishonest
3	Neither honest nor dishonest	8	Can't choose
Q55	Thinking of the 2014 Lok Sabha election in India, how fair was it regarding the opportunities of the candidates and parties to campaign?		
1	Very fair	4	Somewhat unfair
2	Somewhat fair	5	Very unfair
3	Neither fair nor unfair	8	Can't choose
Q56	Thinking of the public service in India, how committed is it to serve the people?		
1	Very committed	4	Not at all committed
2	Somewhat committed	8	Can't choose
3	Not very committed		

Q57	How widespread do you think corruption is in the public service in India ?		
1	Hardly anyone is involved	4	A lot of people are involved
2	A small number of people are involved	5	Almost everyone is involved
3	A moderate number of people are involved	8	Can't choose
On the whole, on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is very poorly and 10 is very well.			
Q58	How well does democracy work in India today?	0	Very poorly
		1	
		2	
		3	
Q59	And what about 10 years ago? How well did democracy work in India then?	4	
		5	
		6	
		7	
Q60	And how about 10 years from now? How well do you think democracy will work in India then?	8	
		9	
		10	Very well
		98	Can't choose
Translation notes Q56-Q57 Public service should be translated with the appropriate term (see note on 17) for government officials. Do not use the term "bureaucracy."			
OPTIONAL			
On average, how often do you:			
Q61	Read the political content of a newspaper	1	Several times a day
		2	Once a day
Q62	Watch political news on television	3	5-6 days a week
		4	3-4 days a week
Q63	Listen to political news on the radio	5	1-2 days a week
		6	Less than 1 day a week
Q64	Use the Internet to get political news or information	7	Never
		8	Can't choose
BVQ_01.	Are you...		
1	Male	2	Female
BVQ_02.	When were you born? Please, write in the year of your birth (use four digits for the year).		
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BVQ_03.	How many years (full-time equivalent) have you been in formal education? Include all primary and secondary schooling, university and other post-secondary education, and full-time vocational training, but do not include repeated years. If you are currently in education, count the number of years you have completed so far.		
	Please enter number of years.....	0	I have no formal schooling
BVQ_04.	What is the highest level of education that you have attained? We need to know the highest level of class/degree that you have completed.		
	Please write in verbatim		
THE NEXT QUESTIONS DEAL WITH YOUR WORK SITUATION : BY WORK WE MEAN DOING INCOME-PRODUCING WORK, AS AN EMPLOYEE, SELF-EMPLOYED OR WORKING FOR YOUR OWN FAMILY'S BUSINESS, FOR AT LEAST ONE HOUR PER WEEK. IF YOU TEMPORARILY ARE NOT WORKING FOR PAY BECAUSE OF TEMPORARY ILLNESS/PARENTAL LEAVE/VACATION/STRIKE, ETC., PLEASE REFER TO YOUR NORMAL WORK SITUATION.			
BVQ_05.	Are you currently working for pay, did you work for pay in the past, or have you never been in paid work? Please choose one option.		
1	I am currently in paid work (Please continue with BVQ_06)	3	I have never had paid work (Please continue with BVQ_14)
2	I am currently not in paid work but I had paid work in the past (Please continue with BVQ_07)		

BVQ_06.	How many hours, on average, do you usually work for pay in a normal week, including overtime? (If you work for more than one employer, or if you are both employed and self-employed, please count the total number of working hours that you do.)		
	Please write in. On average, I work.....hours a week, overtime included.		
	THE NEXT QUESTIONS DEAL WITH SOME MORE DETAILS ON YOUR WORK SITUATION. IF YOU WORK FOR MORE THAN ONE EMPLOYER, OR IF YOU ARE BOTH EMPLOYED AND SELF-EMPLOYED, PLEASE REFER TO YOUR MAIN JOB. IF YOU ARE RETIRED OR NOT CURRENTLY WORKING, PLEASE REFER TO YOUR LAST MAIN JOB.		
BVQ_07.	Are/were you an employee, self-employed, or working for your own family's business? Please choose one option.		
	<TN: Country-specific terms such as 'wage employee' or 'wage worker' may be used here to clarify the meaning of "employee". Self-employed includes terms such as 'freelancers', 'independent professionals', and other respondents working on their own account.>		
1	An employee (Go to BVQ_09)	3	Self-employed with employees (Continue with BVQ_08)
2	Self-employed without employees (Go to BVQ_09)	4	Working for your own family's business (Go to BVQ_09)
BVQ_08.	How many employees do/did you have, not counting yourself?		
	Please write in. Employees.		
BVQ_09.	Do/did you supervise other employees? (Please tick one box only).		
	<TN: Supervision is to be understood as a leadership function of monitoring and being responsible for the work of others.>		
1	Yes (Please continue with BVQ10)	2	No (Please continue with BVQ11)
BVQ_10	How many other employees do/did you supervise?		
	Please write in. Employees.		
BVQ_11.	Do/did you work for a for-profit organisation or for a non-profit organisation? Please choose one option.		
	<TN: If necessary, clarify for-profit or non-profit organisation by giving examples typical for India.>		
1	I work/ed for a for-profit organisation	2	I work/ed for a non-profit organisation
BVQ_12.	Do/did you work for a public or a private employer? Please choose one option.		
	<TN: If necessary, clarify public or private employer by giving examples typical for India.>		
1	Public employer	2	Private employer
BVQ_13a.	What is/was your occupation – i.e., what is/was the name or title of your main job? (Please write in and describe as clearly as possible.)		
	My occupation is/was:		
BVQ_13b.	In your main job, what kind of activities do/did you do most of the time?		
	Please write in and describe as clearly as possible.		
BVQ_13c.	What does/did the firm/organisation you work/worked for mainly make or do – i.e., what kind of production/function is/was performed at your workplace?		
	Please write in and describe as clearly as possible		

BVQ_14.	Which of the following best describes your current situation? Please choose one option.		
	If you temporarily are not working because of temporary illness/parental leave/vacation/strike etc., please refer to your normal work situation.		
1	In paid work (as an employee, self-employed, or working for your own family's business)	5	Permanently sick or disabled
2	Unemployed and looking for a job	6	Retired
3	In education (not paid for by employer), in school/student/pupil even if on vacation	7	Doing housework, looking after the home, children or other persons
4	Apprentice or trainee	9	Other
BVQ_15.	Do you have a spouse or a steady partner and, if yes, do you share the same household? Please choose one option.		
	(TN: Steady relationship (Live-in relation) is known to us as a relationship in which a man and a woman, with mutual consent live together for a long period of time)		
1	Yes, I have a spouse/partner and we share the same household (Please continue with BVQ_16)	3	No, I don't have a spouse/partner (Please continue with BVQ_22)
2	Yes, I have a spouse/partner but we don't share the same household (Please continue with BVQ_16)		
	THE NEXT QUESTIONS DEAL WITH THE WORK SITUATION OF YOUR SPOUSE/PARTNER: BY WORK WE MEAN DOING INCOME-PRODUCING WORK, AS AN EMPLOYEE, SELF-EMPLOYED OR WORKING FOR HIS/HER OWN FAMILY'S BUSINESS, FOR AT LEAST ONE HOUR PER WEEK. IF HE/SHE TEMPORARILY IS NOT WORKING FOR PAY BECAUSE OF TEMPORARY ILLNESS/PARENTAL LEAVE/VACATION/STRIKE, ETC., PLEASE REFER TO HIS/HER NORMAL WORK SITUATION.		
BVQ_16.	Is your spouse/partner currently working for pay, did he/she work for pay in the past, or has he/she never been in paid work? (Please choose one option.)		
1	He/she is currently in paid work (Please continue with BVQ_17)	3	He/she has never had paid work (Please continue with BVQ_21)
2	He/she is currently not in paid work but he/she had paid work in the past (Please continue with BVQ_18)		
BVQ_17.	How many hours, on average, does your spouse/partner usually work for pay in a normal week, including overtime?		
	If he/she works for more than one employer, or if he/she is both employed and self-employed, please count the total number of working hours that he/she does.		
	Please write in. On average, he/she works.....hours a week, overtime included.		
	THE NEXT QUESTIONS DEAL WITH SOME MORE DETAILS ON YOUR SPOUSE'S/PARTNER'S WORK SITUATION: IF HE/SHE WORKS FOR MORE THAN ONE EMPLOYER, OR IF HE/SHE IS BOTH EMPLOYED AND SELF-EMPLOYED, PLEASE REFER TO HIS/HER MAIN JOB. IF HE/SHE IS RETIRED OR NOT CURRENTLY WORKING, PLEASE REFER TO HIS/HER LAST MAIN JOB.		
BVQ_18.	Is/was your spouse/partner an employee, self-employed, or working for his/her own family's business? Please choose one option.		
	<TN: Country-specific terms such as 'wage employee' or 'wage worker' may be used here to clarify the meaning of "employee".>		
1	An employee	3	Self-employed with employees
2	Self-employed without employees	4	Working for his/her own family's business
BVQ_19.	Does/did your spouse/partner supervise other employees? (Please choose one option.)		
	<TN: Supervision is to be understood as a leadership function of monitoring and being responsible for the work of others.>		
1	Yes	2	No

BVQ_20a.	What is/was your spouse's/partner's occupation - i.e., what is/was the name or title of his/her main job?		
	Please write in and describe as clearly as possible. His/her occupation is/was:		
BVQ_20b.	In his/her main job, what kind of activities does/did he/she do most of the time?		
	Please write in and describe as clearly as possible.		
BVQ_20c.	What does/did the firm/organisation he/she work/worked for mainly make or do - i.e., what kind of production/function is/was performed at his/her workplace?		
	Please write in and describe as clearly as possible.		
BVQ_21.	Which of the following best describes your spouse's/partner's current situation? (Please choose one option.)		
	If he/she temporarily is not working because of temporary illness/parental leave/vacation/strike etc., please refer to his/her normal work situation.		
1	In paid work (as an employee, self-employed, or working for his/her own family's business)	5	Permanently sick or disabled
2	Unemployed and looking for a job	6	Retired
3	In education (not paid for by employer), in school/student/pupil even if on vacation	7	Doing housework, looking after the home, children or other persons
4	Apprentice or trainee	9	Other
BVQ_22.	Are you or have you ever been a member of a trade union or similar organisation? If yes: is that currently or only previously? Please choose one option.		
	<TN: Country-specific terms may be used here to clarify the meaning of "union membership".>		
1	Yes, currently	3	No, never
2	Yes, previously but not currently		
BVQ_23.	Do you belong to a religion and, if yes, which religion do you belong to? Please choose one option.		
0	No religion	6	Islamic
1	Catholic	7	Buddhist
2	Protestant	8	Hindu
3	Orthodox	9	Other Asian religions
4	Other Christian	10	Other religions
5	Jewish		
BVQ_24.	Apart from such special occasions as weddings, funerals, etc., how often do you attend religious services? Please choose one option.		
1	Several times a week or more often	5	Several times a year
2	Once a week	6	Once a year
3	2 or 3 times a month	7	Less frequently than once a year
4	Once a month	8	Never

BVQ_25.	In our society, there are groups which tend to be towards the top and groups which tend to be towards the bottom. Below is a scale that runs from the top to the bottom.		
	Where would you put yourself on this scale?	10	TOP
		9	
		8	
		7	
		6	
		5	
		4	
		3	
		2	
	1	BOTTOM	
BVQ_26.	Some people don't vote nowadays for one reason or another. Did you vote in the 2014 Lok Sabha election held in April-May ? Please choose one option.		
1	Yes, I did vote (Please continue with BVQ_27)	0	I was not eligible to vote in the last election (Please continue with BVQ_28)
2	No, I did not vote (Please continue with BVQ_28)		
BVQ_27.	[Thinking back to 2014 Lok Sabha election held in April-May]. Which party did you vote for? Please choose one option.		
1	Congress +	5	Regional Party
2	BJP +	6	Other (Please specify)
3	Left front Parties/Communist Party	0	Can't say
4	Third Front		
BVQ_28.	Please indicate which of the following group or groups you consider yourself to belong to.		
1	Hindu:SC (Scheduled Caste/Dalits)	7	Muslim: Others
2	Hindu: ST (Scheduled Tribes)	8	Christians: General
3	Hindu: OBC (Other Backward Classes)	9	Christians: Others
4	Hindu: Upper Caste Hindus	10	Sikhs: General
5	Muslim: Shiya	11	Sikhs: Dalit
6	Muslim: Sunni	0	Others_____ (Please specify)
	<TN: The age to be used for distinguishing children vs. toddlers – the [school age] in square brackets – is determined by the start of compulsory schooling in India. In India the primary schooling starts at the of age 4 years. So children between the age 5 to 17 years are referred to as "children", while those below 4 years of age, are referred to as "toddlers".		
BVQ_29	Including yourself, how many people – including children – usually live in your household?		
	Please write here		
BVQ_29a	How many adults in household (18 years or above) ?		
	Please write here		
BVQ_30	How many children between 5 to 17 years of age in household ?		
	Please write here		
BVQ_31	How many toddlers upto the age of 4 in household ?		
	Please write here		

BVQ_32	Before taxes and other deductions, what on average is your own total monthly income?		
	(TN: Explanatory notes can be added to remind respondents of country-specific deductions.)		
	Please write in. My total monthly income is on average (Rupees) (If you live in a single household (Please continue with BVQ_34)		
BVQ_33	Before taxes and other deductions, what on average is the total monthly income of your household?		
	(TN: Explanatory notes can be added to remind respondents of country-specific deductions.)		
	Please write in. The total monthly income of my household is on average (Rupees)		
BVQ_34	What is your current legal marital status? (Please choose one option)		
	1 Married	4	Divorced from spouse
	2 Civil Partnership	5	Widowed
	3 Separated from my spouse (but still legally married)	6	I have never been married
BVQ_35	In which country was your father born?		
	<TN: "Country" refers here to states only, not to sub-national regions or areas. If the father's country of birth does not exist anymore under the former name, please, write in the current term of the country where the birthplace is located.>		
	My father was born in.....		
BVQ_36	In which country was your mother born?		
	<TN: "Country" refers here to states only, not to sub-national regions or areas. If the mother's country of birth does not exist anymore under the former name, please, write in the current term of the country where the birthplace is located.>		
	My mother was born in.....		
BVQ_37	Would you describe the place where you live as... (Please choose one option)		
	1 A big city	4	A country village
	2 The suburbs or outskirts of a big city	5	A farm or home in the country
	3 A small city or town		