

APPENDIX – II

QUESTIONNAIRE

Schedule No: _____

Date: _____

“Career Aspirations and Academic Achievement among the College Students”: A Study from Colleges of Surat City”.

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I am pleased to share with you that the purpose of this communication is to place a special word of request to share your valuable time to fill up given below questions.

Please note that the information provided by you would be kept strictly confidential and would not be analyzed on an individual basis. The given information will help me to understand career aspirations of youth

Your kind cooperation and valuable support in my academic Endeavour shall be highly appreciated. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

College Name: _____

Name of the Faculty: _____

Name of the course: _____

Year and semester: _____

Self Financed or Grant In Aid

I - The Meaning in Life Questionnaire

Please take a moment to think **about what makes your life feel important** to you. Please respond to the following statements as truthfully and accurately as you can, and also please remember that these are very subjective statements and that there are no right or wrong answers. Please answer according to the scale below:

Sr. No.	Statements	Absolutely Untrue (1)	Mostly Untrue (2)	Some What Untrue (3)	Can't Say True or False (4)	Some what True (5)	Mostly True (6)	Absolutely True (7)
1.	I understand my life's Meaning							
2.	I am looking for something that makes my life feel meaningful							
3.	I am always looking to find my life's purpose							
4.	My life has a clear sense of purpose							
5.	I have a good sense of what makes my life meaningful							
6.	I have discovered a satisfying life purpose							
7.	I am always searching for something that makes my life feel significant							
8.	I am seeking a purpose of mission for my life							
9.	My life has no clear Purpose							
10.	I am searching for meaning in my life.							

Score: _____

Remarks: _____

II. Personal Demographic Data:

1. Name : _____
2. Gender :
3. Age Completed years: _____
4. Marital Status :
5. Caste :
6. Religion :
7. No. of siblings :
8. Type of family:
9. With whom are you staying at present?
10. Where :
11. Socio-economic status of Parents:

Particular	Father	Mother
Education		
Occupation		
Monthly Income		

Parent's Aspiration:

12. What do your parents wish you to become in life ? _____

13. Does your parents have confidence in your abilities and interest? ☐ 1 – Yes ☐ 2 – No

14. According to you, who has high ambitions for your career? ☐ 1 – Mother ☐ 2 – Father

15. Upto what level of education your parents expect you to study? ☐ 1 – Bachelor

☐ 2 – Master ☐ 3 – M.Phil ☐ 4 – Ph.D. ☐ 5 – Any other _____

16. Have you ever experienced change in their ambition for your study? ☐ 1 – Yes ☐ 2 – No

If yes, when?

☐ 1 - After 10th Std. result ☐ 2 – After 12th Std. result ☐ 3 – Any other pl. specify _____

17. Are you working at present? ☐ 0 – No ☐ 1 - Yes

(IF 'NO', THEN **MOVE TO NO. 23**)

18. If yes, then:

1 – Self Employed	2 – In family business	3 – Pvt. organizations
4 – Govt. Organisation	5 – Any other, pl. specify	

19. Type of the work done by you : _____

20. Total hours per day of work : _____

21. How many rupees do you earn per month? : In Rs. _____

22. Reasons for working?

1 – To get experience	2 – To manage expenses of study
3 – Want to continue job in hand	4 – To support family

Schooling :

23.

STANDARD 10th

12th/ Diploma

(OPTIONS ARE SAME AS OF 10th STD.)

a- Status of School				Status of School			
1 – Private & Grant in Aid	2 – Private/ Non-granted	3 – Central	4 – Municipal	1 – Private & Grant in Aid	2 – Private/ Non-granted	3 – Central	4 – Municipal
b – Medium of Instruction				Medium of Instruction			
1 – English	2 – Gujarati	Any other specify		1 – English	2 – Gujarati	Any other specify	
c – Place of Schooling & Name				Place of Schooling & Name			
1 – Urban	2 – Semi-Urban	3 – Rural		1 – Urban	2 – Semi-Urban	3 – Rural	
d – Board of Examination				Board of Examination			
1- Gujarat Board	2-CBSE	3-ICSCCE	Any other specify	1- Gujarat Board	2-CBSE	3-ICSCCE	Any other specify

Extra Curricular Activities :

24. Do you participate in extra curriculum activities (1 – Yes, 2 – No) []

If yes, please (✓) tick mark from the following (Multiple Marking)

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|---|----------|
| 1. Debate | [] |
| 2. Essay writing | [] |
| 3. Music & Drama / Youth Festival / Dancing | [] |
| 4. Quiz Contest | [] |
| 5. Sports and Games | [] |
| 6. Any other _____ | [] |

Present Course of Study :

25. Did you ever appear Entrance Test for admission in present degree course?

0 – No	1 – CPT	2 – AIEEE	3 – JEE
4 – PMT	5 – NATA	6 – Any other specify	

26. Are you pursuing the course of your first choice?

1 – Yes

2 – No

If No, then, what was the first choice of course? _____

27. Reason for not getting admission in first choice of course. [(✓) Tick mark applicable options]

- | | |
|---|---------|
| a. Lack of knowledge about admission procedure | [] |
| b. Lack of information on availability of course. | [] |
| c. Could not qualify minimum criteria required for admission. | [] |
| d. Higher level of fees structure | [] |
| e. Insufficient effort | [] |
| f. Parent did not allow to opt for | [] |
| g. Anything else, specify: _____ | [] |

28. Medium of instruction in College :

1 – Gujarati

2 – English

29. Quota on which admission is taken in present degree course :

1 – Merit	2 – SC	3 – ST	4 – OBC
5 – NRI	6 – Management	7 - Any other:	

30. Fee structure of your course: (In Rs.) Year wise _____ Semester wise _____

31. Who all among the following have advised you the most in choosing your educational course at degree level? (Can have multiple choice)

1 - Parent's Ambition	2 – Peers/ friends	3 – Your ability & interest
4 – Media	5 – Your own ambitions	6 – Aptitude Report
7 - % in 12th Std.	8 – Siblings (Brothers-Sisters)	9 – Teachers of the School
10 - Any body else		

Economic constraints in study (32 to 35) :

32. Have you ever felt economic constraints for pursuing studies?

1 – Yes

2– No

33. When?

1 – Schooling till 10th

2 – Higher Secondary

3 – College level education

34. For what purpose?

1 – Fees

2 – Books

3 – For Tuitions Fees

4 – Any other pl. Specify

35. Have you taken financial help from any scheme of :

1 – Government	2 – Private Institutions	3 – Trust	4 – Bank
5 – Own Community Fund	6 – College	7 - Any other specify:	

36. Rank the following (first three)

Perception of education
(a) A ladder to success
(b) Helps to live better life
(c) To get identity in society
(d) Securing high marks in the exams
(e) Procuring a good job
(f) Enhancing rational choices
(g) Any other

37. Rank the following (first three)

Meaning of achievement in study
(a) Securing first position in college/ University
(b) getting good grade
(c) procuring high salary job
(d) Not getting ATKT
(e) Enhancing knowledge and skills
(f) Having degree certificate
(g) To acquire status in society
(h) Any other

38. Secured percentage:

<i>Standard</i>	<i>Obtained percentage and/ or grade</i>
Standard 10th	
Standard 12th	
First year of college	
Second year of college	
Third year of college	
First Bachelor degree/ Diploma	

39. Did you ever have ATKT?

1 – Yes

2 – No

40. I wish to achieve _____ % in final year because.....

1 - to get job	2 – To get admission in good college for master degree	3 – To get admission in good course to pursue master degree
4 – Helpful in going abroad	5 – Helpful in getting good life partner	Any other:

41. Given an opportunity would you like to change your present course of study? []

1 – Yes

2 – No

If yes, what would you like to pursue : _____

42. What assistance do you wish from college to achieve higher level of result/ % / grade in general?

Options : _____

43. According to you, which are the problem of present education system?

44. According to you, what should be criteria for admission in Higher Education?

(1) Examination result	(2) Caste certificate	(3) Religion certificate
(4) Language certificate	(5) Economic condition	(6) Any other

45. According to you, what should be criteria for scholarship in Higher Education?

(1) Examination result	(2) Caste certificate	(3) Religion certificate
(4) Language certificate	(5) Economic condition	(6) Any other

Future Plans:

46. What will you do after graduation? []

1 – Further study	2 – Job	3 – Job with Studies	4 – Join family business
5 – Start own business	6 – Not decided	7 – Marriage	
8 - Anything else specify : _____			

47. Up to what level of study do you aspire to do ? []

1 – Master	2 – M.Phil	3 – Ph.D.	
4 – PG Diploma/ Certificate/ Professional Courses	5 – Not sure	6 - Others	

48. Where would you like to pursue masters/ PG Diploma/ Certificate/ Professional Course? []

1 – Surat	2 – Gujarat	3 – Other State
4– Outside India specify : _____	5– Any other specify _____	

49. In which field? []

1 – Same as graduation	2 – Field other than graduation _____
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50. Have you changed career plans during the course of study? []

1 – Yes

2 – No

If yes, 1 – after 12th Std. 2 – At any other level specify []

51. Who among the following have influenced your future plan? []

1 - College Institution	2 – Teachers	3 – Job Market	4 – Family
5 – Independently-Self	6 – Friends	7 – Media	8 – Career Exhibition
9 - Versatile Personality	10 - Other		

52. Are you preparing at present for any competitive exam? []

1 – Yes

2 – No

If yes, tick (✓) from the following:

UPSC	[]	CAT/ MAT	[]	ILETS	[]	GPSC	[]
Law Entrance	[]	GATE	[]	IAS	[]	TAT	[]
IPS	[]	TOFEL	[]	GSAT	[]	CPT	[]
Any other	[]						

Job Prospects :

53. Does your college have placement cell? 1 – Yes 2 – No []

54. Are you aware about available job opportunities after completion of your present study? []

1 – Yes

2 – No

55. Are you aware about the job tasks that you are expected to perform in your job? []

1 – Yes

2 – No

56. Do you feel that you will get job after your present study? []

1 – Yes

2 – No

If yes, reasons for getting job : _____

If no, reasons for not getting job : _____

57. Where would your prefer to do job? []

1 – Your home town	2 – Anywhere in Gujarat	3 – Anywhere in India
4 – Abroad	5 – Any other specify : _____	

CAREER GUIDANCE :

58. Have you ever attended any career guidance program? []

1 – Yes

2 – No

(a) If yes, when?

1 – Before 10th Std.

2 – Between 11th and 12th Std.

3 – During college years

(b) Was that guidance program useful in any way? (1) Yes (2) No []

(c) If yes, in what way? _____

59. What type of information do you expect from such program?

60. Do you feel that Career Guidance Program related to career options would have made difference in your career choice? []

1 – Yes

2 – No

61. Have you ever felt that you had a limited knowledge about career options? []

1 – Yes

2 – No

If yes, When?

1 – After 10th Std.

2 – After 12th Std.

3 – During Graduation

62. Have you ever appeared any of the following for deciding career? []

1 – Yes

2 – No

If yes, then,

1 – Aptitude Test	2 – Interest Test	3 – IQ Test
4 – Personality Test	5 – Any other specify : _____	

63. Do you feel that there is need for availability of career guidance service? []

1 – Yes

2 – No



1 – at secondary level
2 – at higher secondary level
3 – In college at undergraduate level

64. Meaning of Career to you (multiple choice) []

1 - Completing master degree	2 - Job Satisfaction	3 - Get Job related education
4 - Going abroad for job	5 - Get highly salaried job	6 - Get government job
7 - Working with Multi National Company	8 - To get Job in local private company	9 - Any other

III. OCCUPATIONAL ASPIRATION SCALE :

1. Of the jobs listed in this questions, which one is the BEST ONE you are REALLY SURE YOUR CAN GET when your COLLEGE is over?

1. Lawyer
2. Agriculture Inspector
3. Doctor
4. Primary School Teacher
5. Diplomat in the Indian Foreign Service

6. Barber
7. Psychologist
8. Motor Mechanic
9. Traveling salesman for a wholesale firm
10. Postman

2. Of the jobs listed in this question which one would you choose if you were FREE TO CHOOSE ANY of them you wished when your College is over?

1. Government Contractor
2. Insurance Agent
3. Member of Parliament
4. Clerk in an Office
5. State Governor

6. Maid Servant
7. Owner-Operator of a Printing Press
8. Electrician
9. Priest (Pujari)
10. Truck Driver

3. Of the jobs listed in this question which one would you choose if you were FREE TO CHOOSE ANY of them you wished when your College is over?

1. Airline Hostess
2. Trained Machinist
3. Captain in the Army
4. Midwife (Dai)
5. Supreme Court Justice

6. Restaurant Waiter
7. Instrumental Musician
8. Machine Operator in Factory
9. Librarian
10. Plumber

4. Of the jobs listed in this question which one would you choose if you were FREE TO CHOOSE ANY of them you wished when your College is over?

1. Novelist
2. Soldier in the Army
3. Bank Manager
4. Taxi Driver
5. Cabinet Minister in the Central Government

6. Petrol Pump Attendant
7. Artist who paints pictures
8. Lady village level worker (Gram Sevika)
9. Photographer
10. Coal-Miner

5. Of the jobs listed in this question which is the BEST ONE you are REALLY SURE YOU CAN HAVE by the time you are 30 years old?

1. Dentist
2. Physical Education Instructor
3. Scientist
4. Carpenter
5. Chairman of a Large Municipality

6. Wood Cutter
7. News-Paper Correspondent
8. Bus Driver
9. Steno-Typist to an Officer
10. Farm-Worker

6. Of the jobs listed in this question which is the ONE would you choose to have when you are 30 years old, if you were FREE TO HAVE ANY of them you wished?

1. Accountant for a large Govt. Office
2. Revenue Record Keeper (Patwari)
3. College Lecturer
4. Fishermen
5. Director of a department in State Government

6. Night Watchman (Chaukidar)
7. Radio Announcer
8. Police Constable
9. Receptionist
10. Railway Signal-man

7. Of the jobs listed in this question which is the BEST ONE you are REALLY SURE YOU CAN HAVE by the time you are 30 years old?

1. Chemist
2. Nurse
3. Owner of a farm or factory which employs 100 people
4. Shop Attendant
5. District Magistrate

6. Shoe-Shiner
7. Commercial Artist
8. Typist
9. Social Welfare Worker
10. Cloth Presser in a Laundry

8. Of the jobs listed in this question which ONE would you choose to have when you are 30 years old, if you were FREE TO HAVE ANY of them you wished?

1. Farm Owner and Operator
2. Railway Guard
3. Engineer
4. Door-to-door salesman of Home Products
5. Airline Pilot

6. Sweeper
7. Owner of a small hotel
8. Tailor
9. Cashier in a Firm
10. Restaurant Cook

Scoring: _____

Remarks: _____

Career Anxiety Inventory:

No.	Item	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
1.	I feel worried when I think about actually deciding for definite career					
2.	I feel fearless when I think about actually deciding for sure career					
3.	I feel nervous when I think about actually deciding for sure career.					
4.	I feel happy with my career decision					
5.	I feel loose when I think about actually deciding for definite career					
6.	I feel calm when I think about sure career					
7.	I feel anxious when I think about actually deciding for sure career					
8.	I feel enlighten about type of work I want to do when I get out of college					

Scoring: _____

Remarks: _____S