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Ref. No:

Name:  
Address:

FOR THOSE WHOSE HOME ADDRESS HAS CHANGED

New Address.....  
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University **TYUNIUI**

PLEASE COMPLETE EITHER BY WRITING OR BY RINGING THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER

**YEUNIUI**

A. UNIVERSITY AND COURSE

1. a. What first degree are you aiming for?

**FACULTYU1**

b. Principal subject \_\_\_\_\_

Ancillary/Subsidiary subjects, if any  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. How long does this first degree course last?

\_\_\_\_\_ years

3. a. Looking back at those who helped you  
decide which degree to study, who helped  
you the most, if anyone?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. Have you changed your degree course  
since you started?

yes                      1  
no                         0

(If 'yes')

c. Why did you change?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. a. Which Universities or Colleges accepted you  
(provisionally or otherwise)?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. Which other Universities or Colleges did you apply to?

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c. If you did not apply to Oxford or Cambridge, were there any special reasons for this?

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**B. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

5. How would you rate the help your school gave you in your choice of University?

- very much help 1
- adequate help 2
- less than adequate help 3
- very little or no help 4

SCHCCU1  
SCLIPU1

6. a. Now you are here, do you think you would have preferred any other University to this one?

- yes 1
- no 0
- undecided y

(If 'yes' or 'undecided')

b. What University would you or might you have preferred?

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c. In what ways do you think it would be preferable?

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7. FAMHAU1 POXU1		insufficient knowledge	delighted	glad on the whole	in two minds	opposed
a.	i. How do you think your mother felt about your plans to take a University course, before you were actually accepted?					
	ii. How do you think she feels now?					
	iii. How does she feel about the subject or subjects you have chosen to study?					
b.	i. How do you think your father felt about your plans to take a University course, before you were actually accepted?					
	ii. How do you think he feels now?					
	iii. How does he feel about the subject or subjects you have chosen to study?					

8. a. At what stage of your school career did you first think of doing your present course?

before 'O' levels 1

after 'O' levels  
but before 'A' 2

later 3

other AGCOU1

9. a. Now that you are here are you glad that you have come?

yes, very glad 1

yes, moderately so 2

about equally glad and  
sorry that I came 3

no, I'm having second  
thoughts 4

no, I wish I hadn't come 5

other, namely \_\_\_\_\_

b. Please explain why you feel like this?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. a. In what ways was your school (or technical college) successful in preparing you for life at the University?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. In what ways was your school (or technical college) unsuccessful in preparing you for life at the University?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. a. What do you like most about University life?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. What do you like least? OPUDISU1

OPUSLU1

OPUGENU1

OPUCOUU1

OPUILU1

IATSCU1

IAHUMU1

IAPOLU1

IAFICTU1

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. In what ways is it different from what you expected?

IACREATU1

IASOCUU1

IAODRU1

IAREUU1

IASIOU1

IASOOU1

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. a. What career do you think you will take up later? (e.g. lawyer, research, civil service, business admin.)

FTCRMU1

FCRGU1

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. Will this involve any post-graduate work, either at the University or elsewhere?

	yes	1
<u>PGWKU1</u>	no	0
	undecided	y

(If 'yes' or 'undecided')

c. What further certificate, diploma or degree might you take?

TPGWU1

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. If you hadn't been accepted by a University, what career would you have wanted to take up?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. i. We are interested to know what you think about the functions of a University course and their relative importance.

How would you rate the importance of the following aspects or functions of such a course?

Please tick the appropriate column.

		very important	important	not very important	unimportant
a. to broaden one's outlook	FUINTU1				
b. to help one socially	FUSOCU1				
c. to train one for a specific job or profession	FUJOBU1				
d. to enjoy oneself	FUSOCU1				
e. to meet a wide variety of different people	IFUINTU1				
f. to give one a chance to read widely	IFUJOBU1				
g. to train one's mind					
h. to improve one's knowledge and conversation					
i. to improve one's earning capacity					
j. to give one time to decide on one's career					
k. to join many societies					
l. to get a good degree					
m. to meet people who may be useful in later life					
n. to give one a chance to meet and talk with students reading other disciplines					
o. to meet lecturers who have a profound knowledge of your subject					

ii. We are also interested to know which of these functions you think is most important to you in getting a good job. Please write the letters of the three you regard as the most important –

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### C. WORK AND ACTIVITIES

15. a. Have you actually had to give up some activity because of work this term?     yes             1  
   no                 0

(If 'yes')

b. What was it? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

16. a. Compared with your fellow students, about how much time do you spend on social activities (bridge, sport, clubs, coffee etc.)?

very much more than most            1  
more than most                            2  
about the same as most                3  
less than most                              4

b. What social activities do you spend most time on? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

17. Please answer the following questions by ticking the appropriate column.

WKHABU1

	always	frequently	sometimes	seldom	never
i. When reading do you find that you reach a point where you are mechanically registering the actual words rather than their meaning?					
ii. Are you prevented from study by visitors or friends dropping in?					
iii. When you have set aside a time for study, do you have difficulty in settling down to it?					
iv. Have you been handicapped by illness while studying?					
v. Do you find yourself too tired or listless to study efficiently?					
vi. Do you find prolonged study gives rise to headaches?					
vii. Do you actively participate in discussions during tutorials?					
viii. Do you find difficulty in expressing your ideas?					
ix. Are you conscientious about writing up lecture notes while the subject matter is fresh in your mind?					
x. Do you find difficulty in concentrating your attention on the subject matter of lectures?					
xi. Do you spend an undue amount of time at the beginning of each examination paper before you 'get into your stride'?					
xii. Do you find more difficulty in expressing your ideas under examination conditions than in ordinary written work?					
xiii. Do you find difficulty during examinations in portioning out your effort to cover the minimum number of questions adequately?					
xiv. Do you feel that your examination performance is lowered by 'examination nerves' or anxiety?					
ATWKU1					
18.	definitely yes	yes, on the whole	sometimes, yes	no, on the whole	definitely no
i. Do you work better under a fairly rigid timetable imposed from above, as opposed to planning your own study time?					
ii. Is your knowledge of a subject structured as opposed to a loosely organised collection of facts and ideas?					
iii. Are your studies more of a grind than an enlightening experience for you?					
iv. Do you find tutorials worth the time spent on them?					
v. Do you think tutorials merely serve as a platform for the verbalistically competent 'empty vessels' of the student body?					
vi. Do you spend more time on your weak subjects than on the others?					

D. TIMETABLE OF WORK

19. In an average week how many hours do you spend on the following?

a. Teaching *(including lectures, tutorials, discussion groups etc.)*

HTWU1 \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week

b. Practicals

HTPU1 \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week

c. Private study *(including time spent in the Library)*

HWPWU1 \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week

20. a. Do you have to study in the evening?

THWWU1    yes                      1  
                  no                            0

*(If 'yes')*

b. How many evenings did you study for one hour or more last week?

NEWU1 \_\_\_\_\_ evenings

21. What is the smallest teaching group you attend?

individual tutorials            1  
TGSU1 2 – 4                      2  
          5 – 9                         3  
          10 – 19                        4  
          20 or more                    5

22. As compared with the other students in your year, would you describe yourself as having at this University –

more friends than most      1  
an average number of  
friends                              2  
less friends than most        3

*(N.B. By friends we mean people who you meet outside working hours, who are more than acquaintances.)*

23. a. Are you particularly friendly with anyone from the same degree course as yours?

yes                                    1  
no                                        0

*(If 'yes')*

b. Do you discuss work –

almost always when together    1  
fairly often                            2  
not very often                         3  
very seldom                            4  
never                                        5

E. PERSONAL INFORMATION    WLIVU1

*(This section, and indeed all this questionnaire, is entirely confidential)*

24. Where are you living at the moment?

home                                      1  
College/Hostel/Hall of  
Residence                               2  
digs with food                         3  
digs without food                      4  
flat supervised by the  
University                                5  
other flat                                 6  
other, namely \_\_\_\_\_

25. Do you have a room of your own to study in?

ORMU1  
yes                                         1  
no    0

26. a. Have you any wish to change your present living arrangements this year?

WCGEU1  
yes                                         1  
no    0

*(If 'yes')*

b. Why do you wish to change?

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27. How long does it take you to get from your normal residence to the University *(one way only)*?

TIMUU1 \_\_\_\_\_ mins.

live on the spot                      y

28. How much do your parents contribute to your expenses at the University? **PCONTU1**

- they contribute everything 1
- more than half 2
- less than half 3
- pocket money only 4
- nothing 5

29. What financial strain, if any, was it for your parents to continue your education in the 6th Form? **PAR6U1**

- considerable 1
- heavy 2
- slight 3
- none 4

30. a. Matched against other undergraduates, how much would you say that you had to spend? **SPENDU1**

- as much 1
- more 2
- less 3

b. Would you describe yourself as – **RSPENDU1**

- definitely short, having to cut down on essentials 1
- rather pinched 2
- able to manage alright 3
- having sufficient for a few extras 4

**F. BOOKS AND NEWSPAPERS**

31. In the last four weeks, what types of books, if any, have you read (*excluding work ones*)? (*Circle more than one number if necessary*)

- novels 1
- crime 2
- science fiction 3
- biography 4
- history 5
- other, namely \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ none 0

32. a. Do you read any daily papers regularly?

- yes 1
- no 0

(If 'yes')

b. Which ones?

**NPRSU1**

33. a. Do you read any Sunday papers regularly?

- yes 1
- no 0

(If 'yes')

b. Which ones?

**SUNPRSU1**

34. a. Do you read any weekly/monthly/quarterly magazines regularly?

- yes 1
- no 0

(If 'yes')

b. Which ones? \_\_\_\_\_

35. What are your hobbies now, if any?

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

36. What clubs, if any, do you attend regularly?

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

37. How else do you spend your spare time?

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**G. VACATION WORK**

38. Did you do a vac job at Christmas?
- |                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| yes                     | 1 |
| for <u>XMJBUI</u> weeks |   |
| no                      | 0 |
39. a. Did you do any studying during the Christmas vac?
- |     |   |
|-----|---|
| yes | 1 |
| no  | 0 |
- b. How many hours per week? XMSDYUI hrs.
- For how many weeks? \_\_\_\_\_ wks.
40. a. Do you hope to do a vac job in the summer?
- |     |   |
|-----|---|
| yes | 1 |
| no  | 0 |

(If 'yes')

b. What job do you hope for?

SUMJBU1

c. Why do you want it?

JBREAU1

d. How long do you hope to have it for?

LJOBUI weeks

**H. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

41. a. Have you lost time from your studies since October? ABOCTUI
- |                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| yes through illness    | 1 |
| yes, for other reasons | 2 |
| no                     | 0 |

(If 'yes')

b. How long have you been away?

HLAWUI

42. a. Have you seen your family doctor since October?

yes	<u>DRVSTSU1</u>
no	0

(If 'yes')

b. How many times? \_\_\_\_\_

c. What did you go about?

43. a. Does this University have a Student Health Service?

yes	1	<u>SHSUU1</u>
no	0	

(If 'yes')

b. Are you registered with them?

yes	1	<u>RSHSU1</u>
no	0	

(If 'yes')

c. Have you been to see them?

yes	1	<u>SHSVSTU1</u>
no	0	

(If 'yes')

d. How many times? \_\_\_\_\_

e. What have you been about?

44. a. Have you felt the need to go to anyone for advice on a personal problem since the start of your course?

yes	1
no	0

(If 'yes')

b. To whom did you go?

PPROBU1

45. a. Do you have trouble with your sleep?

yes	1	<u>SLEEPUI</u>
no	0	

(If 'yes')

b. What sort of trouble do you have?

(If necessary circle more than one number)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| difficulty in getting off to sleep  | 1 |
| waking up during the night and not being able to get off to sleep again quickly | 2 |
| unpleasant dreams or nightmares   | 3 |
| waking too early in the morning and staying awake                               | 4 |
| sleeping all right but still feeling tired in the morning                       | 5 |

other, namely \_\_\_\_\_



46. a. Is your sight normal in both eyes?

yes **SIGHTU1** 1  
no 0

(If 'no')

b. Are you –

long sighted 1  
short sighted 2  
other, namely **SDFTU1**

c. Have you ever had a squint?

**SQUINTU1**  
yes 1  
no 0

d. Have you ever had astigmatism?

yes **ASTIGU1** 1  
no 0

47. Try and decide whether 'yes' or 'no' is how you usually feel and then circle the 'yes' or the 'no' like this: (no). If you find it quite impossible to decide, then circle the '?', like this: (?). However don't use the question-mark unless you feel you have to. Work quickly and don't spend too much time on any question, we want your first reaction.

Don't leave any questions out. There are no right or wrong answers – this isn't a test of intelligence, it is simply to give us an idea of how you feel and behave.

**MPIEXU1**

i. Are you happiest when you get involved in some project that calls for rapid action? Yes ? No

ii. Do you sometimes feel happy, sometimes depressed, without any apparent reason? Yes ? No

iii. Does your mind often wander while you are trying to concentrate? Yes ? No

**MPIINU1**

iv. Do you usually take the initiative in making new friends? Yes ? No

v. Are you inclined to be quick and sure in your actions? Yes ? No

vi. Are you frequently 'lost in thought' even when supposed to be taking part in a conversation? Yes ? No

vii. Are you sometimes bubbling over with energy and sometimes very sluggish? Yes ? No

viii. Would you rate yourself as a lively individual? Yes ? No

ix. Would you be very unhappy if you were prevented from making numerous social contacts? Yes ? No

x. Are you inclined to be moody? Yes ? No

xi. Do you have frequent ups and downs in mood, either with or without apparent cause? Yes ? No

xii. Do you prefer action to planning for action? Yes ? No

## I. GENERAL HEALTH

48. a. The last accident we have recorded for you was **ACCSU1** in 19\_\_.

Have you had any accident since then, in which you were burnt or scalded, you broke a bone, you were badly cut or bruised or injured by a chemical?

yes 1  
no 0

(If 'yes')

b. Please give the following details about each accident, starting with the earliest:

	Type of injury (enter as BURN, SCALD, BROKEN BONE, CUT, etc.)	Part or parts injured	Age when injured (in years and months)	Treatment Hos. I.P, Hos. O.P, Nursing Home, Own Home	If treated in own home, who gave treatment? (Doctor, Nurse, other)	Details of remaining scarring, disability or deformity
First Accident 1						
Second 2						
Number of accident as given above	DETAILS of how each ACCIDENT OCCURRED (if burnt by fire say whether electric, gas, open fire or oil stove)				Where it occurred (own home, school, street, etc.,)	
First Accident 1						
Second 2						

49. a. The last hospital admission recorded for you was \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a hospital in-patient since then?

yes 1

no 0

(If 'yes' please give)

b. Name of hospital **HOADU1**

c. Date of admission \_\_\_\_\_

d. The nature of the illness or operation \_\_\_\_\_

e. The length of your stay in hospital \_\_\_\_\_

f. The name of the Doctor in charge of you in hospital \_\_\_\_\_

50. a. Since October 1962 have you attended a hospital out-patient dept.

yes 1

no 0

**HOOPU1**

(If 'yes' please give)

b. Name of hospital \_\_\_\_\_

c. Date of first attendance \_\_\_\_\_

d. Reason for attendance \_\_\_\_\_

51. a. Since October 1962 have you attended a clinic?

yes 1

no 0

(If 'yes' please give) **CLINICU1**

b. Name of clinic \_\_\_\_\_

c. Date of first attendance \_\_\_\_\_

d. Reason for attendance \_\_\_\_\_

52. What has being at the University meant to you in terms of your relationships with those here and at home?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
Special Queries from Earlier Surveys

**COMPU1**