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On the following pages you are asked to rank statements on the basis of how well they describe the job of:

Statements about this job are in groups of five. You are asked to consider *each group of five individually* and rank the five statements in terms of *how well they describe the job*, using the numbers "1" to "5." Then go to the next group of five statements and make the same kind of ranking.

For example, your answers on a group of statements might look like this:

Workers on this job . . .

- 4 get full credit for the work they do.
- 3 are of service to other people.
- 1 have freedom to use their own judgment.
- 5 do new and original things on their own.
- 2 have the chance to get ahead.

This means that, of the five statements, you consider "have freedom to use their own judgment" as most descriptive of the job; "have the chance to get ahead" as the next most descriptive statement; and so on.

You will find some of these comparisons more difficult to make than others, but it is important that you rank **every statement** in each group.

All information will be held in strictest confidence.

Please rank the five statements in each group on the basis of how well they describe the job mentioned on the third page. Write a "1" by the statement which best describes the job; write a "2" by the statement which provides the next best description; continue ranking all five statements, using a "5" for the statement which describes the job least well.

Workers on this job . . .

- _____ are busy all the time.
 - _____ have work where they do things for other people.
 - _____ try out their own ideas.
 - _____ are paid well in comparison with other workers.
 - _____ have opportunities for advancement.
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Workers on this job . . .

- _____ have work where they do things for other people.
 - _____ have something different to do every day.
 - _____ get a feeling of accomplishment.
 - _____ have bosses who train their workers well.
 - _____ have a company which administers its policies fairly.
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Workers on this job . . .

- _____ do work without feeling that it is morally wrong.
 - _____ have bosses who back up their workers (with top management).
 - _____ have something different to do every day.
 - _____ make use of their individual abilities.
 - _____ are busy all the time.
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Workers on this job . . .

- _____ have a company which administers its policies fairly.
 - _____ try out their own ideas.
 - _____ make use of their individual abilities.
 - _____ have co-workers who are easy to make friends with.
 - _____ have the position of "somebody" in the community.
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Workers on this job . . .

- _____ have bosses who train their workers well.
 - _____ plan their work with little supervision.
 - _____ have bosses who back up their workers (with top management).
 - _____ try out their own ideas.
 - _____ have good working conditions.
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Workers on this job . . .

- _____ receive recognition for the work they do.
 - _____ do work without feeling that it is morally wrong.
 - _____ plan their work with little supervision.
 - _____ have work where they do things for other people.
 - _____ have co-workers who are easy to make friends with.
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Workers on this job . . .

- _____ have bosses who back up their workers (with top management).
 - _____ have a company which administers its policies fairly.
 - _____ are paid well in comparison with other workers.
 - _____ receive recognition for the work they do.
 - _____ tell other workers what to do.
-

Workers on this job . . .

- _____ have something different to do every day.
 - _____ have co-workers who are easy to make friends with.
 - _____ make decisions on their own.
 - _____ have good working conditions.
 - _____ are paid well in comparison with other workers.
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Workers on this job . . .

- _____ make use of their individual abilities.
 - _____ tell other workers what to do.
 - _____ have good working conditions.
 - _____ have steady employment.
 - _____ have work where they do things for other people.
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Workers on this job . . .

- _____ make decisions on their own.
 - _____ are busy all the time.
 - _____ have steady employment.
 - _____ have a company which administers its policies fairly.
 - _____ plan their work with little supervision.
-

Workers on this job . . .

- _____ get a feeling of accomplishment.
 - _____ make decisions on their own.
 - _____ tell other workers what to do.
 - _____ do work without feeling that it is morally wrong.
 - _____ try out their own ideas.
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Workers on this job . . .

- _____ have co-workers who are easy to make friends with.
 - _____ have steady employment.
 - _____ have opportunities for advancement.
 - _____ have bosses who back up their workers (with top management).
 - _____ get a feeling of accomplishment.
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Workers on this job . . .

- _____ plan their work with little supervision.
 - _____ have opportunities for advancement.
 - _____ have the position of "somebody" in the community.
 - _____ tell other workers what to do.
 - _____ have something different to do every day.
-

Workers on this job . . .

- _____ are paid well in comparison with other workers.
 - _____ get a feeling of accomplishment.
 - _____ do their work alone.
 - _____ plan their work with little supervision.
 - _____ make use of their individual abilities.
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Workers on this job . . .

- _____ tell other workers what to do.
 - _____ have bosses who train their workers well.
 - _____ have co-workers who are easy to make friends with.
 - _____ are busy all the time.
 - _____ do their work alone.
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Workers on this job . . .

- _____ have steady employment.
 - _____ are paid well in comparison with other workers.
 - _____ have bosses who train their workers well.
 - _____ have the position of "somebody" in the community.
 - _____ do work without feeling that it is morally wrong.
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Workers on this job . . .

- _____do their work alone.
 - _____have the position of "somebody" in the community.
 - _____have work where they do things for other people.
 - _____have bosses who back up their workers (with top management).
 - _____make decisions on their own.
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Workers on this job . . .

- _____try out their own ideas.
 - _____receive recognition for the work they do.
 - _____have something different to do every day.
 - _____do their work alone.
 - _____have steady employment.
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Workers on this job . . .

- _____have opportunities for advancement.
 - _____make use of their individual abilities.
 - _____receive recognition for the work they do.
 - _____make decisions on their own.
 - _____have bosses who train their workers well.
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Workers on this job . . .

- _____have good working conditions.
 - _____do their work alone.
 - _____have a company which administers its policies fairly.
 - _____have opportunities for advancement.
 - _____do work without feeling that it is morally wrong.
-

Please rank these five statements.

Workers on this job . . .

- _____ have the position of "somebody" in the community.
 - _____ have good working conditions.
 - _____ are busy all the time.
 - _____ get a feeling of accomplishment.
 - _____ receive recognition for the work they do.
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On the rest of this page we are asking you to do something different. This time, consider each statement individually and decide whether or not it describes the job.

—If you think that the statement describes the job, circle "Yes."

—If you think that the statement does not describe the job, circle "No."

Workers on this job . . .	Circle your answer for each statement	
1. make use of their individual abilities	Yes	No
2. get a feeling of accomplishment	Yes	No
3. are busy all the time	Yes	No
4. have opportunities for advancement	Yes	No
5. tell other workers what to do	Yes	No
6. have a company which administers its policies fairly	Yes	No
7. are paid well in comparison with other workers	Yes	No
8. have co-workers who are easy to make friends with	Yes	No
9. try out their own ideas	Yes	No
10. do their work alone	Yes	No
11. do work without feeling that it is morally wrong	Yes	No
12. receive recognition for the work they do	Yes	No
13. make decisions on their own	Yes	No
14. have steady employment	Yes	No
15. have work where they do things for other people	Yes	No
16. have the position of "somebody" in the community	Yes	No
17. have bosses who back up their workers (with top management)	Yes	No
18. have bosses who train their workers well	Yes	No
19. have something different to do every day	Yes	No
20. have good working conditions	Yes	No
21. plan their work with little supervision	Yes	No

please continue on the next page

The purpose of this questionnaire is to give you a chance to tell **how you feel about your present job**, what things you are **satisfied** with and what things you are **not satisfied** with.

On the basis of your answers and those of people like you, we hope to get a better understanding of the things people **like and dislike about their jobs**.

On the next page you will find statements about your **present job**.

- Read each statement carefully.
- Decide **how satisfied you feel about the aspect of your job** described by the statement.

Keeping the statement in mind:

—if you feel that your job gives you **more than you expected**, check the box under **"Very Sat."** (Very Satisfied);

—if you feel that your job gives you **what you expected**, check the box under **"Sat."** (Satisfied);

—if you **cannot make up your mind** whether or not the job gives you what you expected, check the box under **"N"** (Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied);

—if you feel that your job gives you **less than you expected**, check the box under **"Dissat."** (Dissatisfied);

—if you feel that your job gives you **much less than you expected**, check the box under **"Very Dissat."** (Very Dissatisfied).

- Remember: Keep the statement in mind when deciding **how satisfied you feel about that aspect of your job**.
- Do this for **all** statements. Please answer **every** item.

Be frank and honest. Give a true picture of your feelings about your **present job**.

Ask yourself: How satisfied am I with this aspect of my job?

Very Sat. means I am very satisfied with this aspect of my job.

Sat. means I am satisfied with this aspect of my job.

N means I can't decide whether I am satisfied or not with this aspect of my job.

Dissat. means I am dissatisfied with this aspect of my job.

Very Dissat. means I am very dissatisfied with this aspect of my job.

On my present job, this is how I feel about . . .	Very Dissat.	Dissat.	N	Sat.	Very Sat.
1. Being able to keep busy all the time	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2. The chance to work alone on the job	<input type="checkbox"/>				
3. The chance to do different things from time to time	<input type="checkbox"/>				
4. The chance to be "somebody" in the community	<input type="checkbox"/>				
5. The way my boss handles his/her workers	<input type="checkbox"/>				
6. The competence of my supervisor in making decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>				
7. Being able to do things that don't go against my conscience	<input type="checkbox"/>				
8. The way my job provides for steady employment	<input type="checkbox"/>				
9. The chance to do things for other people	<input type="checkbox"/>				
10. The chance to tell people what to do	<input type="checkbox"/>				
11. The chance to do something that makes use of my abilities	<input type="checkbox"/>				
12. The way company policies are put into practice	<input type="checkbox"/>				
13. My pay and the amount of work I do	<input type="checkbox"/>				
14. The chances for advancement on this job	<input type="checkbox"/>				
15. The freedom to use my own judgment	<input type="checkbox"/>				
16. The chance to try my own methods of doing the job	<input type="checkbox"/>				
17. The working conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>				
18. The way my co-workers get along with each other	<input type="checkbox"/>				
19. The praise I get for doing a good job	<input type="checkbox"/>				
20. The feeling of accomplishment I get from the job	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	Very Dissat.	Dissat.	N	Sat.	Very Sat.

please continue on the back page

Please answer the following questions about yourself . . .

Do you supervise people working in the occupation of:

_____?

No

Yes — How long have you been a supervisor of people working in this occupation? _____years _____months

— How many workers do you usually supervise in this occupation? _____ How many are women? _____

How well do you feel you know the characteristics of this occupation? (circle one number)

<i>not very</i>		<i>fairly</i>			<i>very</i>	
<i>well</i>		<i>well</i>			<i>well</i>	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

How long have you been employed in your occupation?

_____years, _____months

Are you self-employed? Yes No

Are you a member of a labor union? Yes No

Are you a member of a professional association? Yes No

Your age? _____ Your sex? Male Female

Your job title _____

Please circle the number of years of schooling you have completed in each category.

Grade and High School	Business or Trade School	College (including graduate and professional school)
7 8 9 10 11 12	0 1 2 3 4 5	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

On the preceding pages you answered questions about the characteristics of the occupation written at the top of this page. Please list below any other characteristics which you think make people satisfied or not satisfied in that occupation.

Thank you very much for your assistance