1. Here is a list of things some people do during elections. Which, if any, did you do during the most recent general election in May 2005?

Did you:

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a. ... talk to other people to persuade them to vote for a particular party or candidate?  

b. ... show your support for a particular party or candidate by, for example, attending a meeting, putting up a poster, or in some other way?  

(1) (2) (3) (4)

2. During the last campaign did a candidate or anyone from a political party contact you to persuade you to vote for them?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

(✓)

Yes (1)  
No (2)

3. What do you think has been the most important issue facing Britain over the last four years?

**PLEASE WRITE IN:**

4. And thinking about that issue, how good or bad a job do you think the UK government in Westminster has done over the past four years. Has it done...

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

(✓)

... a very good job, (1)  
a good job, (2)  
a bad job, (3)  
or a very bad job? (4)

5. Now thinking about the performance of the UK government in Westminster in general, how good or bad a job do you think the UK government in Westminster has done over the past four years. Has it done...

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

(✓)

... a very good job, (1)  
a good job, (2)  
a bad job, (3)  
or a very bad job? (4)
6. On the whole, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Britain? Are you…

*PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY*

- very satisfied, □ (1)
- fairly satisfied, □ (2)
- not very satisfied, □ (3)
- not at all satisfied? □ (4)

7. Some people say it makes a difference who is in power. Others say that it doesn’t make a difference who is in power. Using the scale below, (where ONE means that it makes a difference who is in power and FIVE means that it doesn’t make a difference who is in power), where would you place yourself?

*PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY*

- It makes a difference who is in power
- It doesn’t make a difference who is in power

8. Some people say that no matter who people vote for, it won’t make any difference to what happens. Others say that who people vote for can make a difference to what happens. Using the scale below, (where ONE means that voting won’t make a difference to what happens and FIVE means that voting can make a difference), where would you place yourself?

*PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY*

- Who people vote for won’t make a difference
- Who people vote for can make a difference

9. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

“Democracy may have problems but it’s better than any other form of government.”

*PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY*

- Agree strongly, □ (1)
- Agree, □ (2)
- Disagree, □ (3)
- Disagree strongly, □ (4)
10. Thinking back to the previous general election in 2001, do you remember which party you voted for then, or perhaps you didn’t vote in that election?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

Didn’t vote/too young/not eligible [ ]

**Voted:**
- Conservative [ ]
- Labour [ ]
- Liberal Democrat [ ]
- Scottish National Party [ ]
- Plaid Cymru [ ]
- Other (PLEASE WRITE IN) [ ]

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11. How well did the party you voted for then perform over the past four years? Has it done…

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

…a very good job, [ ]

a good job, [ ]

a bad job, [ ]

or a very bad job? [ ]

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12. Thinking about how elections in Britain work in practice, how well do elections ensure that the views of voters are represented by MPs?

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

Very well [ ]

Quite well [ ]

Not very well [ ]

Not very well at all [ ]
13. Would you say that any of the parties in Britain represents your views reasonably well?  
IF YES: Which party represents your views best?  

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14. Regardless of how you feel about the parties, would you say that any of the individual party leaders at the last election represents your views reasonably well?  
IF YES: Which party leader represents your views best?  

*PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY*  

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<td>Yes – Michael Howard</td>
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15a. Do you usually think yourself as close to any particular political party?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

(✓) PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 15c
Yes ☐ ➔ QUESTION 15c (1) 1240
No ☐ ➔ PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 15b (2)

PLEASE ANSWER QUESTION 15b IF YOU DO NOT FEEL CLOSE TO ANY PARTICULAR PARTY

b. Do you feel yourself a little closer to one of the political parties than the others?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

(✓) PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 15c
Yes ☐ ➔ QUESTION 15c (1) 1241
No ☐ ➔ PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 15b (2)

PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 15c AND 15d IF YOU FEEL CLOSE OR A LITTLE CLOSER TO ANY PARTICULAR PARTY

c. Which party is that?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

(✓)
Conservative ☐ (01) 1242-3
Labour ☐ (02)
Liberal Democrat ☐ (03)
Scottish National Party ☐ (04)
Plaid Cymru ☐ (05)
Other (PLEASE WRITE IN) ☐ (06)

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d. How close do you feel to this party…

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

(✓)
…very close, ☐ (1) 1244
somewhat close, ☐ (2)
not very close? ☐ (3)
**EVERYONE PLEASE ANSWER**

16. We would like to know what you think about each of our political parties. Please rate each party on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means you strongly dislike that party and 10 means that you strongly like that party. If you come to a party you haven’t heard of or you feel you do not know enough about, please tick one of the boxes on the right.

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17. In politics people sometimes talk of the left and right. 
Where would you place each party on scale from 0 to 10, 
where 0 means the left and 10 means the right?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

a. The Conservative Party

b. The Labour Party

c. The Liberal Democrats

d. The Scottish National Party

e. Plaid Cymru

18. Over the past five years or so, have you done any of the 
following things to express your views about something the 
government should or should not be doing? Have you ...

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

a. …contacted a politician or government official either in person, 
or in writing, or some other way?  

b. …taken part in a protest, march or demonstration?  
c. …worked together with people who shared the same concern?  

(1) (2)
19. How much respect is there for individual freedom and human rights nowadays in Britain?
Do you feel there is ...

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY
... a lot of respect for individual freedom, (✓) (1)
some respect, (2)
not much respect, (3)
or, no respect at all? (4)

20. How widespread do you think corruption, such as bribe taking, is amongst politicians in Britain? Is it ...

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY
... very widespread, (✓) (1)
quite widespread, (2)
not very widespread, (3)
or, it hardly happens at all? (4)

21. In politics people sometimes talk of the 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?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

22. For each of these statements, please tick whether you think it is true or false. If you don’t know, just choose the box on the right.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ON EACH LINE

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<td>b. Britain’s electoral system is based on proportional representation.</td>
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<td>c. MPs from different parties are on parliamentary committees.</td>
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23. Are you currently a member of any of the following?

**PLEASE TICK**

**ALL THAT APPLY**

(✓) A trade union (1)

( ) A staff association (2)

A business or employers’ organisation
(e.g. Chamber of Commerce/Trade,
National Federation of Small Businesses,
Institute of Directors, Forum of Private Business) (3)

( ) National Farmer’s Union (4)

An organisation that organises your profession
(e.g. Royal College of General Practitioners,
Law Society, Institute of Chartered Accountants) (5)

( ) None of these (6)

24. Which language do you usually speak at home?
If you speak several languages at home, please
give the one that you use the most.

**PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

(✓) English (032) 1287-9

Bengali/Bangladeshi/Bangla (016)

Gujarati (047)

Hindi (051)

Punjabi (094)

Scottish Gaelic (208)

Urdu (136)

Welsh (139)

Yoruba (226)

Other (PLEASE SAY WHAT) (997)

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