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1. Name: _____________________
2. Age: __
3. Sex (M=Male, F= Female) _____
4. Marital Status (a) Married, (b) Unmarried, (c) Widow, (d) Divorced, (e) Single

Family

5. Number of members in your family (a) Less than five (b) Six and more
6. Type of residence: (a) Neolocal (b) Patrilocal (c) Matrilocal (d) Avunculocal
7. Type of family: (a) Nuclear (b) Joint (c) Extended
8. If living in a nuclear family, why did you leave the parental family?
9. How many years have you lived after marriage with your parents or in-laws and other close relatives? (a) 1-2 years (b) 2-5 years (c) More than 5 years
10. What is the nature of relationship prevailing among the family members?
   (a) Respect (b) Avoidance (c) Joking (d) Formal (e) Informal
11. Who is the head of the family: (a) Grandfather (b) Grandmother (c) Father (d) Mother (e) Eldest brother (f) Others
12. What type of solidarity exists among the family members? (a) Weak (b) Strong
13. What is your opinion regarding decision making in the family?
   (a) Decision-making is the responsibility of the husband
   (b) Decision-making is the responsibility of the wife
   (c) The wife with the consent of the husband can make some decisions
   (d) Both husband and wife should take all decisions
14. Do you help your spouse in the household activities? If yes, please indicate the field.
15. With whom among the relatives you maintain cordial relationship: (a) Father’s family (b) Mother’s family (c) Both mother’s and father’s family (d) Neither father’s family nor mother’s family.

16. Do you prefer male or female child? Why?

**Kinship**

17. Which clan do you belong to?

18. Do you take relationship based on kinship seriously? (a) Yes (b) No

19. How important are these kin groups to your social life: (a) Birth (b) Marriage (c) Death (d) Feast ceremony and (e) Others

20. Do you prefer to live with all your kin at one place:  
   (a) Yes ----- Why?  
   (b) No ----- Why?  
   (c) Does not make any difference?

21. Do all your neighbours belong to your community? (a) Yes (b) No (c) Do not know. If no, do you feel any difference in their attitude or behavior towards you?

22. Whom do you call for help when there is a crisis? (a) Relatives (b) Friends (c) Neighbours (d) others.

**Marriage**

23. Do you think marriage institution is important in your life?  
   (a) Yes (b) No

24. What is your age at marriage? What about your spouse?

25. What type of marriage practice do you prefer (a) Monogamy (b) Polygamy

26. Have you ever married to another man/woman before your present marriage?

27. What type of marriage do you favour (a) Love/elopement (b) Love cum arranged (c) Totally arranged by parents (d) Any other
28. Are you in favour of marrying a related person? If so, state your choice –
   (a) Mother's brother's daughter/son  (b) Father's sister's daughter/son
29. Who should settle marriage? (a) Parents  (b) Couples  (c) Priests  
   (d) Matchmakers  (e) Others
30. Is your spouse from the (a) same village  (b) different village?
31. Does she belong to your own community?  (a) Yes  (b) No
32. Do you pay bride price? (For male respondent only)  (a) Yes  (b) No
33. Do you take dowry (For male respondent only)  (a) Yes  (b) No
34. When your brides fail to bring dowry what type of pressure do you use?
35. Do you think that your status is enhanced if your spouse brings a good amount of dowry? If yes --- why?  If no ------ why?
36. Whose advice would you seek in solving your family dispute?  
   (a) Parents  (b) Sagei (Lineage) elders  (c) Neighbours  (d) Others
37. What are the criteria you consider important while choosing a life partner?  
   (a) Education  (b) Personality  (c) Family Status  (d) Occupation  
   (e) Emotional ties  
   (f) Compatibility  (g) Understanding
38. Would you accept inter-caste marriage?  (a) Yes  (b) No
39. Would you advice for divorce, incase the married life of a couple is unsuccessful?  (a) Yes  (b) No
40. From which place your children should seek their life partner?  Why?  
   (a) Within your own village  
   (b) Within any Loi village  
   (c) Place does not matter
41. Do you favor widow re-marriage?  (a) Yes  (b) No
Religion

42. Do you believe in religion? If yes, what religion do you belong to? What forms of religious beliefs do you practice?
   (a) Ancestor worship (b) Nature worship (c) Hinduism (d) Christianity
   (e) Any other

43. Do you worship Hindu gods and goddesses?

44. Does your family perform religious rites? (a) Yes (b) No

45. Would you compel your children to adhere to traditional beliefs and rituals?

46. Do you believe in ancestor worship? If yes, why?

47. Till how many generations can you trace your ancestor? (a) Two (b) Three (c) Four (d) Five and more

48. What are the items you offer at ancestor worship? What is its religious significance?

49. Which object symbolizes your household deities? (a) Plant (b) Animal (c) Pot and (d) Others

50. How often do you observe your religious practices? (a) Everyday (b) Frequently (c) Not frequently

51. Do you practice communal worship e.g. Lai Haroaba? If yes, what do you think the social significance of such form of worship?

52. How frequently do you participate in such form of worship?

53. Do you feel compelled to participate in such form of worship? (a) Yes (b) No

54. If you do not participate, what type of sanction is imposed on you?

55. How strongly do you feel that such forms of worship still holds significance especially in the context of influences of other religions?
56. Do you wish to convert to any form of religion? If yes, which religion and why?
57. If you are already a converted Hindu/Christian, do you face any ill-treatment or stigma from your own community?
58. Do you raise fund at the time of communal worship? If yes, what do you use the fund for?
59. Do you believe in witchcraft and sorcery? (a) Yes (b) No
60. If someone falls ill in your family, which form of treatment you will prefer?
   (a) Visit a doctor (b) Call a priest (maiba) (c) Call a priestess (maibi)
61. Do you believe in animal sacrifice? If yes, which animal do you sacrifice?
   (a) Hen  (b) Duck  (c) Pigeon  (d) Pig  (f) Others

**Polity**

62. Are you a member of any political party? If yes, which political party? Why do you support?
63. Are you holding any post in the party?
64. Do you participate in party processions/meetings etc?
65. What are the criteria, according to you, a candidate should possess: (a) Relative (b) Power and Popularity (c) Educational Qualification (d) Social Activism (e) Political Affiliation (f) Others
66. Which leader assumes importance in your perception? (a) A traditional village head (b) An elected panchayat member
67. Do women participate in elections? (a) Yes (b) No
68. Are you in favor of women participating in elections? (a) Yes---Why? (b) No---Why?
69. Have you ever contested election. If yes, for which post (a) Village (b) Assembly (c) Parliament
70. Are you a member of traditional village organization? If yes, do you feel that your role is coming down with the advent of the elected panchayat: if yes --- why and how?

71. Do you have any interest in social work and community activities? (a) Yes (b) No

**Economy**

72. What is your principal occupation? Is it (a) Hereditary/Ascribed or (b) Achieved?

73. Have you involved in any other occupations?
   (a) Agriculture (b) Wine making (c) Sericulture (d) Weaving (e) Animal Husbandry (f) Basket Making (g) Carpentry (h) Fishery (i) Mat Making (j) Others

74. What is your family income per month?
   (a) 0-1000 (b) 1001-2000 (c) 2001-5000 (d) 5001-10000 (e) 10001-15000
   (f) 15001-20000 (g) 20001 and above

75. Do you own land? (a) Yes (b) No. If yes, please specify—
   (a) 0.25-1 pari (b) 1.1-2 pari (c) 2.1-4 pari (d) 4.1 pari and above

76. How did you acquire the land/property? If inherited from parents, please mention the pattern of inheritance?
   (a) Male line (b) Female line (c) Both (a) and (b)

77. Whether inherited property is divided equally among the children? If not, who gets the major share?

78. Which property whether movable/immovable goes to the daughter while leaving her natal home at marriage?

79. Whether an adopted child is treated equally as a real child in terms of inheritance of property?

80. Are the members of the family holding property separately or jointly?

81. What are your major assets and liabilities?
82. What type of house you have? (a) Mud-wall with corrugated iron roof (b) Mud-wall with hay roof (c) Brick wall with corrugated roof (d) Pucca (e) Others

83. Do you own any livestock? (a) Yes (b) No. If yes, please specify (a) Cow (b) Buffalo (c) Pig (d) Duck (e) Hen (f) Others

84. Do you have any savings or investments? (a) Yes (b) No. If yes, please specify the type of investment? (a) L.I.C. (b) Bank (c) Both L.I.C and Bank (d) Others

85. Have you borrowed money? (a) Yes (b) No. If yes, please specify the source of borrowing? (a) Money lender (b) Relatives (c) Marup (d) Neighbours (e) Others

86. Are you lending money? (a) Yes (b) No. If yes, what kind of security is demanded for lending money? And what interest is demanded?

87. Do you have any other source of income other than land? (a) Yes (b) No

88. Do you employ hired laborers for working in your land or do you work with your family members only? If employ hired laborers – why?

89. Do you think your income is sufficient to pull on properly? If not, how will you manage the situation? Who helps you in severe economic crisis?

90. For how long you will be able to support your family with your produce? (a) Less than half a year (b) More than half a year (c) One year and more

91. How much of the produce--- (a) Do you sell (b) Do you keep for your own consumption (c) You repay to the creditor (d) Others

96. Do women equally participate in economic activities? (a) Yes (b) No

Education

97. Are you literate or illiterate?
98. If literate, what is your level of education? (a) 1-5th standard (b) 6-10th standard (c) Pre-degree (d) Degree (e) Post-graduation (f) Technical (g) Non-formal (h) Others

99. Are you sending your children to school? (a) Yes (b) No. If no, why?

100. Have any of your children been dropped out of school? (a) Yes (b) No. If yes, why? (a) Unable to finance their education (b) Elder children have to take care of the younger ones. (c) Lack of interest among children (d) Far away location of educational institutions (e) Others

Others

101. How do you spend your leisure time?

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