

BBC HOMEMAKER QUESTIONNAIRE

Summary of audience responses

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Audience members were given three multiple choice questions that were posed to applicants to the BBC's Homemaker Competition in 1960. This summarises the options that were chosen by audiences across the four performances, as well as listing the free text alternative responses that were proposed.

Question 1

A friend of yours living on a housing estate finds her housekeeping money will not provide all that she feels necessary for the wellbeing of her family. What order of priority should she give to the following claims on her purse?

A. The dress her 14-year-old daughter is clamouring for	1
B. The toy her five-year-old son has his heart set on	0
C. The extra fruit and vegetables and meat her children should have	50
D. New curtains to replace the old, worn ones	1
Or, give us your own answer: -Buy the food, use the old curtains to make a dress and a toy and save up for new curtains - She should shoplift, if she is caught purch should be a break. - An allotment to grow more fruit and veg - Buy veg, then toy for kid. Tell teenager to get a job and get curtains from charity shop - Veg then clothes and shoes for school. - Ask for or earn some more money. - Food always takes priority. Shop Lift! - Chippie	

- Steal - She should buy Gin and Tonic I feel the children come first, her daughter second because of her age. - I should mind my own business - Ask for more housekeeping - get a job - it's non of my business how she spends her money - Get her a job. Form a collective of women in similar situations.	
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Question 2

In a woman's relationship with her husband, it is most important for her to:

A. Be a first rate housekeeper	13
B. Be attractive in dress and appearance	2
C. Be an interesting companion	18
D. Be a good lover	4
Or, give us your own answer: - Work together, share the load between you - To be herself (7 x) - Pleasure herself - Have him be all of these - A) Have a safe, happy and clean home B) Look after yourself and do nice things to make yourself feel good c) have a good connection D) Be loved and give love - Who is the question addressed to? Him or her! Who is the decision maker? Want of autonomy? - Be an equal partner - Have her own independence - Mix of the above - None of the above - All of the above!! NOT!! Or drink wine and none of the above matters!	

- Have her own opinion and be comfortable in her own skin. - To ensure she communicates how she feels to her husband as regards to all things equal. - Be her own person with a personality. - An equal partner with equal rights - None of the above - Know when to leave. - Be in an equal relationship where you respect and elevate each other.	
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Question 3

Your friend's husband who is out at work all day, frequently leaves her at home with their two young children in the evening and goes out to follow interests of his own. Should she:

A. Try to persuade him to stay at home more often	4
B. Accept the situation and let him do as he likes	2
C. Get a friend to sit in and offer to go out with him	4
D. Get a friend to sit in and develop outside interests of her own	26
Or, give us your own answer: - A combination of A,C and D - She should talk about how she feels and if things don't change, dump him. - Accept the situation- cos I'll be serving divorce papers - Be an equal with mutual respect for each other. - Ask for support first! Make time for yourself, make an effort to fix things, if it doesn't work leave the situation. - Take turns going out and a baby sitter once a week. - Find a new partner - Get a friend to sit in and develop outside interests of her own! ABSOLUTELY! - If he doesn't Care enough chuck him out!	

- Or chat?? - As soon as her husband gets home she should go out - Be more interesting or get some one with the same likes and interests as you. - Cop off with mate - Divorce him he was a poor choice of partner - Maybe the husband could look after the kids and let her go out. - Leave him and take the kids - Find a way to club together to get her away and settled in independence - Leave him - Join a drama group	
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