STUDENT INTERVIEW
2nd YEAR --1998-99

Student's ID code:__________________ Country of Origin:______________
Current Age:____ School:___________________ Current Grade: ________
Date:___________ RA code:_______________

[NOTE: Research Assistants, prior to conducting the 2nd Year Interview, please review
Immigration History, Living With Chart, Student's Manner & Appearance section from the
1st Year Interview. Fill in the appropriate information (see **s) on pages 1, and page 5-7,
prior to beginning interview. Thank you.]

IMPRESSIONS

[SAY:] As you know, we are interested in your experiences in this country as a
[country of origin] student. Last year, we asked you about what you thought
of living here [city] and about going to school at [school]. We also asked you some questions about your family and friends. This year, we will be
asking you some more questions about these issues because we would like to learn about
your experiences in this country.

[Note to RA: fill in how long the student has been living in the area prior to the interview]

1--Now that you have been here for [time] how do you like living in
the U.S.?

2--These days, what do you like most about living here? [Q7]
3--What is the hardest thing about living here?

4a--If it were up to you, would you go back to live in (country of origin) or would you stay here? [Q10a]
RETURN STAY STAY NOW & GO
BACK PERMANENTLY RETURN IN FUTURE AND FORTH
4b--Why?
[Q10b]

5--What has changed most for your family since you have moved here?
6-How do you think your parents feel about living here? [Probe: Do they like living here?]

7a--Do you think your parents regret coming here?  YES  NO
7b--Why?

8--What do your parents say is good about the American style of life?
9--What do your parents say is bad about the American style of life?

GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

10a—Are you in a Regular or in a Bilingual Program this year?   REGULAR
                  BILINGUAL

10b—Is that the same as last year?   YES   NO

11- How is this year different for you than last year?

12--What do you like best about school in the United States? [Q20]
13—What do you find to be the most difficult thing about school? [Q28]

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14—In your opinion, what does a person have to do to be considered a good student?
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15a—Do you usually get most of your assignments in on time? [Q29a]  
YES  NO
b—If not, why not? [Q29b]
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16a—When you don’t understand something in class, who do you ask for help?  
TEACHER  PEER  PARENT  NO ONE
OTHER_________________

b—[Note: If student responds “teacher,” ask:] How do you feel when you ask him/her for help?  
N/A
17--About how many hours of homework do you do every day? [Q54]
  Average Number of Hours per day:
  __________________________________________________

18a--When you need help with your homework, who do you ask for help from? [Q55]
  PARENTS    PEERS    SIBLINGS    TEACHER
  OTHER__________
  __________________________________________________

19--Do your parents help you with your school work?     YES      NO
  b-[If yes, ask:]  How?
  __________________________________________________

  c--If not, ask: Why not?
20--If you receive a poor grade in school what happens at home? [Q44]

LIVING SITUATION

[**NOTE --Before interview, fill in this information from last year's interview in green ink**]

21--These are the people you told us you lived with last year. Have there been any changes in who you live with since then? [mark those changes in another color ink/pencil]
22a-**Based on the above information: Does child live with both parents.**  YES  NO

b-- If biological **Mother is not in home**, ask:  Do you have contact with your mother?

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c-If **has contact**, ask:  How often?

- 1-ONCE A YEAR OR LESS
- 2-A FEW TIMES A YEAR
- 3-BIWEEKLY TO MONTHLY
- 4-WEEKLY
- 5-A FEW TIMES A WEEK TO DAILY

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d-[If **has contact**, ask:] How?  VISITS  PHONE CALLS  LETTERS

| OTHER |

\[If no indication, circle:]  NO  INDICATION

e- [In course of conversation if child indicates **reason for maternal absence**, note below:]  
DEATH  DIVORCE/SEPARATION  MOTHER IN C/O (BUT STILL CONSIDERED PART OF FAMILY)

| [If no indication, circle:]  NO  INDICATION |

f-[If biological **Father is not in home**, ask:]  Do you have contact with your father?

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g- [If has contact, ask:] How often?
1- Once a year or less  2- A few times a Year  3- Biweekly to monthly  4- Weekly  5- A few times a week to daily

h- [If has contact ask:] How? VISITS PHONE CALLS LETTERS OTHER______________

i— [In course of conversation if child indicates reason for paternal absence, note below:]
DEATH DIVORCE/SEPARATION FATHER IN C/O (BUT STILL CONSIDERED PART OF FAMILY)
[If no indication, circle:] NO INDICATION

23a- Since last year have you visited [state Country of Origin]? YES NO

b- [If answers yes:] Did you like going back? YES NO [If answers no:] NOT APPLICABLE

c— For how long did you go? [Indicate in weeks]
____________________________________

24— What was the reason for your visit?
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

[NOTE: Check all that apply]
___ To see relatives
___ As a punishment
___ As a reward
___ To maintain the culture & language of origin
___ For holidays (like Christmas, birthdays…)
___ For funerals, weddings or other ceremonies
___ To keep child occupied during summer vacation while my parents work
REUNIFICATION

[**Note: Review immigration history of the child & note below and mark appropriate
category.**]

[Was the child separated from his/her nuclear family as a result of migration?]

SEPARATED NOT SEPARATED

[Note: If the answer to this question is unclear from last years’ interview ask child:]

25—Were you separated from any of your parents in the process of migrating to the US?

[Circle response above]

26—[**Was the child separated from Mother, Father, both or other significant figure?**]

Circle From Whom: MOTHER FATHER BOTH SIBLINGS OTHER SIGNIFICANT FIGURE

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27—[**Was there a reunification with parent(s)?**]

YES NO

[If child was separated from parents for a period of time and is now living with at least one
parent, ask the following 4 questions.] If not, circle NOT APPLICABLE and go on to question 29.

28a--How long were you apart from [parent currently living with]?

[Note # of months & /or years:] YEARS______

MONTHS______

b--How did you feel when you were first reunited?

________________________________________________________________________

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Was there anything difficult or complicated about getting back together?

And how are things now?

FAMILY

29—When you think of a “a good family,” how do you imagine it?
   [Note: probe for traits and values rather than family composition]
30--People describe a "good son/daughter" in different ways. For you, what is a "good son/daughter"?

[Note: select son for a boy & daughter for a girl]

31--Could you tell me a saying (or phrase) that your parents tell you over and over again (or all the time)?
32a- Are you expected to come home straight after school?  YES  NO

b-[If yes, ask:]  Do you know why your parents want you to come straight home?
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32c- Was this the same when you lived in [country of origin]?  YES  NO

32d- Do you obey your parent’s rule about coming home?
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33—What are some of the rules your parents have at home?
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b--How do you feel about these rules?
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34--How do you think American parents’ rules are different from your parents’?
35--When you disagree with your parents, what do you do? [modification of Q44]

36--Below, we list some things that kids sometimes do. Which of these activities do your parents generally disapprove of (or do not allow you to do). [Check activities parents disapprove of & probe if response is I don’t know]

a- ___ Go to the movies with friends without an adult going with you
b- ___ Wear make-up (girl’s only)
c- ___ Question your parents' opinions
d- ___ Date at age 15 (if parents have met the date)
e- ___ Spend the night at a friend’s house or go to a slumber party (if parents have met family)
f- ___ Go to a school dance
g- ___ Look an adult in the eye
h- ___ Wear clothing teenagers think are fashionable

37--Below, we list some things that kids sometimes do that some parents disapprove of. How do you think your parents feel about the following?

GENERALLY    SOMewhat

ABSOLUTELY    ACCEPTABLE    UNACCEPTABLE
### UNACCEPTABLE
- Often not doing homework
- Staying out late after curfew
- Hitting another kid in self-defense
- Getting a bad report card
- Taking drugs or getting drunk
- Not helping around the house
- What you wear
- Talking back to a teacher
- Drinking alcohol
- Talking back to your parent
- Being disrespectful of adults

38-Do you do the following with your parents? [Check all that apply:]
- ___ Shopping/Going to the Mall
- ___ Play games or ball
- ___ Going to museums
- ___ Cooking
- ___ Going to the library
- ___ Cleaning or Yard Work
- ___ Go to church
- ___ Grocery shopping
- ___ Watch TV
- ___ Working
- ___ Going to the park
- ___ Homework
- ___ Other (please specify)________________________________________________________

39--Do you eat meals together most days?  YES  NO

40a-Does your mother work?  YES  NO
b-What kind of work does she do?_____________________________________________________

41a- During week days, how many hours a day do you actually see your mother?_____________
   b-What about on weekends? ________________

42--Do you spend more or less time with your mother now than you did when you were in [C/O]?
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43a-Does your father work? YES NO
b-What kind of work does he do?_____________________________________________________

44a- During weekdays, how many hours a day do you actually see your father?___________
   b-What about on weekends? ________________

45--Do you spend more or less time with your father now than you did when you were in [C/O]?
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46--Do you feel you spend enough time with your parents?
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SOCIAL SUPPORT & PEERS

47--How often do you keep in touch with friends & relatives back home? [Q11a]
1-Once a year or less  2-A few times a Year  3-Biweekly to monthly  4-Weekly  5-A Few times a week to daily

48--These days, how often does your family get together with other friends [from c/o]? [Q46a]
1-Once a year or less  2-A few times a Year  3-Biweekly to monthly  4-Weekly  5-A Few times a week to daily

49--When your family has a problem or needs help, who do they usually go to for help? [Q48]

50--How much time do you spend with your friends each day (not including school)? [Q84a]
Number of Hours: ____

51--What kinds of things do you do with your friends? [Q84b]

52--Where would you say most of your friends are from? [Q85a]
53--Do you have any friends you consider to be close friends?  
YES
NO

54a-Do your parents approve of your friends?  
YES
NO
b-Do they allow you to spend time at their homes?  
YES
NO
c-Are they welcome in your home?  
YES
NO

[NOTE: Please fill out the FRIEND CONTACT LIST now.]

[NOTE: Please administer the SOCIAL SUPPORT QUESTIONS now.]

GETTING AHEAD

55a- Do you know anyone personally that you consider successful?  
[Note to RA: know means a personal acquaintance such as a family member, a friend, relative, neighbor, teacher...NOT a media/pop/sport figure]
b- Why do you consider that person to be successful?
 __________________________________________
 __________
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56--What are your current goals for your education?
 __________________________________________
 __________
 __________________________________________
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57--What would you like for your family in the future?
58--What do you think are obstacles to getting ahead in this country? [If necessary clarify obstacles with 'things that get in your way' or 'things that do not allow you']

59--Which of the following do you think are obstacles to getting ahead in this country?

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<td>i- Lack of opportunities</td>
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60--What do your parents want you to do when you graduate from high school? [Q37]

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DAILY ACTIVITIES

61--How do you usually spend school vacation breaks (such as February break, Spring break, & summer break)?

[Note to interviewer: if child does not specify, determine if they are alone or if is an adult around]

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62a-Are you responsible for doing any of the following for your family?
[Place a Check on the appropriate line below---a]

  a: US  c: C/0

   _____ _____   a- Answer Phone
   _____ _____   b- Help with cooking
   _____ _____   c- Help with fixing things around the house
   _____ _____   d- Help with cleaning and housework
   _____ _____   e- Work in family business
   _____ _____   f- Grocery shopping
g- Childcare/Babysitting

h- Translate for your parents at doctor's office or other places

b—Do you ever miss any time at school to do any of these things? **YES**  **NO**  [specify activity]

________________________________________________________________________

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________________________________________________________________________

c-If you were still in the [state country of origin], which of these things would you **not** do?

[Place a Cross on the appropriate line above---c]

63--How many hours do you help your family, on average, every week? [Q56b-note last year we asked per day]

[Note:] Number of hours: ____________________

64a-Do you work? [Q57a] **YES**  **NO**

b-[If so, ask:] How many hours a week? ________ [Q57b]  **N/A**

c-Where? [Q57c] __________________________________________________________

N/A

d-What do you do with the earnings? [Q57d]

N/A

HELP FAMILY  OWN CONSUMPTION  SAVE

[NOTE: Research Assistants, please administer the Series of **YES/NO QUESTIONS** now.]

**LANGUAGE USE & ATTITUDES**

[NOTE: Research Assistants, please administer the **COMMUNICATION QUESTIONNAIRE** now.]
NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

65a--In general, do you think people from your neighborhood get along?  Q80a]

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b-If not, What makes you say that? [Q80b]

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66--Do you feel safe walking around your neighborhood? [Q81]

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67a-Have you ever seen any violence in your neighborhood? [Q82a]

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b-If so, what kind? [Q82b]

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68--Do you feel safe in your school?  YES  NO  I DON’T KNOW
69a- Are there any gangs in your neighborhood?  YES  NO  I DON’T KNOW

b-What about in your school?  YES  NO  I DON’T KNOW

[NOTE: Research Assistants, please administer the SENTENCE COMPLETION TASK now.]

[NOTE: Research Assistants, please administer the APPEARANCE QUESTIONNAIRE now.]

[NOTE: Please be sure that you have administered the following & have placed them back into the manila envelope:
   Friend Contact List;
   Social Support Questionnaire;
   Yes/No Questionnaire;
   Communication Questionnaire;
   Literacy Practices Questionnaire;
   Sentence Completion Task;
   Appearance Questionnaire]

[SAY:] Thank you for taking the time to meet with me and for sharing your experiences. I look forward to seeing you around and chatting with you in the years to come.

[REMEMBER TO GIVE THE STUDENT A PAIR OF MOVIE TICKETS!]
NOTE Students Manner & Appearance: Comment on how comfortable/uncomfortable informant was with the interview; how open vs. guarded; how friendly vs. hostile; general appearance; how neatly dressed & groomed vs. unkempt…