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A. FIRSTLY, A FEW QUESTIONS AIMED AT OBTAINING GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

1. What is your sex?

Male	1		
Female	2		12

2. How old are you?

15-19 years	0		40-44 years	5	
20-24 years	1		45-49 years	6	
25-29 years	2		50-54 years	7	
30-34 years	3		55-59 years	8	
35-39 years	4		60 years and older	9	13

3. What is your home language?

Afrikaans	1		
English	2		
Afrikaans & English	3		
Other	4		14

4. What is your own gross income per year?

Less than R2000 per year	1	
R2000 – R3999 per year	2	
R4000 – R5999 per year	3	
R6000 – R7999 per year	4	
R8000 – R9999 per year	5	
R10 000 – R11 999 per year	6	
R12 000 – R15 999 per year	7	
R16 000 – R19 999 per year	8	
R20 000 and more per year	9	15

5. What is the highest educational qualification that you have obtained?

Std 7 and lower, or equivalent (e.g. ETC)	1	
Std 8 or 9 or equivalent (e.g. NTC I or NTC II)	2	
Std 10 (matriculation) or equivalent (e.g NTC III)	3	
Std 10 and 1 or 2 years' further training (e.g NTC IV/V, or ATC I/II or NTD)	4	
Std 10 and 3 years' further training (e.g. B.A. or National Diploma for technicians)	5	
Std 10 and 4 or more years' further training (e.g. B.A. and H.E.D.; M.Sc.; B.Arch.: HNDT; etc.	6	16

6. What is present occupation?

Professional A Advocate, judge, attorney, chartered accountant, physician, architect, quantity surveyor, pharmacist, veterinary surgeon, etc.	01
Professional B Natural or human scientist, medical ancillary services, teacher, lecturer, minister of religion, magistrate, artist, author, draughtsman, social worker, etc.	02
Administrative, executive and managerial worker Director, working owner, senior public service personnel (R13,000 + p.a. etc)	03
Clerical worker Clerk, bookkeeper, cashier, accountant, junior public service personnel, etc.	04
Sales worker Insurance and estate agent, commercial traveller, shop assistant, etc.	05
Farmer and fisherman Farmer, farm manager, forester, sorter and grader	06
Mine, quarry and related worker Mine captain, mineworker, shift boss, shaft worker, reduction worker, digger, quarry worker, etc.	07
Transport and communication worker Engine driver, taxi driver, lorry driver, navigator, conductor, telephonist, radio operator, fireman	08
Skilled artisan Persons who have undergone apprenticeship and obtained appropriate qualifications such as painters, bricklayers, electricians, plumbers, etc.	09
Semi-skilled and unskilled worker Operator, apprentice, labourer	10
Service workers (defence force, etc.) Police, prisons and defence force personnel	11
Other service workers Waiter, professional sportsman, guide, political organiser, entertainment worker, funeral undertaker, hairdresser, caretaker, etc.	12
Persons without remunerative occupation A: Housewife	13
Persons without remunerative occupation B: Pensioner, student, unemployed, unfit for employment, etc.	14

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B THE FOLLOWING FEW QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT GAYS AND GAY CLUBS IN GENERAL

Do you frequently visit gay clubs and bars?

Only clubs	1
Only bars	2
Both clubs and bars	3
Neither	4

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2. If yes at question 1 (above), how regularly do you frequent these places?

N.a. – do not frequent clubs or bars	1	
Three times a week	2	
Twice a week	3	
Once a week	4	
Once a fortnight	1	
Once a month	2	
Less than once a month	3	20

3. Are you a member of gay clubs?

Yes	1	
No	2	21

Please name the club or bar that you frequent most regularly.

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Do you frequent gay clubs and/or bars for the following reasons?
(Please give an answer for every reason below)

	Yes	No	
1. To meet new friends?	1	2	23
2. To “camp” someone?	1	2	24
3. To avoid being lonely?	1	2	25
4. To socialize with friends/acquaintances?	1	2	26
5. Because one can be oneself in the gay club or bar, without fear of being insulted by bm’s?	1	2	27
6. To dance?	1	2	28
7. To enjoy a drink?	1	2	29

5. Which one of the above-mentioned reasons (In Question 4) do you consider most important?
(Please write on the dotted line the number which appears on the left just before the reason of your choice.)

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6. Do you hide your gay identity from the following people?

	Yes	No	
From parents?	1	2	31
From other relatives?	1	2	32
From other gays?	1	2	33
From bm friends?	1	2	34
From people at work?	1	2	35
Other (specify).....	1	2	36
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7. What will happen if your employer is informed about your gay identity?

	Yes	No	
I'll probably be fired	1	2	37
I'll probably be reprimanded or warned	1	2	38
Nothing much will happen	1	2	39

8. How will your parents react if they are informed about your gay identity?

They will be extremely upset, and will never accept it	1	
They will be extremely upset initially, but eventually they'll accept it	2	
They will accept it quite readily	3	
They already know about my gay identity	4	40

9. How will you react in the event of someone threatening to reveal your gay identity to someone close to you?

I won't mind at all if he/she tell it to anyone	1	
I'll do whatever that person may demand, just to keep my gay identity secret	2	
Other reactions (please specify).....		41
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10. How will you react in the event of someone threatening to reveal your gay identity to your employer?

I won't mind at all if he/she tells it to	1	
I'll do whatever that person may demand, just to keep my gay identity secret	2	
I'll resign from work	3	
Other reaction (please specify).....		
N.a. – Doesn't work	0	42

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11. Are you presently involved in a gay "affair"?

Yes	1	
No	2	

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12 (a) How do you feel about legislation on homosexual activities in the RSA at the moment?

Very positive	1	
Positive	2	
Neutral	3	
Negative	4	
Very negative	5	

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12 (b) Why do you feel this way? (Only the most important reason)

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13. What are your feelings with regard to the following statements?

	Yes	No	
To be involved in a steady relationship (affair) restricts one too much	1	2	46
Living with another gay person causes problems in one's relationships with bm's	1	2	47
True love between two gays hardly ever occurs	1	2	48
Gay lovers tend to be unfaithful	1	2	49

14. Did you as a teenager show any serious interest in members of the opposite sex?

Yes	1	
No	2	

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15. AS a teenager, how frequently did you go out with members of the opposite sex?

Never	1	
Three times a week	2	
Twice a week	3	
Once a week	4	
Once every fortnight	5	
Once a month	6	
Less than once a month	7	

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16. Did you as a teenager ever fall in love with persons of the same sex as yourself?

Never	1	
Seldom	2	
Often	3	52

17. Did you as a teenager ever have sexual intercourse with persons of the same sex as yourself?

Never	1	
Seldom	2	
Often	3	53

18. Did the possibility of being gay bother you before you “came out” (become aware of your homosexuality)?

Very much	1	
To a certain extent	2	
Not at all	3	54

19. When you are involved in a steady relationship with another gay, would you mind if he/she has sexual intercourse with another gay person?

I would certainly mind	1	
I would mind to a certain degree	2	
I would not mind at all	3	55

20. When you are involved in a steady relationship with another gay, do you think he/she would mind if you were to have sexual intercourse with another gay person?

He/She would certainly mind	1	
He/She would mind to a certain degree	2	
He/She would not mind at all	3	56

21. Would you say that sex is the only important aspect of a gay relationship?

Yes	1	
No	2	57

22. When you are involved in a steady relationship with a gay person, to what extent do you make the important decisions?

Always	1	
Often	2	
Sometimes	3	
Very rarely	4	58

23. In what age group do you prefer the person with whom you have sexual intercourse to be?

Younger than myself	1	
About the same age as myself	2	
Older than myself	3	59

24. Do you hope to become involved in a long-term relationship with a gay person in the future?

Yes	1	
No	2	
Am already involved in such a relationship	3	60

If you do visit gay baths:

Yes	1	
No	2	61

26. If you visit gay baths:

(i) What are the main reason for your visits?

	N.a.	Yes	No	
To relax	0	1	2	62
To meet new friends	0	1	2	63
To camp	0	1	2	64

(ii) How often do you visit these baths?

N.a. – Do not visit the baths	1	
Three times a week	2	
Twice a week	3	
Once a week	4	
Once a fortnight	5	
Once a month	6	
Less than once a month	7	65

27. Of all your friends, how many (as far as you know) are heterosexual?

All	1	
Most of them	2	
More than half of them	3	
About half of them	4	
Less than half of them	5	
Just a few	6	
None	7	66

28. How do you think most people feel about gays?

They feel that gays are disgusting	1	
They dislike gays	2	
They have a "live and let live" attitude towards gays	3	
They like gays to a certain extent	4	67

Has suspicion or knowledge that you are gay adversely affected your social relationships?

Yes, to a large extent	1	
Yes, to a certain extent	2	
Yes, but only to a slight extent	3	
No	4	
No one knows or suspects that I am gay	5	68

30. Have you ever experienced problems at work because someone was aware of or suspected that you are gay?

Yes, to a large extent	1	
Yes, to a certain extent	2	
Yes, but only to a slight extent	3	
No	4	
No one knows or suspects that I am gay	5	69

31. How many times have you changed jobs?

Not once	1	
Once	2	
Twice	3	
Three times	4	
Four times	5	
Five times	6	
More than five times	7	70

32. How many of the job-changes which you indicated in the previous question were due to the fact that you are gay?

N.a. – have never changed jobs	1	
One	2	
Two	3	
Three	4	
Four	5	
Five	6	
All	7	
None	8	71

33. Have you ever dragged? (Worn the clothing of the opposite sex)

Yes, very often	1	
Yes, a few times	2	
Yes, one	3	
Never	4	72

34. Have you ever been arrested on a charge relating to your homosexuality?

Yes	1	
No	2	73

35. Do you ever experience shame, guilt or anxiety after having had homosexual intercourse?

Yes, to a large extent	1	
Yes, to a certain extent	2	
Yes, but only to a slight extent	3	
No, not at all	4	74

36. Taking everything in consideration, do you think that:

You are very happy?	1	
You are reasonably happy?	2	
You are unhappy?	3	
You are very unhappy?	4	75

37. To what extent do you think bm's can realize that you are gay?

Yes, to a large extent	1	
Yes, to a certain extent	2	
Yes, but only to a slight extent	3	
No, not at all	4	76

38. When you are among bm's, how often do you wonder whether they can realize that you are gay?

Almost always	1	
Often	2	
Sometimes	3	
Very rarely	4	
Never	5	77

39. When you are in a public place, or among bm's with a gay person of the same sex as yourself, do you think that you are then more easily identified as gay than when you are on your own?

Almost always	1	
Often	2	
Sometimes	3	
Very rarely	4	
Never	5	78

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When you are in a situation in which you can be identified as gay, on what grounds do you think you can be identified as such?

	Yes	No	
Manner of walking	1	2	12
Hair style	1	2	13
Reaction to women	1	2	14
Reaction to men	1	2	15
Manner of standing	1	2	16
Manner of sitting	1	2	17
Speech	1	2	18
Physique-build	1	2	19
Single/marital status	1	2	20
Interests	1	2	21
Occupation	1	2	22
Feminine mannerisms/characteristics	1	2	23
Masculine mannerisms/characteristics	1	2	24
Other (please specify).....			25-
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41. In which social class would you place yourself?

Upper class	1	
Middle class	2	
Lower class	3	27

42. Why would you say so?

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43. To which church or religion do you belong?

Dutch Reformed Church (N.G.)		
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Reformed Church (Gereformeerde Kerk)		
Apostolic Faith Mission		
Other Apostolic Churches		
Lutheran Church		
Methodist Church		
Presbyterian Church		
Roman Catholic Church		
Baptist Church		
Anglican Church (Church of England)		
Congregational Church (LMS)		
No church or religion		
Other church (specify).....		29-
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44. How “religious” would you say you are in general?

Very religious	1	
Reasonably religious	2	
Not very religious	3	
Not at all religious	4	31

45. How often do you attend church services?

Twice or more times a week	1	
Once a week	2	
Once a fortnight	3	
Once a month	4	
Never	5	32

46. Do you think gays should be allowed to raise their own and/or adopted children themselves?

	Yes	No	
Own children	1	2	33
Adopted children	1	2	34

47. How often does the thought of committing suicide occur to you?

Often	1	
Sometimes	2	
Never	3	35

48. Have you ever really tried to commit suicide?

Often	1	
A few times	2	
Never	3	36

49. Do you think homosexuality is normal or abnormal?

Normal	1	
Abnormal	2	37

50. What is the cause of homosexuality?

	Yes	No	
One is born with it, it is inherent (i.e. hereditary)	1	2	38
It is due to incorrect raising of the child by the parents	1	2	39
It is due to other (external) factors, e.g. seduction or rape	1	2	40
It is the person's own, independent choice to be gay	1	2	41

51. Do you think that it is possible to change a gay person's sexual orientation by means of psychological treatment? (In other words, that he/she can be "cured"?)

It is possible in all cases	1	
It is possible in some cases	2	
It is possible in most cases	3	
It is possible in all cases	4	42

52. Would you advise a gay friend to consult a psychologist if his/her homosexual orientation is problematic for him/her?

Yes	1		43
No	2		

What do you think of psychologists in general? Make a cross between the colons on each line which most accurately reflect your feelings on the relevant continuum:

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Friendly	_____	Unfriendly		44
Sympathetic	_____	Unsympathetic		45
Rejecting	_____	Accepting		46
Understanding	_____	Uncomprehensive		47
Domineering	_____	Complaisant		48
Aggressive	_____	Gentle		49
Flexible	_____	Rigid		50
Strong	_____	Weak		51
Active	_____	Passive		52
Well adjusted	_____	Poorly adjusted		53
Cold	_____	Warm		54
Effective	_____	Ineffective		55

With regard to your own gay identity:

	Yes	No	
Have you ever before received psychological treatment?	1	2	56
Are you at present receiving psychological treatment?	1	2	57
Would you in the future like to receive psychological treatment?	1	2	58

If you in fact have visited or are visiting a psychologist due to your own homosexual orientation, (i) to what extent has this benefited/is this benefiting you?

N.a.	0		
I have received a great deal of benefit from it/am receiving a great deal of benefit	1		
I have received/much benefit from it	2		
I have benefited/ little from it	3		
I have benefited/very little from it	4		
I have received/no benefit at all from it	5		59

(ii) How old were you when you first consulted a psychologist with regard to your homosexual orientation?

Age.....			60-61
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Are you at present receiving or have you in the past received psychological treatment for a problem not related to your homosexual orientation?

Yes	1		62
No	2		

57. Do you ever visit one of the following places with the aim of camping some one?

	Yes	No	
Public parks	1	2	63
Public toilets	1	2	64

58. If you do in fact visit one of the places mentioned in the previous question with the aim of camping someone, how often do you visit this place or these places?

N.a. – Do not visit such places	0	
Three or more times a week	1	
Twice a week	2	
Once a week	3	
Once a fortnight	4	
Once a month	5	
Less than once a month	6	65

59. Which do you prefer?

The “butch” role	1	
The “Queen”/”femme” role	2	
No special preference	3	66

60. If a movement for gay rights were to exist, would you actively participate in it?

Yes	1	
No	2	67

61. A scale appears below, numbered 01 to 10. It represents gay rights and the general public's attitude towards gays. Point one (01) on the scale represents total rejection of gays, while point ten (10) represents unconditional acceptance of gays by the public.

01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
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Please indicate, with regard to the following three questions, where you think gays in general find themselves on this continuum. (Write the number of your choice on the scale on the dotted line next to the question.)

Your feelings five years ago.....		68-69
Your feelings at present.....		70-71
Your feelings five years hence.....		72-73

62. Do you feel physically attracted to

Persons of the opposite sex only?	1	
Mainly persons of the opposite sex, but occasionally also to persons of the same sex?	2	
Persons of the opposite sex slightly more than to persons of the same sex?	3	
Persons of both sexes, about equally?	4	
Persons of the same sex slightly more than to persons of the opposite sex?	5	
Mainly persons of the same sex, but occasionally also to persons of the opposite sex?	6	
Persons of the same sex only?	7	74

63. For how long have you thought of yourself as being gay?

Ten years or longer	1	
Between 6-9 years	2	
Between 3-5 years	3	
Less than 3 years	4	
Less than 1 year	5	
I only thought so at a certain stage in the past	6	
I have never thought of myself as being so	7	75

64. Do you think that being gay is a definite choice on your behalf or is it something over which you have no control?

It is my choice completely	1	
It is mainly my choice	2	
It is partly my choice	3	
It is my choice to a slight extent	4	
It is not my choice at all	5	76

65. Considering all your friends, how many (as far as you know) are gay?

All	1	
Most	2	
More than half	3	
About half	4	
Less than half	5	
Just a few	6	
None	7	77

66. Which one of the following categories describes most accurately you position amongst the gays?

I am not really well known among the gays	1	
I do not really form part of the group	2	
I am fully accepted	3	
I am popular socially	4	
I am very popular socially	5	78

67. How satisfied are you with your present occupation?

Very satisfied	1	
Satisfied	2	
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	3	
Uncertain	4	
Dissatisfied	5	
N.a. – Am not working at present	6	79

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68(a) Please indicate on the scale below how important each of the following aspects are for gays:

	Very im- portant	Important	Neutral	Unim- portant	Very un- important	
Love	1	2	3	4	5	12
Sex	1	2	3	4	5	13
Friendship	1	2	3	4	5	14
Work	1	2	3	4	5	15
Religion	1	2	3	4	5	16

68(b) Furthermore, how important do you think these aspects are for bm's?

	Very im- portant	Important	Neutral	Unim- portant	Very un- important	
Love	1	2	3	4	5	17
Sex	1	2	3	4	5	18
Friendship	1	2	3	4	5	19
Work	1	2	3	4	5	20
Religion	1	2	3	4	5	21

69. Do you ever accept invitations to bm parties?

N.a. – I never receive such invitations	0	
Yes	1	
No	2	22

70. Do you ever accept invitations to gay parties?

N.a. – I never receive such invitations	0	
No, at present I do not attend such parties but I did in the past	1	
No I have never yet attended such parties	2	
Yes, I do attend such parties	3	23

71. If you attend gay parties/attended gay parties in the past, how often does this occur/did it occur?

N.a. – I do not attend such parties	0	
Three times a week	1	
Twice a week	2	
Once a week	3	
Once a fortnight	4	
Once a month	5	
Less than once a month	6	24

72. If you were to agree to an interview as part of a research project concerning homosexuality, would you prefer the researcher (interviewer) to be male or female, to be bm or gay?

Male	Bm	1	
	Gay	2	
	Either of the two	3	
Female	Bm	4	
	Gay	5	
	Either of the two	6	
Any of the above		7	25

73 Why were you willing to assist us in this study?
(Please mention only the most important reason.)

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