

QUESTIONNAIRE for 9th-grade students

Dear student!

The Institute for the Development of Education of the National Research University Higher School of Economics performs a research aimed at investigation of educational and labor opportunities of graduate students with the purpose of education quality improvement.

After graduating in 9th grade you have to make a choice – whether to enter labor market or to continue studying (at general or specialized school, training college, etc.). What are your plans for the future? Your answers will help us to create more effective system for job placement and to improve the educational process.

In this questionnaire, there are no right or wrong answers. Your answers should reflect what is correct for you.

Your questionnaires will not be shown to anybody else in school. All the answers will be accumulated and analyzed in an aggregated form, where no individual can be identified. All your answers will be kept confidential.

Good luck!

SECTION 1. YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

1. Are you female or male?

1. Female ₁
2. Male ₂

2. When were you born? <Day_____><Month_____> <19_____>

3. What nationality do you identify yourself with? (e.g., Russian, Ukrainian, Azerbaijanian and other). *Please write in here.* _____

4. What language do you speak with parents? (*Please darken only one answer*)

1. Mainly Russian ₁
2. Sometimes Russian, sometimes other (specify) _____ ₂
98. Other (specify) _____ ₉₈

5. Who usually lives at home with you?

Please darken one answer in each row.

	Yes	No
1. Mother (including stepmother or foster mother)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
2. Father (including stepfather or foster father)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
3. Grandparent(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
4. Others	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂

SECTION 2. YOUR SCHOOL, STUDY AND HOME DUTIES

6. What of the following statements describes the situation with your school best of all?

Please darken one answer.

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. It is the nearest school to a place of my accommodation, the others are located significantly farther | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ |
| 2. There are schools which are located as close or closer to the place where I live, as that which I attend | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ |

7. What of the following statements characterize your school?

Please darken one answer in each row.

	Yes	No
1. School offers a particular «specialization» (language, mathematical, sports, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
2. School have special status because it uses non-standard (non-traditional) training programs	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
3. School have religious specialization/focus	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
4. Students of school are the regular winners of All-Russian and international school Olympiads or sports competitions	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂

8. What is offered by your school to students besides school lessons?

Please darken one answer in each row.

	Yes	No
1. Orchestra, chorus, ensemble	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
2. School theatre	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
3. School yearbook, magazine or newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
4. Foreign language society , mathematic society , geography society and other subjects societies	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
5. School Olympiads on studied subjects	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
6. Art society or other activities related to art	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
7. Sports sections, sports competitions	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
8. Lectures and/or seminars	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
9. Trips and excursions, collective visits to the theatre, cinema, circus, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
98. Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂

9. Which of the following statements characterizes your friends` intentions concerning studying at school after the 9th grade best of all? *Please darken only one answer.*

1. Nobody or a small number of my friends are going to go in the 10th grade or already study in the 10th (or 11th) grade	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁
2. Around a half of my friends are going to continue studying in the 10th grade (or already do it)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂
3. Everybody or nearly all my friends are going to go in the 10th grade or already study in the 10th (or 11th) grade	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃
99. It is hard to answer	<input type="checkbox"/> ₉₉

10. You can like something at school, and you can dislike something at school. But if we speak about educational process as a whole, do you like to study at school? *Please darken one answer.*

1. I quite like it	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁
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2. I rather like it ₂
3. I rather do not like it ₃
4. I quite do not like it ₄
99. It is hard to answer ₉₉

11. Please write your annual average marks for last year of studying in the following subjects:

1.	Algebra	
2.	Geometry	
3.	Russian	
4.	Literature	
5.	History	
6.	Physics	
7.	Chemistry	
8.	Biology	

12. In the last three years you:

Please darken only one answer in each row.

- | | Yes | No |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Have participated in the Olympiads or in the competitions on mathematics, on history and on any subjects of any level (school, regional, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ |
| 2. Have participated in extra classes (at school or in other establishment) where tasks of a higher difficulty are given in any subject. | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ |
| 3. Were awarded for achievements in education (diploma, medal, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ |

4. Have sent your works to the competition (art, scientific, etc.). If you have, please write which competition you participated in: ₁ ₂

5. Have taken prizes at competitions (you personally or your team) ₁ ₂
6. Were awarded for exceptional engagement in music, art, dancing and etc. (you personally or your team) ₁ ₂

13. Are you engaged in something besides studying at school and for how long?

Please darken only one answer in each row.

- | | <i>No</i> | <i>Less than
half a
year</i> | <i>Half a
year -
year</i> | <i>More
than a
year</i> |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. I am engaged in self-studying of 1-2 subjects (or in any training course) in addition to what is provided by the school program. What subjects?
_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ |
| 2. I am engaged with the tutor in some subjects. In which? _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ |
| 3. I am engaged in professional courses (in computer courses, in administrative assistant training, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ |
| 4. I am engaged in musical, art, dance school | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ |
| 5. I am engaged in sports section | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ |
| 6. I am engaged in interest club (e.g., astronomic, linguistic, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ |

14. How many hours a day, on average, do you spend doing homework? _____

15. Which of the following statements reflect your way of doing homework best of all?

Please darken one answer.

1. Usually I do not do my homework ₁
2. Generally I do homework only in certain subjects (which?)
_____ ₂
3. I try to do everything that is assigned ₃
98. Other _____ ₉₈

16. How much time, on average, do your parents spend helping with homework or checking it?

Please indicate approximate number of hours per week.

(If your parents do not check homework, put «0») _____

17. How much time do you spend doing home duties, housework?

Please indicate approximate number of hours per week.

(If you do not have any home duties, put «0») _____

18. How typical is it for you that home duties or helping parents with their work disturb your studying and/or doing teacher`s (tutor`s) assignments?

Please darken one answer.

1. It is a typical for me that doing home duties does not leave me enough time to do my homework ₁
2. Sometimes I do not have time for doing my homework because of doing home duties or carrying out parents` tasks ₂
3. Home duties have never disturbed my study ₃

19. Have you ever worked for money (or are you working now)?

Please darken one answer.

1. Yes ₁
2. No ₂

SECTION 3. YOUR PLANS CONCERNING STUDY AND WORK

20. What are you going to do after the 9-th grade? *Please darken only one answer.*

- 1. I am going to continue studying in the 10th grade at the same school ₁
- 2. I am going to continue studying at the 10th grade at another school ₂
- 3. I am going to continue studying at the institution of tertiary education (technical training college) ₃
- 4. I am going to continue studying at the institution for vocational education (technical school) ₄
- 5. I am going to continue studying at evening school ₅
- 6. I am going to drop studying and work ₆
- 98. Other. Please specify: _____ ₉₈
- 99. I do not know yet ₉₉

21. What are you going to do in three years? *Please darken only one answer.*

- 1. I am going to go to university, and I know exactly which one ₁
- 2. I am going to go to university: I am choose one among two-three particular alternatives ₂
- 3. I am going to go to university, but I do not know yet to what exactly ₃
- 4. I am going to continue studying at the institution for vocational education (technical school) ₄
- 5. I am going to work only ₅
- 98. Other (Please specify: _____) ₉₈
- 99. I do not know yet ₉₉

22. What level of education are you planning to get?

Please darken only one answer.

1.	Incomplete general education (9 grades)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁
2.	Complete general education (11 grades)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂

3.	Primary professional (tertiary) education (e.g., technical training college)	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Secondary professional (vocational) education (e.g., technical school)	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Bachelor`s degree (4-year university degree)	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	«Specialist» higher education degree (5-year university degree)	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Master`s degree (6-year university degree)	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Two higher educations	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Post- college and academic degree	<input type="checkbox"/>
98.	Other (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
99.	It is hard to answer	<input type="checkbox"/>

23. Do you consider that in your case success in life can be connected with change of place of residence?

Please darken only one answer.

1. Yes, with leave from my country on a permanent place of residence abroad
2. Yes, with temporary leave from my country
3. Yes, with moving to other city in Russia
4. No, I do not consider that success in life is connected with change of place of residence
99. It is hard to answer

24. Read statements and indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of them:

«-3» - strongly disagree; «+3» - strongly agree. *Please darken only one answer in each row.*

- 1) I do not know who I will be, and I do not think that I am able to understand it now -3 -2 -1 +1 +2 +3
- 2) I have already determined the course of life for myself, and I think that nobody will be able to change my mind -3 -2 -1 +1 +2 +3

3) Conversations about life plans are boring for me. In any case everything will develop one way or another	-3	-2	-1	+1	+2	+3
4) I prefer to rely on close people (e.g., parents) in choosing future study or work	-3	-2	-1	+1	+2	+3
5) I have a clear idea about what I am going to do after graduation from school	-3	-2	-1	+1	+2	+3
6) I spend a lot of time discussing with friends study/work plans after graduation from school	-3	-2	-1	+1	+2	+3
7) Parents or other close people will always help me with the choice of further study or job	-3	-2	-1	+1	+2	+3
8) I know what I want to be engaged in in the future	-3	-2	-1	+1	+2	+3
9) I ask parents or friends about what people of different professions are engaged with	-3	-2	-1	+1	+2	+3
10) My parents have the experience and know more than I do, so I prefer to follow their advice on the choice of post-secondary education or work	-3	-2	-1	+1	+2	+3
11) It does not matter for me whom to be yet, I do not have any particular preferences	-3	-2	-1	+1	+2	+3
12) I fill anxious when I think about the necessity to choose my way after the graduation from school	-3	-2	-1	+1	+2	+3

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| 13) I would not refuse parents` advice on the choice of a way after graduation from school | -3 | -2 | -1 | +1 | +2 | +3 |
| 14) I accurately represent what I will study (or where I will work) after the graduation from school | -3 | -2 | -1 | +1 | +2 | +3 |
| 15) I am calm about the choice of the further course of life | -3 | -2 | -1 | +1 | +2 | +3 |
| 16) I have already planned my study (work) after the graduation from school | -3 | -2 | -1 | +1 | +2 | +3 |
| 17) I spend much time trying to understand what is best to be engaged with after the graduation from school | -3 | -2 | -1 | +1 | +2 | +3 |
| 18) I already know what school subjects I should study better in order to enter the university/college/school I want | -3 | -2 | -1 | +1 | +2 | +3 |
| 19) I purposefully look for information on what and where is it possible to study after the graduation from school | -3 | -2 | -1 | +1 | +2 | +3 |

25. If you have already thought about your future specialization, please specify the main source of information you used? *Please darken one answer.*

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|--|--------------------------|----|
| 1. Parents, relatives, friends | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| 2. Mass media (TV, newspapers, magazines, radio, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 |
| 3. Cinema, fiction literature | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 |
| 4. The Internet (forums, social networks) | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 |
| 98. Other | <input type="checkbox"/> | 98 |

26. What do you expect from your future job?

Rate the following statements according to your preferences (1-very important, 6- not important at all)

Job has to ...

1. give me an opportunity to communicate with other people, to be in the team ₁
2. be comfortable and calm ₂
3. engage me emotionally, be interesting ₃
4. inspire respect from other people ₄
5. give me an opportunity to manage my working time ₅
6. provide high income ₆

27. Have you ever had difficulties with studies because of your health (chronic diseases, eyesight problems, hearing problems, musculoskeletal system problems, etc.)?

Please darken only one answer.

1. Often ₁
2. From time to time ₂
3. Seldom ₃
4. Never ₄

SECTION 4. YOUR IDEA ABOUT YOURSELF

**28. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with following statements:
1 – strongly disagree, 5 – strongly agree.**

Please darken one answer in each row.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Something average	Agree	Strongly agree
1. As a rule, everything I should do I do diligently	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
2. I often set a goal but later choose to pursue a different one	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
3. I can call myself the hard worker without irony	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
4. New ideas and new projects sometimes distract me from previous ones	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
5. I achieve goals for which I have worked for months	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
6. I become interested in new pursuits every few months	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
7. Usually I continue to work on a task even after several failures	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
8. My interests change from year to year	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
9. Setbacks usually discourage me	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
10. I have been obsessed with a certain idea or project for a short time but have lost interest later	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
11. I am known as a goal-seeking person	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
12. I have difficulties keeping my focus on projects that take more than a year to complete	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
13. I finish everything I begin	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
14. I have hobbies (avocations, occupations), with which I have been engaged for years	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅

15. I am persistent in work

₁ ₂ ₃ ₄ ₅

SECTION 6. INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

All information, including this section, is confidentially and will be used only for research purposes.

Please specify your name, home address.

29. _____
Surname First name Patronymic

30. _____
(zip code, settlement, street, house, flat)

31. Specify your e-mail (if you have) e-mail _____

Specify your phone number

32. Home: (_____) _____

33. Mobile: (_____) _____

34. School number _____

35. School address _____

Please specify your mother`s name (stepmother or foster mother).

36. _____
Surname First name Patronymic

Please write your mother`s (stepmother or foster mother) address, if she lives separately.

37. Address _____

(zip code, settlement, street, house, flat)

If your mother (stepmother or foster mother).have e-mail, specify it.

38. e-mail _____

If your mother (stepmother or foster mother) have phone number, specify it.

39. Home: (_____) _____

40. Work: (_____) _____

41. Mobile: (_____) _____

Please specify your father`s name (stepfather or foster father).

42. _____
Surname First name Patronymic

Please write your father`s (stepfather or foster father) address, if he lives separately.

43. Address _____
(zip code, settlement, street, house, flat)

If your father (stepfather or foster father).have e-mail, specify it.

44. e-mail _____

If your father (stepfather or foster father) have phone number, specify it.

45. Home: (_____) _____

46. Work: (_____) _____

47. Mobile: (_____) _____

Please specify name, address and phone number your family`s nearest relation or friend, who does not live with you.

48. : _____
Surname First name Patronymic

49. Address _____
(zip code, settlement, street, house, flat)

Specify his e-mail

50. e-mail _____

Specify his phone number

51. Home: (_____) _____

52. Work: (_____) _____

53. Mobile: (_____) _____

Thank you very much for your cooperation!