Could You Survive in Poverty?

Complete this survey by placing a check by each item you know how to do.

_______1. I know which churches and sections of town have the best rummage sales.
_______2. I know what a “bag sale” is and which rummage sales have them.
_______3. I know which grocery stores’ garbage bins can be accessed for thrown-away food.
_______4. I know how to get someone out of jail.
_______5. I know how to physically fight and defend myself.
_______6. I know how to get a gun, even if I have a police record.
_______7. I know where the closest laundromats are.
_______8. I know how to get the most up-to-date bus schedules and know the closest bus stops to my home.
_______9. I know the places to call for job assistance.
______10. I know what problems to look for in a used car.
______11. I know what a money order is and where to get one.
______12. I can make do without electricity or a phone.
______13. I can entertain a group of friends with my personality & stories.
______14. I know what to do when I don’t have money to pay the bills.
______15. I know how to move in half a day.
______16. I know what a bridge card is and what items it can be used for.
______17. I know where the free medical clinics are.
______18. I can get by without a car.
______19. I know where the closest warming center is.
______20. I feel comfortable asking strangers for money.
______21. I can easily live without daily computer access or TV.

Total checks: ____________

21-16: You are street savvy and could survive in poverty
15-11: You would be able to keep your head above water
10-6: Poverty is hard in ways you hadn’t even imagined
 5-3: Almost impossible for you to live this way
 2-0: You’d never survive. Be sure to get that college degree!!
Could You Survive in Middle Class?

Complete this survey by placing a check by each item you know how to do.

______ 1. I know how to get my children into Little League, piano lessons, soccer, etc.
______ 2. I know how to set a table properly.
______ 3. I know which stores are most likely to carry the clothing brands my family wears.
______ 4. I know the best name brands in clothing.
______ 5. I know how to order in a nice restaurant.
______ 6. I know how to use a credit card, debit card and savings account.
______ 7. I talk to my children about going to college.
______ 8. I know how to get a car loan and also get the best interest rate.
______ 9. I own my home and understand the difference between principal, interest and escrow statements on my house payment.
______10. I know how to help my children with their homework and do not hesitate to call the school if I need additional information.
______11. I know how to decorate the house for the different holidays.
______12. I know how to get a library card.
______13. I know how to use most of the tools in the garage.
______15. I repair items in my house almost immediately when they break - or know a repair service and call it.
______16. I do or have driven a brand new car.
______17. I see an occasional movie (or more) at the theater.
______18. I have been on a vacation more than once.
______19. My family eats a lot of fruits and vegetables.

Total Checks: _______

19-8: You are “middle America”
7-0: Do you live in the United States?
Could You Survive in Wealth?

Complete this survey by placing a check by each item you know how to do.

________ 1. I can read a menu in French, English and another language.
________ 2. I have several favorite restaurants in different countries of the world.
________ 3. Most of my family vacations take place overseas.
________ 4. I typically hire a decorator to make sure I have the latest and best in designer home furnishings.
________ 5. I know who my preferred financial advisor, legal service, designer, domestic-employment service and hairdresser are.
________ 6. I have at least two residences that are staffed and maintained.
________ 7. I know how to ensure confidentiality and loyalty from my domestic staff.
________ 8. I have at least two or three “screens” that keep people whom I do not wish to see away from me.
________ 9. I fly in my own plane or the company plane.
________ 10. I know how to host the parties that “key” people attend.
________ 11. I attend at least three prominent fund-raising benefits a year.
________ 12. I am on the boards of at least two charities.
________ 13. I know the hidden rules of the Junior League.
________ 14. I support or buy the work of a particular artist.
________ 15. My children attend private schools that cost upwards of $20,000 per year.
________ 16. I know how to read a corporate financial statement and analyze my own financial statements.
________ 17. I have an extensive stock portfolio containing many blue chip stocks.
________ 18. I have ridden in a Ferrari, Lamborghini, Bentley or Rolls Royce (and not just once.)
________ 19. I have a summer home along with a condo in the Caribbean and a chalet for my winter getaways.

Total Checks: _______

19-15: You are one of the super-elite
14-8: You are definitely someone who has seen privilege
7-4: You’ve tasted a little of the good life
3-0: You’re very much like “regular” Americans