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Survey to Assess the Usage Patterns of Smart Phone Users

This survey aims to assess the usage patterns of smartphone users. Your responses will be confidential and your identity will not be revealed. There are no right or wrong answers, so please answer honestly.

1. Sex: □ Male □ Female
2. Age on your last birthday? _____
3. Do you own a smartphone?
   □ Yes □ No
4. What brand and model of smartphone do you use most regularly?
   (e.g. Brand – Samsung, Model – SM-G800H).
   Brand: _____
   Model: _____
5. What is the primary use of your smartphone?
   □ Calls □ Browse Internet □ Music streaming □ Text □ Social Media □ YouTube
6. How often do you use the device per ***day*** (for any purpose)?
   □ Never □ 1–3 times □ 4–6 times □ 7–10 times □ > 10 times
7. Do you use your smartphone to browse the Internet?
   □ Yes □ No
8. If the answer to Q7 is **YES:**
   a) How do you ***primarily*** connect to the Internet using your smartphone device?
   □ Data Plan □ Wi-Fi
   b) On each occasion, what is the average time spent browsing the Internet?
   □ < 5 min □ 5–10 min □ 11–15 min □ 16–20 min □ > 20 min
9. a) How many phone calls do you make or receive per day with your smartphone?
   □ < 5 □ 5–10 □ 11–14 □ 15–20 □ > 20
   b) What is the average time spent on each call?
   □ < 5 min □ 6–10 min □ 11–30 mins □ 31–60 min □ > 1 hr
10. On which side of your head do you usually use your phone when making/receiving calls?
    □ Right side □ Left side
11. Where do you mainly use your smartphone?
    □ Home □ Classroom □ In a vehicle □ Walking on the road □ Other _____

12. a) Do you usually use a headset (Bluetooth or wired) when making or receiving calls?
    □ Never □ Rarely □ Mostly □ Always
    b) If you answered "*Mostly*" or "*Always*", where is your phone placed during calls?
    □ Hand □ Bag □ Shirt pocket □ Front Pants/skirt pocket
    □ Back Pants/skirt pocket □ Other_____

13. If you do not use a headset, how do you hold the phone during calls?
    □ Ear/Tilt position □ Cheek/Touch position

14. During the day, where do you keep your smartphone when it is not in use?
    □ Hand □ Bag □ Shirt pocket □ Front Pants/skirt pocket
    □ Back Pants/skirt pocket □ Other_____

15. Where do you keep your smartphone while you are sleeping?
    □ Under pillow □ On bedside table □ Other _____

16. What is the approximate distance of the smartphone from your head when sleeping?
    □ **less than** 2 cm from your head □ **more than** 2 cm from your head

The following questions are designed to assess your awareness of issues related to cell phone usage.

17. On a scale of 1–5, how worried are you about any potential health effects of cell phone usage (1 – not at all worried; 5- very worried)?
    □ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4 □ 5

18. Have you ever heard of the phrase "Specific Absorption Rate" (SAR)?
    □ Yes □ No

19. Do you know the SAR value for your smartphone?
    □ Yes □ No

20. Before acquiring a new phone, which of the following phone specifications do you consider? **(Tick all that apply)**.
    □ Transmit power □ Frequency band □ SAR □ Cost □ Other _____

21. Would you be interested in receiving information about cell phone studies?
    □ No □ Yes, via email □ Yes, via Facebook □ Yes, via Whatsapp
    □ Yes, as an App □ Other _____

22. Do you have any concerns about cell phone usage? If there are more than one, please list them in order of importance (i.e., write the most important concern first).
    a) _____
    b) _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!