1. Who died in your first personal involvement with death?
   ( ) a. Grandparent or great-grandparent
   ( ) b. Parent
   ( ) c. Brother or sister
   ( ) d. Other family member
   ( ) e. Stranger
   ( ) f. Public figure
   ( ) h. Animal

2. To the best of your memory, at what age were you first aware of death?
   ( ) a. Under three
   ( ) b. Three to five
   ( ) c. Five to ten
   ( ) d. Ten or older

3. When you were a child, how was death talked about in your family?
   ( ) a. Openly
   ( ) b. With some sense of discomfort
   ( ) c. Only when necessary and then with an attempt to exclude the children
   ( ) d. As though it were a taboo subject
   ( ) e. Never recall any discussion

4. To what extent do you believe in a life after death?
   ( ) a. Strongly believe in it
   ( ) b. Tend to believe in it
   ( ) c. Uncertain
   ( ) d. Tend to doubt it
   ( ) e. Convinced it does not exist

5. How often do you think about your own death?
   ( ) a. Very frequently (at least once a day)
   ( ) b. Frequently
   ( ) c. Occasionally
   ( ) d. Rarely (no more than once a year)
   ( ) e. Very rarely or never

6. Has there been a time in your life when you wanted to die?
   ( ) a. Yes, mainly because of great physical pain
   ( ) b. Yes, mainly because of great emotional pain
   ( ) c. Yes, mainly to escape an intolerable social or interpersonal situation
   ( ) d. Yes, mainly because of great embarrassment
   ( ) e. Yes, for a reason other than above
   ( ) f. No

7. What does death mean to you?
   ( ) a. The end; the final process of life
b. The beginning of a life after death; a transition, a new beginning

c. A joining of the spirit with a universal cosmic consciousness

d. A kind of endless sleep; rest and peace

e. Termination of this life but with survival of the spirit

f. Don’t know

g. Other (specify): ________________________________

8. What aspect of your own death is the most distasteful to you?

a. I could no longer have any experience

b. I am afraid of what might happen to my body after death

c. I am uncertain as to what might happen to me if there is a life after death

d. I could no longer provide for my family

e. It would cause grief to my relatives and friends

f. All my plans and projects would come to an end

g. The process of dying might be painful

h. Other (specify): ________________________________

9. What is your belief about the causes of most deaths?

a. Most deaths result directly for the conscious efforts of the person who dies

b. Most deaths have strong components of conscious or unconscious participation by the persons who die (in their habits and use, misuse, no use, or abuse of drugs, alcohol, medicine, etc.)

c. Most deaths just happen; they are caused by events over which individuals have no control

d. Other (specify): ________________________________

10. To what extent are you interested in having your image survive after your death through your children, books, good works, etc.?

a. Very interested

b. Moderately interested

c. Somewhat interested

d. Not very interested

e. Totally interested

11. If you had a choice, what kind of death would you prefer?

a. Tragic, violent death

b. Sudden but not violent

c. Quiet, dignified death

d. Death in the line of duty

e. Death after a great achievement

f. Suicide

g. Homicidal victim

h. There is no “appropriate” death

i. Other (specify): ________________________________

12. If you were told that you had a terminal disease and a limited time to live, how would you spent your time until you died?

a. I would make a marked change in my life style; satisfy hedonistic needs (travel, sex, drugs, other experiences)

b. I would become more withdrawn; reading, contemplating or praying

c. I would shift from my own needs to a concern for others (family, friends)

d. I would attempt to complete projects; tie up loose ends

e. I would make little or no change in my life style
To what extent do you believe that suicide should be prevented?
(a) In every case
(b) In all but a few cases
(c) In some cases, yes; in others, no
(d) In no cases; If a person wants to commit suicide, society has no right to stop him

If it were entirely up to you, how would you like to have your body disposed of after you have died?
(a) Burial
(b) Cremation
(c) Donation to medical school or science
(d) Other ____________________________

What kind of funeral would you prefer?
(a) Formal, as large as possible
(b) Small, relatives and close friends only
(c) Whatever my survivors want
(d) None

Which aspect of yourself would you want to take time with if you knew you would die soon?
Rate 1-10 for urgency, 1 being most urgent.
(a) Physical
(b) Emotional
(c) Activities and plans
(d) Spiritual
(e) Relationships
(f) Playful
(g) Financial and practical
(h) Other (specify): ____________________________

List four things you would most like to learn, change, or do, before you die. Number 1 through 4 in priority.
_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________

If death was sudden, would you be willing to donate (yours or close relative):
(a) Needed organ
(b) Heart
(c) Retinas
(d) Body for research
Do you have a card for this?
(a) Yes
(b) No

If you had a terminal illness, who would you want to talk to about your difficult feelings?
(Number in preferential order):
(a) Spouse
b. Close family member
c. Doctor
d. Another patient
e. Friend
f. Nurse
g. Therapist
h. Clergy or spiritual friend
i. Understanding third party

20. If your close friend was dying, felt depressed, and wanted to talk, how would you feel?
a. Comfortable
b. Embarrassed
c. Distressed
d. Willing
e. Not sure
f. Would visit less

21. When thinking of dying, I mostly fear: (Rate H=High fear, M=Moderate fear, L=Low fear)
a. Being alone
b. Mentally disoriented
c. Pain
d. Disfigurement
e. Dependence on others
f. Loss of control over physical functions
g. What happens at/after death
h. Hospitalization & treatment
i. Other (specify): ______________________________________________

22. The cause of death I’m most afraid of is:
a. Accident
b. Cancer
c. Bomb
d. Infection
e. Nerve disease
f. Heart failure
g. Kidney failure
h. Stroke
i. Violence
j. Other (specify): ______________________________________________