

REALITY TEST DRIVE

Pretend you're 25 years old...

What will you drive? Want an expensive sports car? Get a job as an anesthesiologist, and you can probably afford it. Become a sales rep, and we see you in a sleek sedan. The job you get and the car you drive are often tied to how much education you have. Answer these questions to find out what kind of life is in your future.

1. Housing:

I'd like to (circle one)

- a. rent a one-bedroom apartment
- b. rent a two-bedroom apartment
- c. own a two-bedroom house
- d. own a four-bedroom house

2. Transportation:

I'd like to drive (circle one)

- a. energy-efficient (small) car
- b. convertible
- c. full-size pick up
- d. full-size SUV

3. Food:

I'd like to (circle one)

- a. buy groceries and cook all my meals
- b. eat all of my meals at fast food restaurants
- c. cook some meals and eat out some

4. Clothing

- a. thrift store
- b. discount chain
- c. department store
- d. name-brand clothes

5. Phone:

I'd like to (circle all that apply)

- a. have a cell phone with a basic package
- b. have a cell phone with a package that includes extra minutes and texts
- c. have a cell phone with unlimited minutes and texts
- d. have a smartphone with unlimited minutes, texts and a data plan

6. Insurance:

I plan to purchase (circle one in each group)

Car

- a. full coverage (required if you're making a car payment)
- b. partial coverage

Home

- a. renter's insurance
- b. homeowner's insurance (required if you have a mortgage)
- c. no rental insurance

Medical

- a. I plan to continue my education after high school, so the job I hold is likely to help pay my insurance premium.
- b. I do NOT plan to continue my education after high school, so the job I hold is NOT likely to provide insurance as a benefit.

7. Entertainment:

My entertainment will be (circle all that apply)

- a. a movie, four times a month
- b. sporting events, three times a month
- c. browsing the Internet and watching cable TV every night
- d. biking, rollerblading, hiking and other outdoor sports
- e. attending a concert, once a month

8. Educational plans: (circle one)

- a. high school graduate
- b. some college or associate's degree
- c. bachelor's degree
- d. master's degree
- e. doctorate
- f. professional degree