Could You Survive in Poverty?

Put a check by each item you know how to do.

* I know which churches and sections of town have the best rummage sales.
* I know which rummage sales have “bag sales” and when.
* I know which grocery stores’ garbage bins can be accessed for thrown-away food.
* I know how to get someone out of jail.
* I know how to physically fight and defend myself physically.
* I know how to get a gun, even if I have a police record.
* I know how to keep my clothes from being stolen at the Laundromat.
* I know what problems to look for in a used car.
* I know how to live without a checking account.
* I know how to live without electricity and a phone.
* I know how to use a knife and scissors.
* I can entertain a group of friends with my personality and my stories.
* I know what to do when I don’t have money to pay the bills.
* I know how to move in half a day.
* I know how to get and use food stamps or an electronic card for benefits.
* I know where the free medical clinics are.
* I am very good at trading and bartering.
* I can get by without a car.

Could You Survive in Middle Class?

Put a check by each item you know how to do.

* I would know how to get my children into Little League, piano lessons, soccer, etc…
* I know how to properly set a table.
* I know which stores are most likely to carry the clothing brands that are trendy.
* My parents know the best brand names in clothing.
* I know how to order in a nice restaurant.
* I know how to use a credit card, checking account, ATM, and savings account.
* My parents talk to me about going to college.
* I know how to get good interest rates on a new-car loan.
* I understand the difference between the principal, interest, and escrow statements on a home mortgage.
* My parents know how to help with my homework and do not hesitate to call the school if I need additional information.
* I know how to decorate the house for different holidays.
* I know how to get a library card.
* I know how to use most of the tools in the garage.
* I know how to repair items in my house almost immediately when the break – or know how to call a repair service to fix it.
* I have access to a computer and the internet at home.

Could You Survive in Wealth?

Put a check by each item you know how to do?

* I can read a menu in French, English, and another language.
* I have several favorite restaurants in different countries of the world.
* During the holidays, I know how to hire a decorator to identify the appropriate themes and items with which to decorate the house.
* I know who my preferred financial advisor, legal service, designer, domestic-employment service and hairdresser are.
* I have at least two residences that are staffed and maintained.
* I know how to ensure confidentiality and loyalty from my domestic staff.
* I have at least two or three “screens” that keep people whom I do not wish to see away from me.
* I fly in my own plane or the company plane.
* I am enrolled in preferred private schools.
* My parents host parties that “key” people attend.
* My parents are on the boards of at least two charities.
* I know the hidden rules of the Junior League.
* My parents support and buy the work of a particular artist.
* I am learning how to read a corporate financial statement and analyze my own financial statements.