I’m the eldest of three children in a wealthy gentry family and will inherit the estate. My father pays for a tutor to teach me maths, geography and Latin.
Village 1 – Your choices

As the heir, you must remain in the village and continue your education so you can one day run the family estate.
I'm the eldest child of parents who are rich farmers, working a large area of land. As I'm a boy I will eventually inherit the land from my father.
Village 2 – Your choices

As the eldest boy you must remain in the village and learn how to look after the land so you can continue to farm it in the future.
I'm the youngest son of parents who are farmers, working a large area of land. I will not inherit the land, and my father does not need my help on the farm.
Village 3 – Your choices

1 - Remain in the village trying to find casual work or a position as a servant.
2 - Move to the town and look for a better job there.
I'm one of four children of parents who are rich farmers, working a large area of land. I will not inherit the land, but my parents have been able to secure me a formal apprenticeship with a butcher in the town.
Village 4 – Your choices

1- Move to the town and take up the apprenticeship with the butcher.
2- Remain in your home and continue to help with the running of the farm.
I'm one of three children of parents who are farmers, working an average area of land. I will not inherit the land as I have two older brothers, and my father does not need my help on the farm.
Village 5 – Your choices

1- Remain in the village trying to find casual work or a position as a servant.
2- Move to the town and look for a better job there.
Village 6 – My situation

I'm one of two children of parents who are farmers, working an average area of land. I will not inherit the land as I have an older brother, but my parents have been able to secure me a formal apprenticeship with a stone mason in the town.
Village 6 – Your choices

1- Remain in your village, trying to find casual work or a position as a servant.
2- Move to the town and take up the apprenticeship with the stone mason.
I'm the youngest of four children of parents who are farmers, working an average area of land. I will not inherit the land, but my parents have been able to secure me a formal apprenticeship with a cloth-dyer in the town.
Village 7 – Your choices

1- Remain in the village, trying to find casual work or a job as a servant.
2- Move to the town and take up the apprenticeship with the cloth-dyer.
I'm one of four children of parents who are farmers, working an average area of land. I will not inherit the land as I have two older brothers, but my parents have been able to secure me a formal apprenticeship with a carpenter in the town.
Village 8 – Your choices

1- Remain in your village, trying to find casual work or a job as a servant.
2- Move to the town and take up the apprenticeship with the carpenter.
I'm one of two children of a single father who is a farmer, working an average area of land. I will eventually inherit the land as I have an older sister.
As the only boy you must remain in the village and learn how to look after the land so that you can continue to farm it in the future.
I'm one of four children of parents who are farmers, working an average area of land. I will not inherit the land as I have two older brothers, and my father does not need my help on the farm.
Village 10 – Your choices

1- Remain in your village, trying to find casual work or a job as a servant.
2- Move to the town and look for a better job there.
I'm one of three children of parents who are farmers, working an average area of land. I will not inherit the land as I have an older brother, and my father does not need my help on the farm.
Village 11 – Your choices

1- Remain in your village, trying to find casual work or a job as a servant.
2- Move to the town and look for a better job there.
I'm one of four children of parents who are farmers, working a poor area of land. I will not inherit the land as I have two older brothers, and my father does not need my help on the farm.
Village 12 – Your choices

1- Remain in your village, trying to find casual work or a job as a servant.
2- Move to the town and look for a better job there.
I'm one of five children of parents who are farmers, working a poor area of land. I will not inherit the land as I have three older brothers, and my father does not need my help on the farm.
Village 13 – Your choices

1- Remain in your village, trying to find casual work or a job as a servant.
2- Move to the town and look for a better job there.
I'm one of three children of parents who are farmers, working a poor area of land. I will not inherit the land as I have two older brothers, and my father does not need my help on the farm.
Village 14 – Your choices

1- Remain in your village, trying to find casual work or a job as a servant.
2- Move to the town and look for a better job there.
I'm one of two children of a single mother, my father having died when I was young. My mother earns a living from her small amount of land and by brewing and baking on the side. She is unable to support me any further.
Village 15 – Your choices

1- Remain in your village, trying to find casual work or a job as a servant.
2- Move to the town and look for a better job there.
I'm the only child of parents who are farmers, working a poor area of land. I will eventually inherit the land, but my parents cannot afford to keep me on the farm and only need my help at certain times of the year.
As your parents still need you nearby, you must remain at home and try to find casual work in the village.
I'm the only child of parents who are farmers, working an average area of land. I will eventually inherit the land, but my parents employ many labourers and only need my help at certain times of year.
Village 17 – Your choices

As your parents still need you nearby, you must remain at home and try to find casual work in the village.