QUESTIONNAIRE ON PRACTICAL POLITICS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

(10 pts) 1. Do the Negro politicians in your area take part in the policy making decisions of their party?

(5 pts) 2. Do Negro politicians merely take instructions from their party pertaining to the Negro voter just before each election?

(5 pts) 3. Do Negroes in your community cancel out the effects of their vote by continuously using the single shot method of voting, without first determining the number of votes needed to be successful or considering the cause and effect of the single shot method?

(10 pts) 4. Do Negro candidates in your community, running on a straight ticket, lose because the Negroes deliver a straight ticket vote and the white candidates pledge support only during Negro election rallies and white voters conveniently overlook the Negro candidates?

(5 pts) 5. Do the Negro voters in your community have a false notion that in all elections where there is more than one Negro candidate, the Negro voters must vote for only one of the Negro candidates?

(5 pts) 6. Do the Negro voters in your community sift the personal life of Negro candidates through a strainer and vote for white candidates on face value?

(5 pts) 7. Do capable well trained Negroes in your community take part and raise their voices in politics only when a well meaning, dedicated, but ill-equipped Negro becomes a political candidate?

(5 pts) 8. Do qualified well trained Negroes offer to be political candidates in your community?

(5 pts) 9. Do Negroes in your area throw up their hands in political frustration in communities where Negroes make up only 15% or less of the population?

(10 pts) 10. Do Negroes use the balance of power technique in communities located in your area where they only represent 15% or less of the population?

(5 pts) 11. Do Negroes in your community have an organized program to gain the support of white voters for Negro candidates?

(10 pts) 12. Do Negroes in your community merely state they are democrats, republicans or independents and leave participation in party politics in the hands of political hacks?

(10 pts) 13. Do the political bosses in your community divide the Negro vote by maneuvering Negro candidates to run and campaign against each other?
(5 pts) 14. Are the political leaders in your community conspicuously absent during voter registration activities?  
Yes [ ] No [ ]

(5 pts) 15. Are the political leaders in your community conspicuously present and vocal only before elections?  
Yes [ ] No [ ]

ANSWERS

1. Yes
2. No
3. No
4. No
5. No
6. No
7. No
8. Yes
9. No
10. Yes
11. Yes
12. No
13. No
14. No
15. No

Rate your community: 10 points each for questions 1, 4, 10, 12 and 13.
5 points each for questions 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14 and 15.

Score of 100 -------- Community is Heaven Bound
Score of 80 to 90 ---- Excellent
Score of 70 to 80 ---- Good
Score of 60 to 70 ---- Poor
Score less than 60 --- Community is vegetating politically

THIS TEST DOES NOT APPLY TO COMMUNITIES WHERE IT IS DIFFICULT FOR NEGROES TO REGISTER AND VOTE