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- 17 a. Do you know there are medicines to manage HIV? Yes [] No []
 b. If yes, do you know where such medicines are available? Yes [] No []
 c. If Yes, please show where?

Listed below are a number of statements. Each represents an opinion and there are no right and wrong answers. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree by ticking the letters in the appropriate columns

	ABSOLUTELY AGREE	PARTLY AGREE	PARTLY DISAGREE	ABSOLUTELY DISAGREE	NO OPINION
If you contract HIV, you will die in a few years no matter what					
It is very easy to identify someone who has HIV/AIDS by the way s/he looks					
Only people who have multiple sexual partners are at risk of having HIV/AIDS					
It is possible that you may look strong and fit on the outside and have HIV inside					
Some herbalists and medicine men in Ghana have a cure for HIV/AIDS					
You can be infected with HIV/AIDS through curses, witchcraft, or any other evil/spiritual means					
When people know you have HIV/AIDS, they stop respecting you					
Someone who has HIV/AIDS brings disgrace to her/himself, the family, and all s/he relates to					
We must be very suspicious of those infected with HIV/AIDS since they would want to infect others					
Condom use is not good to prevent HIV/AIDS because it can fail even where it is used to prevent pregnancy					

It is not possible to get HIV/AIDS if you talk to, eat and sleep with, or even embrace one who already have it					
Those who have HIV/AIDS should do things differently in the home to protect others					
The doctors and nurses can neglect people who have HIV/AIDS because they deserve to die					
All those who are found to be infected with HIV/AIDS should be camped in one place to avoid further spread					
Everyone who goes to hospital must have an HIV/AIDS test to detect those who have the virus but don't know					
I will willingly have the HIV/AIDS test to know my status if I know where to go for it					
I will rather die than for people to know that I am infected with HIV/AIDS					
My family would be very supportive if they find out that I am infected with HIV/AIDS					
I have to disrespect someone who has HIV/AIDS so that others will try not to be infected					
My Church/Mosque would be very supportive if they find out that I am infected with HIV/AIDS					
It is better for me and for the general public if everyone knows her/his HIV/AIDS status					
I will travel long distances to places where I would be least known for treatment if I find out I am infected					