# Background Questions

1. Gender:

Male Female

2. Are you 18 or older?

Yes No

3. What is your major?

4. Which school year are you in?

1. Not a student
2. Freshman
3. Sophomore
4. Junior
5. Senior
6. Graduate student
7. Already graduated

5. What is your cumulative GPA (roughly)?

6. Is English your first language?

Yes No

7. If not, how long have you been speaking English?

\_\_\_\_\_ years

8. The following questions ask you to indicate whether you could test computer predictions under a variety of conditions. For each of the conditions please indicate whether you think you would be able to complete the task.

Given software that predicts the topics of e-mail messages, I could test the accuracy of the topics:

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| ... if there was no one around to tell me what to do as I go. | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ... if I had never done a task like this before. | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ... if I had only the software manuals for references. | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ... if I had seen someone else doing this before trying it myself. | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ... if I could call someone for help if I got stuck. | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ... if someone else had helped me get started. | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
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| ... if I had a lot of time to complete the task. | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
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| ... if I had just the software’s built-in help facility for assistance. | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
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| ... if someone showed me how to do it first. | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ... if I had used similar software before to do this same task. | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |