1. **Name and address of the organisation responsible for the last census:**
   
   Central Statistical Organization, P.O. Box 7283, Doha.

2. **Population censuses conducted since 1945 (years):**

   1986, for the first time since 1945. The present description therefore relates to this population census, but reference is also made to the next census (cf. para. 9).

3. **Coverage of the census:**

   (a) **Geographical scope:** Whole country.

   (b) **Persons covered:** All persons of all ages.

4. **Reference period:**

   The reference period used when asking questions on the economically active population, employment and unemployment is a short period, i.e. the week preceding the day of the census.

5. **Main topics:**

   (a) Total population, by sex and age: yes

   (b) Economically active population, by sex and age group: yes

   (c) Economically active population, by industry and by sex: yes

   (d) Economically active population, by occupation and by sex: yes

   (e) Economically active population, by status in employment and by sex: yes

   (f) Hours of work: no

   (g) Other information collected relating to persons' economic activity: no

   Re. (a) The age is defined in terms of year of birth; otherwise, if year of birth is not clearly remembered, age in complete years is used instead.

6. **Concepts and definitions:**

   (a) **Economically active population:** It comprises all persons aged 15 years and over who, during the reference period, were either employed or unemployed, according to the definitions given below.

   (b) **Employment:** Considered as "employed" are all persons aged 15 years and over who, during the reference period, performed any full-time or part-time work of an economic value, at home or out of home. Also included are the following categories:

   (i) persons doing unpaid work in family firm or business;

   (ii) persons engaged in the production of primary products for own consumption;

   (iii) employed persons, temporarily absent from work;

   (iv) working students with a part time job;

   (v) seasonal or occasional workers, if they were on job during the reference period;

   (vi) conscripts for military/civil service;

   (vii) multiple job holders;

   (viii) apprentices and trainees.

   Only persons belonging to categories (iv) and (v) can be identified separately. In principle, students are considered as economically inactive; however, working students can be included in the economically active population, depending on how they spend most of their time.

   (c) **Unemployment:** Considered as "unemployed" are all persons aged 15 years and over who, during the reference period, were without work and looking for work, irrespective of whether they were previously employed or seeking work for the first time.
7. **Classifications used:**

Both employed and unemployed persons previously employed are classified by industry, by occupation and by status in employment.

(a) **Industry:** Specific questions were asked of employed and unemployed persons previously employed to determine industry group, namely “What is the name of the establishment in which you are working?” or “What is the name of the last establishment you have been working in?”, and “What is the main activity performed by this establishment?”. For coding industry, the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC-68, rev. 2) was used to the division level (2 digits).

(b) **Occupation:** Specific questions were asked of employed and unemployed persons previously employed to determine occupation group, namely “What is the main occupation you are performing in the establishment?” or “What is the main occupation you were performing before you left your work?”. For coding occupation, the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-68) was used to the unit group level, with slight modifications for certain occupations.

(c) **Status in employment:** The specific question asked of employed and unemployed persons previously employed to determine their status in employment was “What is your position (status) in the establishment in which you are working now or in which you were previously working?”. For coding status in employment, 5 categories were, namely: employer; own account worker; employee; family worker; other.

8. **The previous population censuses:**

Since 1945, no population census was conducted prior to 1986.

9. **The next population census:**

It is planned for 1996 and will collect information about the economically active population and its components.

Essentially, the same questions and reference period are likely to be used to determine and describe the economically active population and its component groups.