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☐ University of Exeter   ☐ University of Essex

2. According to the article, how does Exeter compare to Essex in terms of academic status?

-4 = Lower status than Essex    0 = Equal status    4 = Higher status than Essex

3. Exeter’s academic status compared to Essex makes me feel...

   …Disappointed

   1 □  2 □  3 □  4 □  5 □  6 □  7 □

   …Displeased

   1 □  2 □  3 □  4 □  5 □  6 □  7 □

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4. There is a lot of tension between Exeter and Essex

-3 □  -2 □  -1 □  0 □  1 □  2 □  3 □

5. There is conflict between Exeter and Essex

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6. There is no problem at all between Exeter and Essex

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7. There is hostility between Exeter and Essex

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8. The University of Exeter gets along with Essex University

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9. There are good relations between Exeter and Essex

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Q.10: The following questions consist of pairs of words – one negative and one positive.

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11. On a scale of 1 to 100, rate your feelings towards the University of Exeter

[__________]

12. On a scale of 1 to 100, rate your feelings towards the University of Essex

[__________]
13. Can you explain in your own words why you responded in the way you did to the questions above?

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14. Finally, please state your gender and age

  Gender________________________  Age________________