

Pre-Marriage Awareness Questionnaire

Some questions are in the form of "What if" scenarios. Typically, we answer idealistically because we are not experiencing the emotions involved at the time. So just do your best to imagine how you would most likely feel before answering. Use as a discussion and discovery tool, not to keep score. Honesty will be to your benefit.

— Circle all that apply —

Communication / General

1. You are having an intense, emotional conflict with your spouse. It's getting very late and you are becoming exhausted. How do you feel about going to bed before there is a resolution?
 - a) not preferred
 - b) ok with me
2. Are you comfortable with the amount of feelings and thoughts you share with your partner?
 - a) I wish I was able to share more
 - b) yes
 - c) I probably share more than I should – a little mystery is good too
3. Does your partner share feelings and thoughts as much as you'd like?
 - a) yes, for the most part
 - b) could be more
4. My social life can be described as
 - a) a sense of community is important to me
 - b) I like to have several friends
 - c) one good friend is all I need
 - d) I like parties and social gatherings/activities
 - e) my preference is to only go to family gatherings
 - f) I prefer not to be around a lot of people
 - g) I'm somewhat of a shut-in
 - h) I see enough people at work; all I need is my spouse
5. Ideally, I would prefer to live
 - a) in a big city
 - b) in a small city
 - c) in a suburb
 - d) in a small town
 - e) in the country
 - f) on a lake
 - g) don't care as long as I (or my spouse) don't have a far commute to work
6. Do you or your partner tend to use the words always and never too often?
 - a) yes, I do
 - b) yes, my partner does
 - c) no, I don't
 - d) no, my partner doesn't
7. Do you think therapy/counseling can be beneficial if the therapist is good?
 - a) yes
 - b) no
8. When something is bothering me, I tend to
 - a) get quiet and secretly hope my partner will notice and pry it out
 - b) talk about it until I feel better
 - c) leave to be by myself for awhile, then talk later
 - d) bring it up, then get quiet
 - e) deal with it on my own
9. Do you trust that if your partner was bothered by something, he/she would tell you?
 - a) yes
 - b) not always
 - c) maybe not right away, but eventually
10. Do you feel your partner is a good listener, allowing you to finish your thought, maintains eye contact, and gives some sort of feedback to verify he/she understands what was said?
 - a) not as good as I'd like
 - b) usually quite good
 - c) if I didn't babble on so much, my partner would probably be better at it
11. Does your partner allow you to have your own opinion without the need to argue the point?
 - a) yes, most of the time
 - b) could be better
12. Separate vacations are
 - a) out of the question
 - b) not preferred
 - c) occasionally good for a marriage
 - d) depends on the situation (going to visit in-laws is ok; going to sun in Hawaii is not ok)
 - e) ok if the other has no interest
 - f) ok if the other is unable to go
13. In some disagreement situations where a compromise is not an option, who wins?
 - a) the person who feels the strongest on the subject
 - b) the person holding the remote
 - c) probably my spouse
 - d) probably me
 - e) whoever wins the coin toss
 - f) neither, we'll just have to find the humor
14. How would you rate your self-esteem?
 - a) high
 - b) content
 - c) could be better
 - d) I continually have to work on it
 - e) my partner could make or break my self-esteem

15. Suppose your partner just got off the phone after talking with a friend and doesn't say anything about the conversation.
- ask what's new with the friend
 - say nothing about it
16. How would you feel about your partner having a friend of the opposite sex?
- ask for the relationship to end
 - keep a close eye on it
 - trust the situation is innocent if my partner reassures me that it is
 - feel insecure, but do nothing
 - have no problem with it
17. Some believe you can tell a lot about someone by their driving habits. Describe your partner's driving, generally speaking.
- wears a seat belt
 - locks the doors
 - inattentive
 - keen awareness
 - cautious
 - drives intoxicated – above the legal limit
 - drives too fast
 - conscientious
 - reckless when upset or angry
 - quite average
18. You spend quite a bit of time with your spouse's best friend and their spouse. You know that your spouse discusses issues of your relationship with his/her best friend, which makes you feel uncomfortable.
- ask your spouse to please find someone else to confide in
 - deal with it, understanding your spouse's needs
 - ask your spouse only to discuss relationship issues with you and no one else
 - tell your spouse you'd rather not spend time with his/her best friend and spouse
 - this situation does not apply because it wouldn't make me uncomfortable in the first place
 - any topic he/she wants to discuss is ok except sex
19. When I am in a bad mood, angry or feel irritable, I
- tend to say things I don't mean
 - don't like to talk
 - tend to raise my voice
 - tend to overreact – make a big deal out of something minor
 - better get my way
 - try not to let it show
 - need to talk to someone until I feel better
 - need a hug
 - ask for understanding
 - have a tendency to slam doors
 - am sometimes destructive
 - like to go shopping
 - tend to talk sarcastically
 - can usually deal with it respectfully and appropriately
20. When I get hurt or sick, I usually
- like to be nurtured and comforted
 - like to be left alone for the most part
 - get a tad cranky
 - moan and groan more than I should
 - feel bad that I'm not up to doing much
 - try to act as if I am fine
21. Does your partner drink alcohol?
- yes, but an acceptable amount
 - yes, and the amount sometimes bothers me
 - yes, and I notice undesirable personality changes
 - no
22. When my partner is feeling down, moody or upset, I
- feel uncomfortable
 - try to be consoling
 - would rather not be around him/her
 - assume it has something to do with me
 - does not apply; my partner doesn't get upset or moody
23. For the most part, I think my partner is
- more of a pessimist than an optimist
 - more of an optimist than a pessimist
 - seems to be a good balance of both
24. I like a good sense of humor, but there are times I wish my partner would be more serious.
- agree
 - disagree
25. Have you ever succeeded at sticking to a New Year's resolution?
- no
 - yes
 - I think they're dumb
 - I never tried
 - why wait until New Years?
26. During an argument, does the topic of "whose fault" arise?
- sometimes
 - usually not
 - often
 - we don't argue
27. I see myself as
- easy going, calm and patient
 - a little uptight, easily irritated and could use more patience
28. I see my partner as
- easy going, calm and patient
 - a little uptight, easily irritated and could use more patience
29. If my partner said I had to change something about me or he/she would leave me, I would
- do everything I could to change
 - only try to change if it was something I really didn't like about myself
 - end the relationship – I don't take kindly to ultimatums

30. My ideal vacation would be
- a cabin in the woods/on a lake
 - the mountains
 - Disney World
 - visit friends or family
 - camping
 - Hawaii
 - Europe
 - stay home and do whatever I want
31. How do you generally adapt to change?
- with resistance
 - quite easily
32. Do you ever get the feeling your partner is keeping something from you?
- sometimes
 - no
33. When I make a mistake,
- I could feel bad for days depending on the severity of the mistake
 - I try to learn from it
 - I have a tendency to try to find something or someone else to blame, at least partially
 - I promptly admit it
 - I can usually get over it fairly quickly
34. If my partner was not interested in or unable to participate in my favorite activities, I would
- discontinue them and find things we could do together
 - compromise – discontinue some, keep others
 - feel free to continue, as my partner would never want me to stop doing what I enjoy even if it meant spending less time together
35. How would you react to your spouse belittling you in humor in front of other people?
- ask him/her to stop because it's hurtful
 - not an issue, laugh along if it is funny
 - come back with another joke about your spouse
 - feel embarrassed, but say nothing
36. What is your level of modesty?
- my attitude is "to each his own"
 - it is ok to allow a small child to go without a diaper around family members
 - all people should be fully clothed at all times except for sleeping, bathing, and shirtless guys
 - walking around the house in your underwear is no big deal
37. Whose need for verbal expression is higher?
- mine
 - my partner's
 - it's quite equal
38. Your spouse wants to tell you that the amount of time spent with each other is not enough. How would he/she be more apt to pose the comment?
- you hardly ever spend any time with me anymore
 - I wish we could spend more time together – I sure miss you
39. When my partner brings up past relationships,
- I wish he/she wouldn't
 - I'm ok with it
 - I wish there weren't so many
 - I sometimes wonder if there are still feelings involved
 - I would feel inadequate or insecure if it is talked of fondly
40. How would you measure your success?
- my car and/or house
 - my career and/or income
 - my spirituality
 - the happiness of my family
 - how many kids I have
 - my happiness/peace of mind
 - the amount of love in my life
41. Your spouse has been very busy working overtime while also trying to keep up with household maintenance all week and was not able to spend much time with you or the kids. At the end of the week, he/she wants to go out with friends from work and asks you to stay home with the kids.
- ask him/her not to go because you miss him/her
 - you are happy for him/her for finally getting a chance to relax and have fun
 - you feel sad and left out
 - you expect your spouse to come home after work on a regular basis, but once in a while is fine
42. When it comes to compromising, I am generally
- somewhat stubborn
 - quite flexible
 - rational and fair
43. Would you strive for equality in your marriage?
- yes, it's important for each to feel we are equal in most aspects
 - yes, for the most part, but I know some things just won't be equal
 - if we each give our best and not expect much in return, that's what counts – no scale
44. Do you have a tendency to get defensive when your partner gives you constructive criticism?
- not really, I handle it quite well for the most part
 - no, I appreciate it
 - yes, but I try not to
 - yes, but it's because my partner shouldn't be criticizing me
 - yes, but it's because my partner lacks tact
 - yes, but it's because he/she criticizes me too much
 - my partner doesn't criticize me at all
45. A happy marriage is something that
- requires continuous effort
 - should come naturally
46. Which question would you be more apt to ask?
- What have you done for me lately?
 - What can I do for you today?

47. Do you believe in supernatural beings?
 a) yes
 b) no
 c) not sure
48. Are you more of a risk-taker, or tend to play it safe?
 a) risk-taker
 b) play it safe
49. You and your spouse are at a party and someone starts acting flirtatious with your spouse.
 a) tell your spouse you'd like to leave
 b) no big deal
 c) feel threatened
 d) feel flattered
 e) keep a close eye on your spouse's response
 f) give your spouse a big juicy kiss
 g) ask the person to quit eyeing up your spouse
 h) give the person dirty looks until it stops
50. When I realize that I am wrong, I
 a) can usually admit it fairly easy
 b) sometimes get upset
 c) have a tendency to try to find excuses or blame
51. I think being late is
 a) usually irresponsible
 b) no big deal unless it's severe and habitual
 c) a regular thing with me
 d) a form of controlling behavior
52. Do you feel you have a good balance of time spent with your partner, time spent alone, time spent with family members, and time spent with friends?
 a) yes, for the most part
 b) could be better balanced
 c) I guess so, because no one is complaining
 d) I don't think people should keep track
53. How do you feel about individual alone time?
 a) it's very important
 b) I don't need it, and if my partner did, I might feel insecure
 c) I don't need much
 d) I would be fine with whatever my partner needed
54. I rely on my partner for
 a) lifting my mood/making me smile
 b) keeping my self-esteem up
 c) being my best friend
 d) listening to my gripes
 e) taking care of me
 f) my short-term memory
 g) advice
 h) taking care of the things that I don't want to do
 i) not too much, as I am fairly self-reliant
55. Do you have a tendency to bring up the past when arguing?
 a) sometimes
 b) not usually
 c) yes, but I try not to
 d) we don't argue
56. Do you sometimes give in, or not say what you feel just to avoid conflict with your partner?
 a) yes, I fear an argument
 b) yes, I don't want to upset my partner
 c) yes, sometimes I get too pooped to participate
 d) not usually
 e) pretty much never
57. How likely is it that your spouse would say, "You give more attention to the dog than me."
 a) very likely
 b) somewhat likely
 c) not likely
58. Renumber this list in order of importance in a marriage.
 a) freedom
 b) sex
 c) trust/security
 d) common interests
 e) faithfulness
 f) kindness
 g) cuddle time
 h) communication
 i) humor
59. Generally, I tend to
 a) trust people until they give me reason not to
 b) not trust until I get a chance to know them
 c) follow my gut instincts to tell me if someone is trustworthy or not
60. Do you ever feel embarrassed by your partner in public, with family, or friends?
 a) yes, but it's funny
 b) yes and it sometimes bothers me
 c) no
61. Since age 16, what is the longest amount of time you've gone without being in a relationship?
 a) a day
 b) a month
 c) 6 months
 d) 1 year
 e) other _____
62. I would leave my spouse if he/she
 a) was put in jail
 b) changed religion
 c) lost interest in sex
 d) is physically or sexually abusive to me or the kids
 e) is psychologically or mentally abusive to me or the kids
 f) was unfaithful
 g) continually lied
 h) gained too much weight
 i) was financially irresponsible, to the point of severe debt
 j) refused help with a serious addiction
 k) refused help with a mental disorder
 l) none of the above, marriage is a lifelong commitment for better or worse, until death do you part

63. If my partner left me tomorrow,
- my life would end
 - I would never love another
 - it may be the hardest thing I ever had to deal with, but I could eventually move on
64. What do you think of your (sleeping) dreams?
- I don't pay attention to them
 - they are meaningless
 - much can be learned from them
 - I rarely remember them
 - I may be reluctant to share certain dreams with my partner
65. Sometimes I wish my partner was a little more
- romantic
 - spiritual
 - humorous
 - sensitive
 - understanding
 - relaxed
 - patient
 - open-minded
 - responsible
 - motivated
 - supportive
 - confident
 - verbal
 - trusting
 - attentive
 - my partner is perfect
 - none of the above
66. From this list, choose the sound you'd most enjoy listening to (pick only one).
- laughter
 - the oven timer (or dinner bell)
 - a thunderstorm
 - a campfire
 - a train
 - a good song
 - a Harley
 - silence
 - birds
 - your baby cooing

Family / Children / Parenting

67. Would you prefer to start a family fairly soon after marriage or later on?
- sooner, it's easier when you are younger and have more energy and it would be better for communication (less generation gap)
 - later, it's better to spend time alone with your spouse for a while and do things parents aren't able to do
 - prefer not to at all
68. If I disagreed with something my spouse told our child, I would
- speak my mind in front of the child
 - discuss it with my spouse in another room
 - say nothing

69. What do you think of a working mother?
- only after the youngest child reaches ___ years old
 - against it – I'd rather have a lower income than have my kids raised in daycare
 - only if a family member can baby sit
 - only part-time
 - all for it if the mother wants to
 - only if there is a financial need
 - only if she can work in the home
70. Ideally, the number of kids I'd like to have is:
- 0
 - 2
 - 3
 - more than 3
 - as many as the good Lord allows
 - as many as we can afford
71. What do you think of paternity leave?
- not necessary
 - definitely
 - depends on how many kids we already have
 - depends on whether or not the mother needs help
 - depends on whether or not we can afford it
72. How do you feel about kids having friends over?
- only if I like their friends
 - prefer to keep them out
 - only at certain times of the day
 - not allowed in certain rooms
 - not if they're going to eat all our food
 - the more the merrier
 - only a certain number of friends at one time
 - only if a parent is home
73. Your 16-year-old asks to have a large party and wants you gone. You say
- yes, if that child is normally good and responsible
 - no way, bad things happen at big parties
 - yes, but only if parents can be home
 - yes, and then spy on them
 - yes, but we'll be gone only part of the time
74. What do you think of birth control?
- I'd prefer the wife to take care of it
 - I'd prefer the husband to take care of it
 - it should be up to the spouse who wants fewer children
 - don't believe in it at all
 - doesn't matter to me who takes care of it as long as it works
75. Your 15-year-old son gradually becomes withdrawn from both parents, has decreasing grades, and chooses to wear black for most of his clothing.
- suspect he has joined a gang or cult
 - search his room for drugs
 - force him (if he refuses) to see a therapist
 - tell him to shape up or ship out
 - watch and see how it goes
 - force him (if he refuses) to spend time with you
 - take him out shopping for a new stereo
 - assume it is a normal phase that will pass

76. How do you feel about invading a child's privacy (reading diaries, letters, eavesdropping, etc.)?
- all for it, parents need to know what's going on
 - only if there is a major concern, and I couldn't trust the child would be honest about it
 - if I did invade privacy, I would tell the child
 - if I did invade privacy, I would keep it a secret
 - never do it
77. Your 16-year-old daughter informs you that she is in love with her girlfriend. How would you react?
- tell her that she will probably grow out of it
 - ask her if she would like therapy to help with her disorder
 - gross, don't tell me that!
 - have her talk with a church official
 - forbid the relationship
 - relieved that at least it's not your son who's gay
 - ask if she would like to have her over for dinner
78. Your 5-year-old asks where babies come from. You say
- ask your mother/father
 - we'll discuss it when you are a little older
 - explain as little as possible until the child is satisfied
 - the stork, how was school today?
 - explain love, marriage, sex and biology in simple words
79. It is ok to swear in front of the kids when
- you are very angry
 - you are joking around
 - if they are younger than ____
 - if they are older than ____
 - it is not directed toward them
 - never
80. Your 9-year-old son used your expensive power saw when he was told not to; he hurt himself and broke it.
- the more remorse he shows, the less severe the punishment should be
 - make him do extra chores to help pay for it
 - tell him you realize it was an accident, he already got his punishment from getting hurt, and don't do it again
 - ground him from his favorite activity
 - teach him how to use it correctly
81. Suppose you walk in on your child masturbating.
- immediately demand the child to stop
 - (later) tell him/her that it is normal to be curious, but that it is morally wrong
 - act like you didn't notice and casually walk away
 - (later) reassure the child that this is normal and nothing to be ashamed of
82. At what age should kids start getting an earned allowance?
- I don't believe in allowance
 - 4-6
 - 7-9
 - 10-12
83. You catch your 16-year-old daughter in bed with her 18-year-old boyfriend.
- press charges
 - put her on birth control
 - forbid contact
 - my 16-year-old would not be dating an 18-year-old in the first place
 - tell him to go home and not to do it again
84. It is ok to allow your kids in a tavern when
- it's daytime
 - it's not very crowded
 - there is an attached restaurant
 - you're on vacation
 - no sitter is available
 - they are toddler or younger
 - never
85. Your 6-year-old daughter refuses to try a meal because it doesn't look good and asks for something else to eat. She usually eats what is served.
- fix something else for her – this time only
 - always prepare another choice if she won't eat it
 - bribe or force her to at least try it
 - make her wait until the next meal
 - tell her she'll have to wait until the next meal, but end up giving her something else an hour later
86. Who do you think would take care of most of the discipline?
- probably me
 - probably my spouse
 - equal – a team effort
87. Who do you think would be more strict?
- probably me
 - probably my spouse
 - equal
88. Do you think the amount and kind of TV shows should be censored for your kids?
- yes
 - no
 - depends on their age/maturity
 - only the amount
 - only the type of show
89. Your 12-year-old has a friend you disapprove of and you feel the friend will have a bad influence on your child.
- forbid the relationship
 - wait and see if something bad happens
 - tell the child your concerns and allow him/her to make the decision
90. Do you think spanking a child is sometimes necessary?
- only up to a certain age
 - only if a severe punishment is needed
 - there's nothing wrong with mild spanking
 - no, there are more effective ways to discipline

91. Do you feel restricting a favorite toy or activity is an effective way of discipline?
- yes
 - no, I don't feel it works well
 - only if it was related to the "crime"
92. Do you feel grounding (making a child stay home) is an effective way of discipline?
- yes
 - no, I don't feel it works well
 - only if I can see it's working with a particular child – all depends on the personality
93. Your 17-year-old son wants to join a rock band after high school and go on the road and be a star someday. He is very intelligent with much potential, but you feel his musical ability is not that great.
- encourage him to follow his dreams
 - help him get started, maybe offer some lessons
 - encourage college, including music classes
 - hire a music critic to assess his ability
 - tell him honestly how you feel about his ability and encourage him to just keep it a hobby
94. Your 14-year-old daughter asks to spend the weekend with a girlfriend who you haven't met.
- say no
 - say yes as long as parents will be there
 - say yes and call to check up on her
 - say yes if this daughter is trustworthy
 - ask to meet her friend
 - ask to meet the friend's parents
95. If one spouse was unable to have kids, I would be open to
- foster parenting
 - surrogate mother
 - adoption
 - artificial insemination
 - adopt a different nationality
 - adopt an infant only
 - frequent trips to the zoo
 - none of the above
96. Your 8-year-old son is very angry about something and starts yelling, crying, and throws an object across the room.
- take him to a counselor for anger management if this behavior continues
 - punish him for his outburst
 - warn him that this behavior won't be tolerated
 - buy him a punching bag
 - tell him big boys don't cry
 - say "What is your problem?"
 - give him a "time out" until he calms down
 - tell him to go outside if he wants to throw something
 - ignore him until he calms down, then discuss what he is angry about
 - see if you can calm him down by talking quietly and rationally to him
97. How do you feel about guns in the house with kids?
- ok as long as the kids are trained and know the rules
 - only if the guns are for hunting and locked up
 - they should not be in the same house as kids
98. How do you feel about a teen getting a job during the school year?
- all for it
 - not a good idea
 - only if their grades are good
 - depends on how well they can balance their time
99. How do you feel about kid's homework?
- the amount they get is usually good
 - they get too much
 - should be done right after school
 - should be done right after dinner
 - can be done anytime they want as long as they usually get it done on time
100. When your daughter turned 16, she was responsible, got good grades in school, and had respectable friends. She was allowed to drive after dark. When your son turned 16, he was a little on the wild side, had lower grades and scary friends. Should he also be allowed the same driving freedom at night?
- yes, it's only fair
 - no, different personalities need to be treated differently
101. Your 4- and 6-year-old kids are fighting over a toy.
- break up the fight and give the toy to the child who had it first
 - give it to the one who didn't get a turn yet
 - give it to the one who is the most upset
 - give it to the 4-year-old and give the 6-year-old a prize for being a big boy/girl
 - put it away – now no one gets it
 - as long as they are not being physically abusive, ignore it and let them work out their own issues
 - suggest ways they could play with it together, or take turns
102. What are your views on abortion?
- it's ok if there are medical risks to the baby
 - it's ok if there are medical risks to the mother
 - it's ok if the pregnancy was a result of rape
 - it's ok if the mother is very young and single
 - it's never ok for anyone
 - to each his own, but I would never do it no matter what
 - sometimes you have to do what you have to do
 - depends on how far along the pregnancy is
103. If you could only teach one thing from this list to your child, it would be (choose only one)
- to be non-judgmental
 - to be proud of who you are
 - to give of yourself to others
 - sincere appreciation
 - to freely express your emotions

104. Your 2-year-old is showing signs of jealousy of a new baby by acting out undesirably. How would you handle the unacceptable behavior?
- send the child to a therapist
 - take parenting classes
 - do not discipline the child, instead, try to involve him/her in more of the baby's care taking
 - give the child a "time out"
 - try to give the child more attention
105. What are your feelings about parents who occasionally tease their young children all in good fun?
- it's harmless – kids might as well get used to it
 - it teaches the child a good sense of humor
 - against it – it can be confusing and upsetting to a small child
106. Your 3-year-old son throws a tantrum in the grocery store and your cart is full and you're almost done.
- try not to look at the people giving you dirty looks and just ignore the child's behavior until you get to the car or home
 - leave the cart and take the child to the car until he calms down
 - give him what he wants just to shut him up
 - I would never take that kind of kid in the store in the first place
 - stroll down the hardware aisle, grab the duct tape and continue on
107. If your spouse were to belittle you or undermine your authority in front of your child, how would you react?
- while still in the child's presence, ask your spouse to please stop
 - when not in the child's presence, ask your spouse to please stop
 - my spouse would never do that
 - ask your spouse to join you in parenting classes or to read a parenting book
108. How do you feel about a parent giving a child empty threats (for example: "If you don't turn that TV off, I'm going to throw it out the window!")?
- I would try not to, but I can see how easily it might occur
 - I don't see anything wrong with it
 - I would not tolerate it
109. How do you get along with (potential) in-laws?
- very well
 - could be better
 - don't see them enough to know
110. How does your partner get along with (potential) in-laws?
- very well
 - could be better
 - don't see them enough to know

Religion / Spirituality

111. How strong are your religious beliefs?
- I would die for my religion
 - God and my faith will always come before my spouse and family
 - I would be open to change my religion if my spouse felt strongly about it
 - my spouse would have to change to my religion before marriage
 - I don't belong to any organized religion
 - it's ok if my spouse is a different religion
112. If your spouse has a different religion (or set of beliefs) than yourself, what religion would your kids be brought up in?
- mine
 - if my spouse felt strongly about it, the kids can be raised in his/her religion
 - the kids would be raised learning both religions and be allowed to choose for themselves at a certain age
 - my spouse will not be a different religion than me
 - I don't really care
113. If your kids don't want to go to church on Sundays, will you force them?
- yes, it's my obligation to make sure they follow the church laws
 - no, church should not be forced; they won't benefit if they resent having to go
 - it depends on the age and maturity of the child
 - I don't go to church, so I wouldn't expect my kids to go
114. I would like most of my children's religious/spiritual learning to come from
- my spouse and I
 - my spouse and I, but it would probably come more from my spouse than me
 - my spouse and I, but it would probably come more from me than my spouse
 - outside classes, books, educational TV
115. Would you be open to pastoral counseling for any reason?
- probably
 - probably not
116. What are your views on life after death?
- something someone made up to make their grief more bearable
 - I hope there is, but I don't know
 - I believe without a doubt, there is life after death
117. Discussing spiritual topics with your partner
- feels uncomfortable
 - comes easy
 - frustrates me
 - makes me feel closer to my partner
 - does not occur

Cleanliness

118. How often do you brush your teeth?
- once a day
 - twice a day
 - three times a day
 - when I get around to it
119. How often do you go to the dentist?
- every 6 months
 - every year
 - I only go if something hurts
 - regular visits if I have insurance
 - when I get around to it
120. How often do you shower?
- every day, even if I'm not feeling well
 - usually every day
 - usually every other day
 - when I get around to it
121. How often do you like your outer clothing washed?
- every time I wear it
 - I could wear the same thing for a week or more
 - I'll wear it until I spill something on it
 - depends on what it is (for example, pants can be worn more than once, but not shirts)
122. How do you feel about a clean house?
- I prefer it clean as much as practical
 - I don't care that much
 - I can handle dirt, but things should be put away and organized
 - I don't mind clutter and things laying around as long as the dirt is cleaned
 - I like a clean house, but I don't like to clean
 - the amount of cleaning should be the bare minimum – there are better things to do
123. How do you feel about a clean yard?
- it's important – everyone should do their part no matter where they live, and take pride in their home
 - whatever
 - I usually get around to it when the neighbors start giving dirty looks
 - I'd pay someone else to do it if I could
124. How do you feel about smoking in the house?
- doesn't bother me
 - ok, if there are no children
 - I prefer no smoking in the house – an occasional smoking guest is ok
 - smokers must take it outside
125. It's time to wash the dishes.
- I think my spouse will be taking care of that
 - until the kids are old enough (3), I think we'll both do them together – come on, be fun
 - I don't care, I'll do them
 - dishes should be washed right after each meal (if you choose this, you also need to choose c)

126. How do you feel about household cleaning chores?
- should be an equal team effort whenever possible
 - female takes care of the inside, male takes care of the outside
 - if one spouse works and the other doesn't, the other should do most of it

Pets

127. You just got a new puppy, not house-trained yet, so it has to sleep in the kitchen. Your 6-year-old son wants to sleep with the dog so that it won't cry and howl.
- tell him he must wait until the dog is trained
 - get out the sleeping bag for him
 - the dog will always have his own special sleeping area, so the child should not get used to sleeping with it at all
128. Which pets would you be open to getting?
- any dog
 - only a smaller-type dog
 - only a medium to large dog
 - cat
 - exotic or unusual
 - farm animals
 - small caged animals
 - I would not want pets when the kids are very young
 - I would not want a large dog in the house
 - none – animals smell, they keep you tied down too much, and they're costly
129. Would you allow a dog or cat to sleep in your bed?
- no
 - probably not
 - cat yes, dog no
 - dog yes, cat no
 - only if my spouse felt strongly about it
130. You hate cats and you think they smell. Your 5-year-old daughter begs for one for Christmas.
- tell her that she is allergic to them
 - buy a cat for Christmas
 - get her a stuffed cat
 - tell her when she grows up and gets her own place, she can have a cat

Romance / Sex

131. Do you think the amount of romance in your relationship will
- get better as time goes on
 - probably dwindle down some
 - probably stay the same
132. Oprah says, "What it took to get me it takes to keep me." How do you feel about that statement?
- I agree wholeheartedly
 - it's just not realistic, as no one can keep up the intensity of infatuation forever
133. Which setting seems the most romantic to you? (choose only one)
- watching the sun set on a large beach
 - the top of a high-rise building at night
 - afternoon horseback riding in a remote area
 - campfire by a lake
 - intimate, fancy restaurant
 - candlelit dinner for 2 at home
 - hot tub in a hotel room
134. Do you believe in love at first sight?
- I guess it's possible, but rare
 - I don't think it's possible
 - I think it's very possible
135. Whose need for physical touch (hugs, cuddles, hand-holding, etc.) is higher?
- mine
 - my partner's
 - it's quite equal
136. How often would you like to hear the words "I love you"?
- a few times a day
 - once a day
 - once a week
 - once a month
137. Do you feel you need continuous reassurance of your partner's love?
- yes, and I will ask for it if I don't get it
 - yes, but I won't continually seek it
 - yes, but my partner is good at giving it
 - not really; if my partner seems distant, I might seek reassurance, but once I got it, I'd be fine
 - no, I trust my partner's feelings won't change on a weekly basis even if we had an argument
138. Suppose your spouse wanted sex when you didn't.
- my spouse would want to wait until I am ready, so I would just ask for a different time
 - I would do it anyway for fear he/she would feel rejected or get upset
 - I would do it anyway out of love and a desire to please
139. Are you aware of your partner's sexual desires and expectations?
- I think so
 - not really
140. If my spouse started losing interest in sex but still seems very happy, I would
- suspect an affair
 - feel very insecure
 - suggest counseling or a medical checkup
 - try to be more creative or seductive
 - feel a bit relieved
141. What do you think of masturbating while married?
- only the spouse who wants sex more often should be allowed to do it
 - only if I am present
 - neither spouse should ever do it
 - only if one spouse is incapable of or not interested in performing for a long period of time
 - go for it
142. What are your feelings on pornography?
- it can be a beneficial marital aid
 - it is disgusting and sinful
 - to each his own, but it's not for me
 - I would not want my spouse to view any porn
143. What do you think of "quickies"?
- meaningless and not preferred
 - necessity at times
 - should take no longer than 15 minutes
 - impossible for me
 - preferred most of the time
144. Are you comfortable discussing your sexual desires and/or fantasies with your partner?
- pretty much so
 - not yet, but I feel it will get easier as time goes on
 - not really
 - I do not want to hear about any fantasies
145. Would you be willing to be tested for AIDS?
- yes
 - no
146. Have you ever had sex with someone you were not in love with?
- yes
 - yes, with regrets
 - no
 - no, with regrets
147. How important is it to you to keep creative new ideas flowing into the bedroom?
- very, I would die of boredom otherwise
 - somewhat, I can handle routine for the most part, but I would probably be open to some new ideas
 - it's important, but I'm afraid I'm not the creative one
 - you mean, there's another idea?
148. Renumber this list of senses according to importance to you while making love. (virgins, take a guess)
- sight
 - touch
 - smell
 - sound
 - taste

Financial

149. At the end of the month, there is an extra \$100 left in the budget. The husband has been begging for an accessory for his favorite hobby; the wife needs a perm really bad (she's not looking so good); the daughter has been asking to go to band camp; you have also been saving for a home maintenance project. Where should the extra \$100 go?
- divide it by 4 and keep saving
 - put it toward the house
 - the wife gets it – her need is most urgent
 - take everyone out for a movie and a nice dinner
 - give it to the kid – she needs fond memories
 - the husband gets it – he's been working real hard
150. When it comes to getting gifts,
- I like surprises
 - I would rather pick it out
 - I'd prefer something practical
 - I'd prefer something fun
 - I'd prefer something inexpensive, but thoughtful
 - I don't think it's necessary for spouses to exchange gifts
151. Would you be willing to eat leftovers until they are all gone (not all at one sitting)?
- yes, no problem (unless it has changed color)
 - yes, if it could be prepared differently each time
 - probably not
 - that's what dogs are for
152. What are your views on gambling?
- occasionally can be fun
 - against it totally, even lottery tickets
 - against most types, but lottery tickets are ok
 - I enjoy it
 - only take a small amount of cash with you
153. How would you feel about your kids wearing second-hand clothes?
- I hope they never have to, but I would deal with it if need be
 - I think it's a good idea since they grow so fast
 - out of the question
 - it's ok up until they start school
 - only clothes passed down within our own family
154. When it comes to getting the bills paid,
- I'd prefer to take care of them
 - I'd prefer my spouse to take care of them
 - whoever gets around to it first
155. How do you feel about credit cards?
- only have one to use on the internet
 - they should never be used – if you don't have the money, you shouldn't be shopping
 - they're great inventions
 - they are ok as long as you plan on paying up soon, before the high interest kicks in
156. A savings account is
- a must
 - a luxury
157. The checking account
- is great for when you don't have any money, but will soon
 - should only be in one spouse's name
 - should be separate – one account for each spouse
 - should be in both names and have 2 checkbooks (or debit cards) going at the same time so each spouse has one available at all times
 - should be in both names, but only have one spouse hold on to it
158. I am the type of person who
- runs out of things and has to keep making extra trips to the store
 - usually have a spare of things used often
 - runs out of things occasionally, but will improvise until the next time I'm out
159. I am the type of person who would
- run around the house and turn off lights that aren't being used
 - neglect to turn the light off when leaving a room
160. My idea of extravagant spending is
- unnecessary clothing and/or accessories (the definition of "need" may be required)
 - going out to eat more than once a month
 - gifts for other people
 - throwing food away
 - long, hot showers
 - vacation traveling
 - donations
 - life insurance
 - pets
 - keeping up with the latest electronics
 - entertainment such as movies, concerts, sporting events, etc.
 - cigarettes and/or alcohol
 - hiring a maid
 - anything purchased on credit
 - none of the above
161. How large does a purchase have to be to need both spouses' consent?
- any purchase, except personal toiletries and food
 - over \$25
 - over \$50
 - other _____
 - it depends on what it is, and my spouse will know which things need my input and consent
 - if my spouse thinks we should have it, he/she should have the freedom to purchase without my consent or prior knowledge (but keep the receipt)

162. You come home one afternoon and find a new TV in the living room. Your spouse informs you that the TV broke and we needed to buy another one.
- a) I would be upset that I was not included in the decision of this purchase
 - b) maybe it could have been fixed
 - c) I'm glad you took care of it, so I didn't have to go shopping right now
 - d) I hope you got a good deal
163. How do you feel about being in debt?
- a) isn't everyone?
 - b) anything other than house and car makes me uncomfortable and I would try harder to save
 - c) I would not deprive myself of things I enjoyed just to pay off a debt faster
164. Children's activities, entertainment, sports, hobbies, etc., can be quite costly. How should these costs be addressed?
- a) children should use their allowances
 - b) parents should take care of these costs (within reason)
 - c) parents should share the costs with the children
 - d) if they can't save enough from their allowance, they should get a paper route or other job or find cheaper activities

165. Your spouse has an opportunity to work overtime for an extended period of time, and you are currently just making ends meet.
- a) encourage it, as it will be helpful to save for things coming up in the future
 - b) encourage it, as long as we didn't have any children
 - c) discourage it, as it is more important to spend time with family
 - d) discourage it, as people spend too much of their lives working as it is
166. Chances are, one of you is more frugal than the other. The higher the difference, the higher the probability of future conflict in financial areas. How do feel about your compatibility in this area?
- a) I feel that we are very similar in the desire to save money and resources
 - b) I am confident that we will come to fair compromises when it comes to saving and spending
 - c) I can see that we differ quite a bit in that area and need to discuss how we will deal with it

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