

Instrument Title: Mate Preferences Questionnaire

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Factors in Choosing A Mate

Name _____

Part I: Biographical Data

1. Age: _____
2. Sex: _____ (male or female)
3. Religion: _____
4. Marital status (please circle): single dating engaged married divorced
5. Class or year: _____
6. Number of brothers: _____ Number of sisters: _____

Part II: Evaluative Section

1. At what age would you prefer to marry? _____
2. What age difference would you prefer between you and your spouse? _____ years
Whom would you prefer to be older (please circle): self spouse
3. Please evaluate the following factors in choosing a mate. If you consider it

indispensable, give it.....3 points
important, but not indispensable.....2 points
desirable, but not very important.....1 point
irrelevant or unimportant.....0 points

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| _____ (1) Good cook and housekeeper | _____ (10) Desire for home and children |
| _____ (2) Pleasing disposition | _____ (11) Favorable social status or rating |
| _____ (3) Sociability | _____ (12) Good looks |
| _____ (4) Similar educational background | _____ (13) Similar religious background |
| _____ (5) Refinement, neatness | _____ (14) Ambition & industriousness |
| _____ (6) Good financial prospect | _____ (15) Similar political background |
| _____ (7) Chastity (no previous experience
in sexual intercourse) | _____ (16) Mutual attraction—love |
| _____ (8) Dependable character | _____ (17) Good health |
| _____ (9) Emotional stability & maturity | _____ (18) Education & intelligence |

Age: _____ Sex: M F Married: yes no

Preferences Concerning Potential Mates

Instructions. Below are listed a set of characteristics that might be present in a potential mate or marriage partner. Please rank them on their desirability in someone you might marry. Give a "1" to the most desirable characteristic in a potential mate; a "2" to the second most desirable characteristic in a potential mate; a "3" to the third most desirable characteristic; and so on down to "13" for the 13th most desired characteristic in a potential mate.

Rank These 13 Characteristics From Most (1) to Least (13) Desired in a Mate

- _____ kind & understanding
- _____ religious
- _____ exciting personality
- _____ creative & artistic
- _____ good housekeeper
- _____ intelligent
- _____ good earning capacity
- _____ wants children
- _____ easygoing
- _____ good heredity
- _____ college graduate
- _____ physically attractive
- _____ healthy

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