

# Sharing your future together

*Some questions to get you talking and thinking*

## How to use this questionnaire

- This Questionnaire is just for the two of you.
- The Minister helping you prepare for marriage doesn't want to see the answers!
- Print off two copies; one each.
- Take it in stages, no more than 5 or 10 questions in a session.
- Answer honestly and, if you don't know, say so.
- Then compare your answers.

## What to do afterwards

- There will be questions, and answers, to laugh about
- There will be some that you will need to talk about
- There may be some disagreements between you

## A few thoughts

- In your married life you will have to make lots of decisions together.
- Sometimes you will agree on what to do
- Sometimes you will need to compromise or work through your differences.
- Hopefully this questionnaire will help you face those issues together.

## Embarrassment Warning!

Some of these questions concern intimate aspects of your relationship. That's why this form has been designed so that, if you want to show the questionnaire to other people, you can rip the answers off first.

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| 1 What is your partner's favourite food?                           | 1  |
| 2 What is your partner's favourite newspaper/magazine?             | 2  |
| 3 Is your partner ticklish?  | 3  |
| 4 Does your partner want to have (more) children?                  | 4  |
| 5 Who else would your partner turn to in a crisis?                 | 5  |
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| 6 Does your partner pray?  | 6  |
| 7 Who is going to keep the household accounts?                     | 7  |
| 8 Who is going to write the shopping list?                         | 8  |
| 9 Does your partner talk to you about their sexual needs?          | 9  |
| 10 How long do you want to stay in your current home?              | 10 |
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| 11 Does your partner have any annoying habits?                     | 11 |
| 12 Would your partner think about going to church regularly?       | 12 |
| 13 Does your partner snore?  | 13 |
| 14 When would your partner like to start a family? (if applicable) | 14 |
| 15 What is your partner's favourite music?                         | 15 |
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| 16 What TV programme does your partner always watch/record?        | 16 |
| 17 Who, besides yourself, is your partner's best friend?           | 17 |
| 18 Is your partner comfortable in making the first move sexually?  | 18 |
| 19 What does your partner prefer for breakfast?                    | 19 |
| 20 Where would your partner like to go on holiday?                 | 20 |
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| 21 What is the best laugh you have ever had together?              | 21 |
| 22 Is your partner happy at work?                                  | 22 |
| 23 How would (does) your partner discipline your children?         | 23 |
| 24 Is your partner comfortable to ask for what they want in bed?   | 24 |
| 25 Where will you eat Christmas Day lunch next year?               | 25 |

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26 What time does your partner get up on a non-work day?

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27 Who is going to do most of the ironing?

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28 Does you partner have life insurance? For them? For you?

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29 Have often does your partner expect to have sex?

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30 What time is Sunday lunch?

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31 Does your partner get on with your parents?

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32 What did you think when you first saw your partner?

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33 Does your partner believe in God?

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34 Is your partner happy for just you to “go out on the town”?

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35 What is the biggest argument you have ever had together?

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36 What is your partner’s earliest memory?

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37 Does your partner get jealous if you flirt with someone else?

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38 What is your partner’s attitude to gay people?

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39 Whose job will be most important in the future?

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40 Does your partner want to have (more) pets?

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41 Have you seen your partner drunk?

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42 Which political party would your partner vote for?

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43 What makes your partner angry?

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44 What form of contraception does your partner prefer?

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45 Would you ever consider having “the snip” / being sterilised?

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46 What do you think of your partner’s dancing?

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47 What arrangements does your partner have for a pension?

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48 What would your partner do if someone was racially abused?

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49 Has your partner made a will?

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50 What was your partner’s most embarrassing experience?

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- 51 Which side of the bed does your partner prefer to sleep on?
- 52 What does your partner drink first thing in the morning?
- 53 How do you best relax together?
- 54 How does your partner best show affection?
- 55 How often does your partner expect their parents to call in?

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- 56 What is your partner's favourite sport? To play? To watch?
- 57 Does your partner have a Donor Card?
- 58 Is your partner comfortable to try something new sexually?
- 59 Who will wash up after Sunday lunch?
- 60 How does your partner prefer to spend Sunday afternoon?

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- 61 How do you make up after an argument?
- 62 Where was your first date?
- 63 Who will drive when you go out, and come back, from a party?
- 64 Who is going to do the gardening?
- 65 Who will cook the meal when you've both been working?

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*How about writing some of your own questions to ask each other?*

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