

# MPI

## PREMARRIAGE INVENTORY

Respond to each question according to how you personally feel. Using the scale below, mark your answer on the attached answer sheet.

- 1** -- Strongly agree
- 2** -- Agree
- 3** -- Sometimes agree
- 4** -- Disagree
- 5** -- Strongly disagree

1. My partner and I resolve issues that arise.

Use this scale for the next question only:

- 1** -- Husband
- 2** -- Wife
- 3** -- Both
- 4** -- Neither

2. Who will be in charge of the checkbook?

Continue by using this scale:

- 1** -- Strongly agree
- 2** -- Agree
- 3** -- Sometimes agree
- 4** -- Disagree
- 5** -- Strongly disagree

3. In the home where I grew up, we did things as a family.

4. My partner and I have the same religious viewpoints.
5. Arguments between my partner and I end in a resolution.
6. I am satisfied with the government of our relationship.
7. Growing up, my mom or my dad wasn't around much.
8. My partner ignores my feelings.
9. My partner and I have issues between us that cannot be resolved.

Use this scale for the next question only:

- 1** -- Husband
- 2** -- Wife
- 3** -- Both
- 4** -- Neither

10. Who will be involved in the finances?

Continue by using this scale:

- 1** -- Strongly agree
- 2** -- Agree
- 3** -- Sometimes agree
- 4** -- Disagree
- 5** -- Strongly disagree

11. One of my parents drank a lot.
12. My partner accepts my friends.
13. My partner and I don't speak to each other after we've had an argument.
14. A married couple should have a structured financial plan that includes saving money.
15. I liked the home where I grew up.
16. My partner ridicules me or insults me.
17. My partner and I work through issues together.

Use this scale for the next question only:

- 1** -- Husband
- 2** -- Wife
- 3** -- Both
- 4** -- Neither

18. Who will be in charge of paying bills?

Continue by using this scale:

- 1** -- Strongly agree
- 2** -- Agree
- 3** -- Sometimes agree
- 4** -- Disagree
- 5** -- Strongly disagree

- 19. There always seemed to be turmoil in the home where I grew up.
- 20. My partner and I have the same viewpoint concerning attendance at religious services.
- 21. My partner and I take the time to completely work through an issue so we can both agree on the solution.
- 22. I wish I had more of "a say" in our relationship.
- 23. It seemed that I was always in trouble in the home where I grew up.
- 24. My partner is critical of me.
- 25. There are issues that my partner and I cannot work through.

Use this scale for the next question only:

- 1** -- Husband
- 2** -- Wife
- 3** -- Both
- 4** -- Neither

26. Whose name will be on the bank account(s)?

Continue by using this scale:

- 1** -- Strongly agree
- 2** -- Agree
- 3** -- Sometimes agree
- 4** -- Disagree
- 5** -- Strongly disagree

- 27. It seemed that one of my brothers or sisters was always in trouble in the home where I grew up.
- 28. My partner accepts my brother(s) and sister(s).
- 29. I listen to everything my partner says when we are arguing.
- 30. I don't worry about money.
- 31. There was fighting in the home where I grew up.
- 32. My partner insults or ridicules my friends or family.
- 33. My partner listens to everything that I say when we are arguing.

Use this scale for the next question only:

- 1** -- Husband
- 2** -- Wife
- 3** -- Both
- 4** -- Neither

- 34. Whose name will be on investments?

Continue by using this scale:

- 1** -- Strongly agree
- 2** -- Agree
- 3** -- Sometimes agree
- 4** -- Disagree
- 5** -- Strongly disagree

- 35. It seemed that my mother and father were "against" each other.

- 36. My partner won't socialize with me.
- 37. I am afraid to express my point of view during a discussion.
- 38. I feel powerless in our relationship.
- 39. My home of origin gave me self-confidence.
- 40. My partner and I have the same views toward spiritual expressions in the home.
- 41. My partner seems afraid to express their point of view during a discussion.

Use this scale for the next question only:

- 1** -- Husband
- 2** -- Wife
- 3** -- Both
- 4** -- Neither

- 42. Who will have access to the bank account(s)?

Continue by using this scale:

- 1** -- Strongly agree
- 2** -- Agree
- 3** -- Sometimes agree
- 4** -- Disagree
- 5** -- Strongly disagree

- 43. My partner has humiliated me in public.
- 44. My partner and I each have equal time to express our views when having a discussion.
- 45. I balance the checkbook "to the penny."
- 46. In the home where I grew up, I had adult responsibilities as a child.
- 47. My partner has tried to stop me from working.
- 48. My partner cries when we are having an argument.

Use this scale for the next question only:

- 1** -- Husband
- 2** -- Wife
- 3** -- Both
- 4** -- Neither

49. Who will have access to investments?

Continue by using this scale:

- 1** -- Strongly agree
- 2** -- Agree
- 3** -- Sometimes agree
- 4** -- Disagree
- 5** -- Strongly disagree

50. My mother and I were in charge of my original home.

51. My partner accepts my parents.

52. My partner gets angry when we are having an argument.

53. I feel like I am "in the dark in our relationship."

54. My father and I were in charge of my original home.

55. My partner attempts to make all my decisions.

56. I yell and scream when we are fighting.

Use this scale for the next question only:

- 1** -- Husband
- 2** -- Wife
- 3** -- Both
- 4** -- Neither

57. Who will have access to account information for major bills?

Continue by using this scale:

- 1** -- Strongly agree
- 2** -- Agree
- 3** -- Sometimes agree
- 4** -- Disagree
- 5** -- Strongly disagree

58. We hugged each other in my original home.

59. My partner has taken car keys away so I can't leave.

60. I cry when we are fighting.

61. Married people should do research on products considered as "major purchases" before they buy.

62. I felt "guilty" in my original home.

63. My partner and I have the same views toward religious education of the children.

Use this scale for the next question only:

- 1** -- Husband
- 2** -- Wife
- 3** -- Both
- 4** -- Neither

64. If children become part of your relationship, who would be in charge of disciplining the kids?

Continue by using this scale:

- 1** -- Strongly agree
- 2** -- Agree
- 3** -- Sometimes agree
- 4** -- Disagree
- 5** -- Strongly disagree

65. My partner has threatened to hurt me.

66. I dislike my parent(s).

67. I feel "left out" of the government of our relationship.  
68. My partner thinks we spend too much time with my relatives.  
69. When discussing a problem, I feel my partner understands me.

Use this scale for the next question only:

- 1** -- Husband  
**2** -- Wife  
**3** -- Both  
**4** -- Neither

70. Who will be involved in the decision about major purchases?

Continue by using this scale:

- 1** -- Strongly agree  
**2** -- Agree  
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71. I still have serious problems with one of my brothers or sisters.  
72. My partner has hurt pets.  
73. When we are discussing an issue I ask questions until I understand my partner's view.  
74. I believe strict financial records should be kept.  
75. My partner has tried to manipulate me or others with lies or contradictions.  
76. My original home was emotionally cold.  
77. I believe love means "giving in" to the other person.  
78. My partner and I have the same views toward adult religious education.

Use this scale for the next question only:

- 1** -- Husband  
**2** -- Wife  
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**4** -- Neither

79. Who will make the final decision if there is no agreement between the two of you?



Continue by using this scale:

- 1** -- Strongly agree
- 2** -- Agree
- 3** -- Sometimes agree
- 4** -- Disagree
- 5** -- Strongly disagree

80. My parents got divorced during my childhood.

81. My partner uses "silence" to punish me after an argument.

82. In order to end an argument, I give up discussing the issue.

Use this scale for the next question only:

- 1** -- Husband
- 2** -- Wife
- 3** -- Both
- 4** -- Neither

83. If you are going to plan a trip or an outing, who will decide where and when and how long?

Continue by using this scale:

- 1** -- Strongly agree
- 2** -- Agree
- 3** -- Sometimes agree
- 4** -- Disagree
- 5** -- Strongly disagree

- 84. My partner believes my family demands too much.
- 85. I vividly remember being "spanked" by one of my parents.
- 86. My partner believes we spend too much time with my friends.
- 87. My partner's anger scares me.
- 88. My partner and I have the same religious viewpoint on moral issues.
- 89. I believe I was abused in some way as a child.

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# PREMARRIAGE INVENTORY Answer Sheet

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