

# **PETITIONER'S QUESTIONNAIRE**

## ***TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PETITIONER***

(Kindly answer the questions on separate paper; 2-3 page narrative is required.)

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| 1 | <b>Personal Background:</b> Describe your <b>personality and character</b> – your strong and weak points, your <b>relationship with parents and siblings</b> , your <b>religious</b> and educational training, your <b>social life prior to meeting the Respondent</b> , medical problems, any <b>difficulties with alcohol, drugs, gambling</b> and if you have ever undergone <b>psychological counseling</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2 | <b>Respondent's Family Background:</b> Give the same information for your former spouse as outlined in #1 to the best of your knowledge.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 3 | <b>Baptismal Status:</b> You and/or your former spouse's baptism into any Christian church and relevant details.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4 | <b>Courtship:</b> How you and your former spouse met, <b>the length of the dating and courtship period</b> , problems and separations you had; what attracted you to each other, your ability to show affection for each other, <b>the interests, values, and goals you had in common; the quality and depth of your communication;</b> who brought up the subject of marriage, <b>your understanding of marriage at the time</b> , your discussion about (a) <b>your roles</b> in the marriage, (b) <b>children</b> , (c) <b>fidelity</b> whether you experienced <b>doubts or pressure</b> prior to the marriage; the plans you both discussed and made for your life together; <b>your reasons for believing both of you were suited for each other, and mature enough to accept the responsibilities of marriage.</b> |
| 5 | <b>Wedding and Honeymoon:</b> Your thoughts and feelings as you prepared for the wedding, any <b>significant incidents prior to the wedding or reception: any fears, doubts or feelings of uneasiness about the marriage;</b> how the honeymoon went, intimacy and sexual problems encountered.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 6 | <b>Married life:</b> Attitude of each toward work, careers and responsibilities; common goals, friends and leisure time shared; <b>ability to communicate and share fears, joys, doubts;</b> attitude toward children; <b>ability to constructively resolve conflict;</b> how decisions were made about finances, career, discipline of the children; <b>when problems first appeared; any instances of infidelity, physical or psychological mistreatment (abuse); problems with alcohol, drugs, gambling; appearance of psychological disorder – extent and treatment;</b> any separations and whether counseling (personal and couple) was sought.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 7 | <b>Final Separation:</b> Describe circumstances surrounding the final separation and the efforts made to reconcile. In your opinion, what was the cause of the breakup of your marriage?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |