

# Couple Survey Statements

This document is to be shared with guest couples during your meeting together. Support couples will ask guest couples to read statements from the page and ask follow up questions.

- Q013 I am content about how we will share decision making in marriage.
- Q014 We have mutual friends who support us in our relationship.
- Q015 I worry that my partner might spend too much money.
- Q016 We talk openly about our attitudes towards money.
- Q017 My partner often becomes moody or critical when they are upset.
- Q018 My partner is good at apologising when he/she gets it wrong.
- Q019 I am confident that our parents will support us in the way we would bring up children.
- Q020 We take time to listen to each other's point of view.
- Q021 We are agreed about whether one of us would give up full-time work to look after our children.
- Q022 I expect marriage to cause my partner to change his/her behaviour.
- Q023 I am concerned that my partner may be viewing pornography.
- Q024 The thought of spending the rest of my life with my partner sometimes concerns me.
- Q025 We agree on whether we should go to a place of worship together regularly.
- Q026 My partner and I can talk about our sexual hopes, fears and preferences.
- Q027 We agree on how we would pass on our beliefs and values to our children.
- Q028 Sometimes my partner does not consult me when making important decisions.
- Q029 My partner is very good at giving me emotional support.
- Q030 I sometimes resent the amount of time my partner spends at work or pursuing a leisure activity.
- Q031 My partner's use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco or gambling causes problems between us.
- Q032 We always seem to argue over the same issues.
- Q033 We both make compromises to accommodate each other's way of doing things.
- Q034 My partner's anger sometimes frightens me.
- Q035 Our family backgrounds sometimes cause one or both of us to over-react.
- Q036 Sometimes I find that our relationship drains me of energy.
- Q037 My partner is very good at making me feel understood and appreciated.
- Q038 I have seen that my partner is open to changing his/her behaviour.
- Q039 I respect my partner as he/she is.
- Q040 I am often irritated by my partner's way of doing things.
- Q041 The different ways we were disciplined as children might make it difficult for us to agree as parents.
- Q042 Always feeling in love with each other is essential for a marriage to flourish.
- Q043 I feel confident we will divide the housework fairly between us.
- Q044 We need to set aside more time to be alone together.
- Q045 I sometimes feel put down by my partner.
- Q046 I wish my partner would take the initiative more often.
- Q047 My partner often interrupts me when I am talking.
- Q048 I respect the way my partner treats other people whether they are well acquainted or strangers.
- Q049 The different way we tend to give and receive affection causes problems between us.
- Q050 Both of our families have passed on to us positive attitudes about sex.
- Q051 When we disagree, my partner criticises me rather than addressing the real issue.
- Q052 We agree on what is appropriate behaviour when we are with others.
- Q053 We agree that in marriage all of our money and possessions belong to both of us.
- Q054 I expect getting married will resolve any problems we are experiencing in our relationship.

Q055 I feel that I am respected by my partner's family.

Q056 My partner's family respects my beliefs.

Q057 I can discuss any issue with my partner.

Q058 I generally feel listened to and understood by my partner.

Q059 My partner finds it difficult to give me their undivided attention.

Q060 I could not remain married if my partner did not change some of his/her current behaviour.

Q061 Communicating with my partner usually makes me feel more self-confident.

Q062 We are agreed on our approach to family planning.

Q063 When we have a difference of opinion, I still feel I can be open in sharing my thoughts and feelings.

Q064 I always feel good about myself after spending time with my partner.

Q065 I enjoy spending time with all of my partner's friends.

Q066 My partner is good at sharing personal feelings with me.

Q067 We both feel confident about working through difficulties and disagreements in our marriage.

Q068 I am concerned that sometimes my partner refuses to talk to me.

Q069 We enjoy pursuing some common interests together.

Q070 As a result of my past, I find it hard to talk about my feelings.

Q071 We are agreed on how to organise our finances and set our budget.

Q072 We've had disagreements and been able to work through them successfully.

Q073 My partner and I have agreed on what being faithful means in practice.

Q074 We are in agreement about our expectations for educating children.

Q075 My partner and I have similar views over the use of drugs.

Q076 I feel under pressure to get married.

Q077 My tendency is to bury my feelings when I'm angry.

Q078 My partner tends to avoid difficult issues rather than talk them through.

Q079 We differ over whether one person should be the head of the household.

Q080 My partner often over-reacts when something upsets them.

Q081 We are able to make our own decisions, even when these may differ from the views of our families.

Q082 I let my partner know whenever I am feeling anxious or stressed.

Q083 I fear my partner's parents may be expecting us to spend too much time with them.

Q084 We have a strong friendship and plenty of common interests.

Q085 Different values around status and money in our family backgrounds concern me.

Q086 Our backgrounds or the different traditions we were brought up with may cause us problems.

Q087 I am concerned that, if we become parents, differences in parenting styles could cause problems between us.

Q088 I am comfortable with the ways my partner behaves towards other men/women.

Q089 My partner is good at taking the initiative in planning time for us to be together as a couple.

Q090 We are in agreement about whether we would like to have children.

Q091 One or more of my friends are concerned about my choice of partner.

Q092 My partner and I have different beliefs and values about marriage.

Q093 I find it easy to discuss my beliefs and values with my partner.

Q094 Spiritual beliefs cause conflict between us.

Q095 I am concerned that my partner feels unhappy much of the time.

Q096 We have been together long enough to see how each other copes in difficult situations.

Q097 Both of our families support us getting married.

Q098 I feel especially loved by the amount of practical help my partner gives me.

Q099 My partner is good at giving me the kind of presents I really enjoy.

Q100 I grew up seeing a good model of marriage to imitate.

- Q101 I worry that my partner might not love me if they knew what I really felt.
- Q102 My partner knows what makes me feel especially loved.
- Q103 I am concerned that my partner expects us to adopt the same roles in marriage as his/her parents.
- Q104 I would like my partner to share more in the practice of our spiritual beliefs .
- Q105 I know what makes my partner feel especially loved.
- Q106 The use of computers, phones, the TV (or similar) is a source of tension between us.
- Q107 I am concerned that I will not be able to fulfil my partner's sexual desires.
- Q108 My partner and I both know how to live within our financial means.
- Q109 I know how much credit/debt my partner is bringing into our relationship.
- Q110 I am concerned that past homosexual experiences of one or both of us may affect our relationship.
- Q111 My partner usually decides what we do together.
- Q112 We agree on the best and worst times to discuss differences of opinion.
- Q113 I sometimes feel my partner is not really listening when I am talking.
- Q114 We both agree sex is an important aspect of marriage.
- Q115 I am concerned that my partner is too emotionally dependent on, or influenced by, his/her family.
- Q116 My partner regularly puts my interests before their own.
- Q117 When we argue, we resist accusing or blaming each other.
- Q118 I expect my partner to meet all of my emotional needs.
- Q119 We know all about each other's past and are able to forgive each other.
- Q120 I am concerned that past sexual experiences may affect our relationship.
- Q121 My partner's lack of organisation and/or time-keeping is a problem in our relationship .
- Q122 I respect the way my partner makes decisions.
- Q123 I would like my partner to be more demonstrative with their physical affection.
- Q124 My partner's attitude to a member of our wider family causes problems between us.
- Q125 I find it easy to express my true thoughts and feelings to my partner .
- Q126 I can always confide in my partner and have absolute trust in them to keep a secret.
- Q127 My partner is very good at affirming and encouraging me.
- Q128 We both know where each other's strengths lie and how this will affect the roles we fulfil.
- Q129 Abuse in my past affects the way I relate to my partner.
- Q130 My partner actively supports my beliefs and moral values.
- Q131 I have sometimes felt my partner's behaviour is abusive - verbally, emotionally, physically or sexually.
- Q132 My partner and I are good at resolving our disagreements.
- Q133 I feel my partner's beliefs and values are different to mine.
- Q134 We know that we will both keep changing over the course of marriage.
- Q135 Our own relationship will still come first if we become parents.
- Q136 I often deny my real feelings just to keep the peace.
- Q137 I sometimes feel intimidated when I have discussions with my partner.
- Q138 We tend to avoid talking about money.
- Q139 My partner goes silent or withdraws emotionally when he/she is angry.
- Q140 We both feel completely at ease talking about every aspect of our family backgrounds.
- Q141 We're both good at forgiving each other and letting go of past hurt.
- Q142 I am worried that what I observed in my parents' relationship might adversely affect our own relationship.
- Q143 All of my friends and family think we make a good couple.
- Q144 I feel my partner spends too much time with his/her friends.
- Q145 I find it hard that my partner speaks to other people about our personal concerns rather than to me.
- Q146 I am concerned that our different views on saving, giving, spending or using credit will cause conflict between us.

- Q147 Sometimes my partner dismisses my point of view.
- Q148 My partner's or my own feelings about sex are affected by a sense of guilt or shame.
- Q149 I am concerned that my partner comes from a family that handles money very differently to my family.
- Q150 We have discussed and agree on how we would combine parenthood and our careers.
- Q151 We have talked about the meaning of the vows in the marriage ceremony.
- Q152 I am concerned that my partner wants us to spend too much of our free time together.
- Q153 I am concerned that one of our families may interfere in our relationship.
- Q154 We have discussed and agreed upon our career plans.
- Q155 My partner's behaviour often embarrasses me.
- Q156 I am totally satisfied with our shared sense of humour and how much we laugh together.
- Q157 I fear that arguments will mean the end of our relationship.
- Q158 We have discussed our family backgrounds and understand the differences (e.g economically, socially, culturally) between us.
- Q159 We have been able to discuss our sexual histories constructively.
- Q160 The different way we approach conflict causes tension between us.
- Q161 Differences in our social and economic backgrounds are a problem in our relationship.
- Q162 My partner rarely joins me in activities that I enjoy.
- Q163 We understand and accept the different ways each of us likes to relax.
- Q164 My partner is good at drawing me out in conversation.
- Q165 Our arguments over unimportant issues tend to escalate.
- Q166 I am happy with the amount of time we spend apart doing separate activities.