

**PRE-MARITAL COUNSEL QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**(TO BE COMPLETED BY BOTH PARTIES)**

*To assist in the voluntary pre-marital counsel that is a prerequisite to the Chaplain's participation in your wedding ceremony, please share some information about yourself & your relationship (your responses are completely confidential).*

**1. Is this your first marriage?**

Groom:             YES             NO  
Bride Elect:     YES             NO

**2. (a.) If this is not your first marriage, HOW did your first marriage end?**

GROOM:             Divorce             Annulment             Death of spouse             N/A  
BRIDE ELECT:     Divorce             Annulment             Death of spouse             N/A

**(b.) If this is not your first marriage, WHEN did your first marriage end?**

GROOM: \_\_\_\_\_  N/A  
BRIDE: \_\_\_\_\_  N/A

**3. Do you have children together?**  YES             NO

**4. Are you expecting a child?**                             YES             NO

**5. Do you have children from a previous marriage/relationship?**

Groom:             YES, ages: \_\_\_\_\_  NO  
Bride Elect:     YES, ages: \_\_\_\_\_  NO

**6. If so, will child(ren) reside with you?**  YES     NO     N/A

**7. Do you or your fiancé pay child support?**  YES     NO

**8. Are you willing to meet & discuss your beliefs on marriage with the Chaplain?**

YES     NO

**9. Do you presently attend a church or place of worship?**  YES             NO

If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

**10. What role does faith, spirituality, or a relationship with God have...**

**(a.) IN YOUR LIFE?**

Very important     Somewhat important     A little important     Not at all important

**(b.) IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR FIANCE'?**

Very important  Somewhat important  A little important  Not at all important

**(c.) IN YOUR DECISION TO MARRY AT THIS TIME?**

Very important  Somewhat important  A little important  Not at all important

**11. What is your date of birth (DD/MMM/YR) and current age?**

**Groom:**        \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_        \_\_\_  
**Bride Elect:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_        \_\_\_

**12. How long have you known one another? \_\_\_\_\_**

**13. How long did you date before becoming engaged? \_\_\_\_\_**

**14. How long have you been engaged? \_\_\_\_\_**

**15. Where did you first meet? \_\_\_\_\_**

**16. Have you met your fiancé's family?**

Groom:         YES  NO  
Bride Elect:  YES  NO

**17. How would you characterize your relationship with his/her family?**

- Extremely good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know them/never met

**18. When is the last time you deployed? \_\_\_\_\_**

**19. When is your next scheduled deployment? \_\_\_\_\_**

**20. Have you and your fiancé' sought any premarital counseling?  YES  NO**

**If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_  N/A**

**21. Are you willing to attend a marriage workshop/seminar?  YES  NO**

**22. We have discussed the following as a couple (*check all that apply*):**

- Finances, debt, spending
- Plans for having/not having children

- Career expectations and goals
- Religion and faith
- Where we will live
- Role of extended/family of origin
- How/why marriage will change your relationship

**23. The following apply to me or my fiancé (check all that apply):**

- Divorce in home of origin
- Past or present drug or alcohol abuse
- Alcoholism or drug addiction in family of origin
- Sexual abuse, rape, or incest
- Abortion
- Sexually transmitted disease
- Presence of domestic violence in previous relationship
- Domestic violence in home of origin
- Incident(s) of infidelity ("cheating") in previous relationship
- Infidelity ("cheating") by parents in home of origin
- Abandonment by a parent
- Recent death of a close friend or loved one
- Recent divorce/break-up
- Financial bankruptcy
- Anxiety/Depression
- Sexual dysfunction
- Eating disorder
- Cutting/self-mutilation
- Adjustment issues from deployment or combat experiences
- Suicide attempt
- History of suicide in family of origin/close friend
- Criminal record
- Pending legal issues (divorce, foreclosure, bankruptcy, NJP, etc.)

**24. Are either of you currently under the care of a mental health provider?**

Groom:            YES    NO

Bride Elect:    YES    NO

**25. Are either of you currently taking medication prescribed by a mental health provider?**

Groom:            YES \_\_\_\_\_  NO

Bride Elect:    YES \_\_\_\_\_  NO

**26. Read the following statements and circle the corresponding number to rate how often you and your fiancé experience the following:**

- 1- Never
- 2- Rarely
- 3- Sometimes
- 4- Often
- 5- Always

**1 2 3 4 5 I feel misunderstood in this relationship.**

**1 2 3 4 5 I think about what it would be like to end this relationship.**

**1 2 3 4 5 I feel belittled or put-down when I express my feelings or opinions.**

**1 2 3 4 5 I hesitate to express what I really think or feel in this relationship.**

**1 2 3 4 5 My words or actions are judged more negatively than I intended them to be.**

**1 2 3 4 5 Conflicts escalate into emotional arguments or fights.**

**1 2 3 4 5 Conflicts are avoided because one of us refuses to talk/leaves the argument.**

**1 2 3 4 5 I don't feel listened to or supported when I try to open up and talk.**

**1 2 3 4 5 I don't feel any positive emotions when I talk with this person.**

**27. Who were you closest to in your family-of-origin (home in which you grew-up)?**

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**28. How did you know you were loved by your mother? your father?**

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**29. How was affection shown in your home-of-origin?**

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**30. How were conflicts handled in your family?**

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**31. Were your parents married? divorced?**

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**32. Are both of your parents still living?**

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**33. Are your parents still together as a couple?**

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**34. Who handled the discipline of children in your home?**

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**35. Were there any addictions (alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, etc.) in your home?**

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**36. Did your family attend a church/place of worship? If so, what religion/denomination?**

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**37. What is your relationship like NOW with your parent(s)?**

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**38. What is your relationship like NOW with your sibling(s)?**

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**39. How consistent is your behavior with your stated beliefs?**

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**40. About what do you feel strongly ("rights" and "wrongs")?**

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**41. How do you respond to authority?**

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**42. What is a strength of your personality?**

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**43. What areas needing improvement have you noticed in your personality?**

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**44. How much do you like to talk?**

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**45. How do you handle your finances?**

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**46. How neat or messy are you?**

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**47. How much of a priority do you consider sex to be in your relationship?**

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**48. How comfortable are you with your own body? nudity?**

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**49. How do you express LOVE to your fiancé'?**

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**50. How do you express RESPECT to your fiancé?**

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**51. In previous relationship(s), what did your partner(s) like about you?**

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**52. In previous relationship(s), what did your partner(s) dislike about you?**

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**53. What do you wish you had done differently in previous relationship(s)?**

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**54. What did you dislike about your previous partner(s)?**

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**55. What did you like about your previous partner(s)?**

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**56. How long were your previous relationship(s)?**

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**57. About what did you argue in previous relationship(s)?**

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**58. What is your relationship like NOW with previous partner(s)?**

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**59. Why did your previous relationship(s) end?**

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**60. Read the following statements and circle the corresponding number to rate how often you experience the following:**

- 1- Never
- 2- Rarely
- 3- Sometimes
- 4- Often
- 5- Always

**1 2 3 4 5 I am able to put my feelings into words.**

**1 2 3 4 5 I am very detail-oriented.**

**1 2 3 4 5 I am very spontaneous.**

**1 2 3 4 5 I withdraw when I feel as though I am being attacked.**

**1 2 3 4 5 I find it easy to apologize when I know I am wrong.**

**1 2 3 4 5 I apologize when I know that I am right.**

**1 2 3 4 5 I like to settle arguments quickly.**

1 2 3 4 5 It is important to me to "win" an argument.

1 2 3 4 5 It is important to me to "get to the bottom" of real issues in an argument .

1 2 3 4 5 I often initiate affection.

1 2 3 4 5 I like it when my partner initiates affection.

**61. In each of the following pairs, choose the statement with which you MOST AGREE.**

**Mark your answer by writing either "A" or "B" in the space provided. Mark only ONE ANSWER for each pair.**

\_\_\_\_\_ A. The thought of ruling the world scares me.

B. If I ruled the world, it would be a better place.

\_\_\_\_\_ A. I prefer to blend in with the crowd.

B. I like to be the center of attention.

\_\_\_\_\_ A. I can live my life any way I want.

B. People can't always live their lives in terms of what they want.

\_\_\_\_\_ A. I don't particularly like to "show-off" my body.

B. I like to "show-off" my body.

\_\_\_\_\_ A. I will never be satisfied until I get all that I deserve.

B. I will take my satisfactions as they come.

\_\_\_\_\_ **A. I am no better or no worse than most people.**

**B. I think I am a special person.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **A. I find it easy to manipulate people.**

**B. I don't like it when I find myself manipulating people.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **A. I try not to be a "show-off."**

**B. I will usually "show-off" when I get the chance.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **A. I am much like everybody else.**

**B. I am an extraordinary person.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **A. I like having authority over other people.**

**B. I don't mind following orders.**

**62. Is there anything else you would like the Chaplain to know about you, your fiancé, or how he might assist you with your wedding ceremony and marriage relationship?**

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