Factors in Choosing A Mate

Name_____________________

Part I: Biographical Data

1. Age:_____
2. Sex:____________(male or female)
3. Religion:_________________
4. Marital status (please circle): single dating engaged married divorced
5. Class or year:_____________
6. Number of brothers:___________ Number of sisters:________________

Part II: Evaluative Section

1. At what age would you prefer to marry?_____________
2. What age difference would you prefer between you and your spouse?_______years
   Whom would you prefer to be older (please circle): self spouse
3. Please evaluate the following factors in choosing a mate. If you consider it
   indispensable, give it………………….3 points
   important, but not indispensable……...2 points
   desirable, but not very important……..1 point
   irrelevant or unimportant……………..0 points

_______ (1) Good cook and housekeeper
_______ (2) Pleasing disposition
_______ (3) Sociability
_______ (4) Similar educational background
_______ (5) Refinement, neatness
_______ (6) Good financial prospect
_______ (7) Chastity (no previous experience in sexual intercourse)
_______ (8) Dependable character
_______ (9) Emotional stability & maturity
_______ (10) Desire for home and children
_______ (11) Favorable social status or rating
_______ (12) Good looks
_______ (13) Similar religious background
_______ (14) Ambition & industriousness
_______ (15) Similar political background
_______ (16) Mutual attraction—love
_______ (17) Good health
_______ (18) Education & intelligence
Age: ____________  Sex: M  F  Married: yes no

Preferences Concerning Potential Mates

Instructions. Below are listed a set of characteristics that might be present in a potential mate or marriage partner. Please rank them on their desirability in someone you might marry. Give a “1” to the most desirable characteristic in a potential mate; a “2” to the second most desirable characteristic in a potential mate; a “3” to the third most desirable characteristic; and so on down to “13” for the 13th most desired characteristic in a potential mate.

Rank These 13 Characteristics From Most (1) to Least (13) Desired in a Mate

__________ kind & understanding
__________ religious
__________ exciting personality
__________ creative & artistic
__________ good housekeeper
__________ intelligent
__________ good earning capacity
__________ wants children
__________ easygoing
__________ good heredity
__________ college graduate
__________ physically attractive
__________ healthy

Source of instrument:

Publications on mate preferences:


