

QUESTION DEVELOPMENT

In this study of roommate relationship, we are using a variety of questions. You can help us in our selection of questions for the final session by choosing, from each list of open-ended questions below, the two (2) questions which you would most like to have your roommate answer about you.

Since open-ended questions must be individually scored for content, we will be able to include a limited number on the last questionnaire. With this in mind please choose two questions from each area that you would like your roommate to answer about you during the last session. Indicate the questions you would most like to have answered by responding with a “yes” to those you would like included and with a “no” to those that you do not wish to have included. Please read over the entire list in an area before you decide on your questions. Remember, you are choosing the two questions you would like to have your roommate answer about you. With your roommate’s permission, we may be able to provide you with systematic feedback about yourself based on his or her answers to the questions you choose.

Area I (Social)

86) What is some evidence you have seen that your roommate has good social skills?

A = yes, include this question B = no, do not include this question

87) What is some evidence you have seen that your roommate doesn’t have very good social skills?

A = yes, include this question B = no, do not include this question

88) What about your roommate makes you think s/he would be confident in social situations?

A = yes, include this question B = no, do not include this question

89) What about your roommate makes you thinks/he doesn’t have much social confidence?

A = yes, include this question B = no, do not include this question

90) In terms of social competence, what is your roommate’s best asset?

A = yes, include this question B = no, do not include this question

91) In terms of social competence, what is your roommate’s worst asset?

A = yes, include this question B = no, do not include this question

Area II (Intellectual)

- 92) What are some signs you have seen that your roommate is above average in overall intellectual ability? A = include B = do not include
- 93) What are some signs you have seen that your roommate is below average in overall intellectual ability? A = include B = do not include
- 94) What about your roommate makes you think s/he will have academic problems at U.T.? A = include B = do not include
- 95) What about your roommate makes you think s/he will do well at U.T. academically?
A = include B = do not include
- 96) What academic subjects would you expect your roommate to be especially good at?
A = include B = do not include
- 97) What academic subjects would you expect to prove difficult for your roommate?
Why? A = include B = do not include

Area III (Artistic/Musical)

- 98) What about your roommate makes you think he or she would be a poor artist or musician? A = include B = do not include
- 99) What about your roommate makes you think he or she is musically or artistically talented? A = include B = do not include
- 100) What is your roommate's greatest artistic or musical talent?
A = include B = do not include
- 101) Why is your roommate unlikely to do well at creative activities?
A = include B = do not include
- 102) What about your roommate makes you think s/he is very imaginative?
A = include B = do not include
- 103) In the area of art or music, what is your roommate's biggest limitation?
A = include B = do not include

Area IV (Physical Appearance)

- 104) Why do you think people of the opposite sex would find your roommate attractive?
A = include B = do not include
- 105) Why do you think people of the opposite sex would find your roommate unattractive?
A = include B = do not include
- 106) What do you see as your roommate's least physically attractive features?
A = include B = do not include
- 107) What do you see as your roommate's most physically attractive features?
A = include B = do not include
- 108) Why should your roommate feel confident of his/her appearance?
A = include B = do not include
- 109) Why might your roommate have little confidence in his/her appearance?
A = include B = do not include

Area V (Sports)

- 110) What are some sports you would expect your roommate to be especially good at?
Why? A = include B = do not include
- 111) What are some sports you would expect your roommate to have problems with?
Why? A = include B = do not include
- 112) What about your roommate allows him/her to be a good athlete?
A = include B = do not include
- 113) What about your roommate prevents him/her from becoming a good athlete?
A = include B = do not include
- 114) What is your roommate's greatest natural athletic talent?
A = include B = do not include
- 115) What natural athletic ability does your roommate possess least?
A = include B = do not include

Finally, in case there is not enough room on the final questionnaire to include questions from all areas, please rank the five areas below according to which areas you would most like to get feedback about (in making our list of questions for your roommate, we will give priority to the areas you are most interested in). Please give each of the five areas below a ranking between 1 and 5 where 1 means you want most to hear about that area and 5 means you want least to hear about that area. Please use a different number for each area.

Also, please note that your answer sheet begins at “0” rather than “1”. Please use response B-F (1-5) for these items.

116. I would like to hear about area I (social):

B) 1 (most) C) 2 (2nd) D) 3 (3rd) E) 4 (4th) F) 5 (least)

117. I would like to hear about area II (intellectual):

B) 1 (most) C) 2 (2nd) D) 3 (3rd) E) 4 (4th) F) 5 (least)

118. I would like to hear about area III (art/music):

B) 1 (most) C) 2 (2nd) D) 3 (3rd) E) 4 (4th) F) 5 (least)

119. I would like to hear about area IV (physical appearance):

B) 1 (most) C) 2 (2nd) D) 3 (3rd) E) 4 (4th) F) 5 (least)

120. I would like to hear about area V (sports):

B) 1 (most) C) 2 (2nd) D) 3 (3rd) E) 4 (4th) F) 5 (least)

**Please check back over your responses on items 86-115. You should have answered “A” (yes/included) to two and only two items from each area. Now check your responses to questions 116-120; here you should have marked a “1” to one of the questions, a “2” to another, and so forth. Also, please check quickly over the entire questionnaire to be sure you have answered all 120 items without leaving any items blank.

IMPORTANT FINAL NOTE

After filling out this questionnaire, many of you will probably be tempted to discuss some of the questions with your roommate. It is very important that you do not do so at this stage of the project. We have found that such discussion bias the answers people give on subsequent questionnaires. Therefore, those who discuss the project causes losses to themselves as well as to us, by invalidating the information they give on later questionnaires. So, it is crucial that you avoid the temptation to discuss the project. Just

as you are trusting us to keep all of your responses confidential, we are trusting you not to discuss the project with your roommate until it is completed. Thanks for your help with this important matter.