GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Because of the limited space provided, feel free to use additional paper to write as much as you want. These questions, and your answers to them, will be fuel for discussion, learning, growth, and for enriching your relationship.

1. How long have you known each other? ______________
   When did you start dating casually? ______________
   When did you start seriously dating? ______________
   When were you engaged? ______________

2. When, where, how did you first meet each other?
   ___________________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________________

3. What first attracted you to your fiancé(e)? ___________________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________________

4. After your first meeting, how did you come to know each other? What was it like when you crossed over the line from friendship to commitment and love? How did you begin to be in love?
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   ___________________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________________

5. Describe your idea of the “ideal” marriage. ___________________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________________

6. Describe your idea of the “ideal” spouse. ___________________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________________
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7. Do you believe that your fiancé(e) is the one specific person God has for you? _____
   Explain: _________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________

8. If you believe this, but you or your fiancé(e) should break the engagement, what effect would this
   have on your belief about him/her being sent by God or being the only one for you?
   _______________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________

9. Do you believe there are others who could potentially be a good mate? ______

10. What do you think are the most important factors that make a marriage a success? ______________
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11. Using one word, characterize your relationship. _________________________________________

12. What thoughts does the word “marriage” bring to your mind? _____________________________
    _______________________________________________________________________________
    _______________________________________________________________________________
    _______________________________________________________________________________

13. What expectations or hopes do you have for your marriage? _____________________________
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    _______________________________________________________________________________
    _______________________________________________________________________________

14. List the reasons (in order of importance to you) why you want to marry your fiancé(e).
    1. ______________________________________________________________________________
    2. ______________________________________________________________________________
    3. ______________________________________________________________________________
    4. ______________________________________________________________________________
    5. ______________________________________________________________________________
    6. ______________________________________________________________________________
    7. ______________________________________________________________________________
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15. On a scale of 1-5 (5 is best), how comfortable are you in this relationship? ______

16. Are you comfortable enough with each other to have had: (Yes / No)

17. Are you comfortable with each other when seen at their worst emotionally and relationally? _____

18. Are you comfortable with each other when seen at their worst physically, i.e., sick, unkempt, without
   makeup, scraggly, smelly, and having bad breath? _____

19. Have you seen each other under major stress such as job loss, work pressure, death of a friend or
   family member, sickness, or family conflicts? _____

20. List a few of the major stresses or crises you have gone through while engaged.
   a. ____________________________________________________________
   b. ____________________________________________________________
   c. ____________________________________________________________

21. How have you or your fiancé(e) responded to these events? ______________________________
    ______________________________________________________________________
    ______________________________________________________________________

22. List several pleasant events / milestones in your relationship. ______________________________
    ______________________________________________________________________
    ______________________________________________________________________

23. List several painful or unpleasant events / milestones in your relationship. _________________
    ______________________________________________________________________
    ______________________________________________________________________

24. What are the strong points in your relationship? _________________________________________
    ______________________________________________________________________
    ______________________________________________________________________

25. What are the weak points in your relationship? _________________________________________
    ______________________________________________________________________
    ______________________________________________________________________

26. Have you addressed these weak points? _____ What have you done to change them? _______
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