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Respondent: _____

RESPONDENT'S QUESTIONNAIRE

In the answers you provide, please indicate whether the source of your information is firsthand or from someone other than yourself. If the source is not firsthand, indicate from whom, when and under what circumstances you obtained this information.

Please know that any reference to child or elder abuse required by law to be reported may have to be reported by this Tribunal.

A. BACKGROUND OF EACH PARTY

1. Please describe **your** family background.
 - a) Describe **your** home environment during your childhood.
 - b) Did your family background include many divorces, separations, or live-in relationships?
 - c) How did your family view religion?
 - d) How did your family perceive marriage?
 - e) How did you relate to other people?

f) Did you seriously date other people prior to dating your former spouse? How many such relationships did you have, and why did they break up?

g) Please describe any behavior/attitudes **you** may have had, prior to the marriage, that you later recognized as a problem.

- Gambling
- Money
- Alcohol
- Other drugs (illegal, prescription, over the counter, etc.)
- Sex (open to sexual relationships, aversion to sex, sexual disorders, questions regarding sexual identity, etc.)
- Work

2. Please describe the family background of **your former spouse**:

a) Describe **your former spouse's** home environment during «Pet_Poss_Pronoun» childhood.

b) Did **your former spouse's family** background include many divorces, separations, or live-in relationships?

- c) How did **your former spouse's family** view religion?
- d) How did **your former spouse's family** perceive marriage?
- e) How did **your former spouse** relate to other people?
- f) Did **your former spouse** seriously date other people prior to dating you? How many such relationships did «Pet_Pers_Pronoun» have and why did they break up?
- g) Please describe any behavior/attitudes **your former spouse** may have had, prior to the marriage, that you later recognized as a problem.
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B. COURTSHIP

3. a) When did the two of you meet? (Please provide month and year) How old was each of you?

- b) How did you meet?

- c) What initially attracted you to each other?

- d) How frequently did you date? What were your typical activities? Were you usually alone as a couple or together with other friends and/or family?

- e) Are you aware of any immaturity on the part of either of you at the time you married?

- f) Describe the dating period. Was it tranquil and happy or was it marked by quarrels, uncertainty? Please explain.

- g) Did the relationship ever end during the courtship? (Provide specific date/s in months/years.) When did you reconcile? (Provide specific date/s in months/years.)

- h) Why did you reconcile? Looking back, would you still reconcile? Explain.

C. DECISION TO MARRY

4. a) How did the decision to marry come about? Why did you choose to marry when you did?
- b) Was there a formal engagement period?
- c) Who proposed?
- d) Was either of you on the “rebound” from a broken relationship or previous marriage? Please explain.
- e) Would you now say you knew each other well enough to marry when you did?
- f) Would you now say you were prepared for marriage at the time?
- g) Was there any premarital counseling or preparation?
- h) Was either of you “too eager” to marry?
- i) Were there any obvious problems or hints that there would be problems later on in the marriage?

If so, please give details to the extent you can.

INFLUENCES

5. Did either of you have any hesitation about getting married? If so, please explain and tell why the marriage plans continued.

6. Did anyone suggest you not marry? Please explain.

7. How did family members of each of you react when they were told about the decision to marry?

8. Did either of you suffer from any psychological, mental, or emotional problems at the time of the decision to marry?

ATTITUDES ABOUT MARRIAGE

9. Did you and your former spouse discuss the permanence of marriage before the wedding? Explain your understanding of the role of permanence in marriage.

10. Did either of you believe marriage was merely a civil contract, having only civil effects, with no relationship to religion or the Church?

11. Did you and your former spouse discuss plans about having children in the marriage? What were the thoughts of each about children?

12. Before marrying, did you and your former spouse discuss being faithful to each other in marriage? What were the thoughts of each of you at that time? What did you see as the role of fidelity in marriage?

13. Did both you and your former spouse agree that marriage obliges both of you to commit yourselves to an exclusive community of love to each other for the rest of your lives?

D. WEDDING AND HONEYMOON

14. What were your feelings about the marriage immediately prior to or during the ceremony? How would you describe the commitment you made to your spouse on the day of the wedding?

E. MARRIED LIFE

15. Were both of you happy in the marriage? If not, explain fully with details regarding the nature of the problems. How soon into the marriage did they start?

16. a) Describe your ability to communicate. How did each of you resolve your differences, problems, and conflicts?

b) What were the major conflicts in the marriage? When did they arise? What caused them? How did each of you respond? How would you describe the arguments between you and your former spouse?

c) What steps were taken to remedy the problems?

d) Did both of you live up to your responsibilities as married persons? If not, which responsibilities were neglected?

17. Was there any physical, sexual, or emotional mistreatment of either spouse toward the other? If so, describe.

18. How did each of you relate to your children?

19. a) Was there abuse of alcohol or any other drug (illegal, prescription, over-the-counter, etc.)? Describe.

b) Was there gambling? Describe

c) Was there any other addiction/obsession?

d) Were any of the problems in the marriage of a psychological nature? If so, explain.

20. In brief, why do you think the marriage broke up? Please be explicit.

F. SEPARATIONS & DIVORCE

21. What is your estimate now of the character and personality of your former spouse?

22. Today, does your former spouse tend to be a truthful person? Why do you so answer?

23. Is there anything else you wish to add about the causes of the breakup of the marriage or about the family background or personality of either of you to explain why the marriage did not succeed?

24. a) Are both you and your former spouse meeting all civil/moral obligations to each other and any children?

b) Are the best interests of the children being met in regards to their physical, cultural, moral and religious upbringing? If not, why not?

25. a) Were you ever baptized? If so, when, in which denomination and in which church?

b) Was your former spouse ever baptized? If so, when, in which denomination and in which church?

I AFFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING ANSWERS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Date

Signature

Thank you for your participation. Please return to:

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