

MATE SELECTION FACTORS

The following is a list of factors that may or may not have influence on a marriage. Use the scale below to rate each factors importance.

3 = A critical factor in promoting a happy marriage

2 = An important factor in promoting a happy marriage

1 = Not an important factor in promoting a happy marriage

- _____ 1. Is near the same age as I am.
- _____ 2. Had a happy childhood
- _____ 3. Same race as I am.
- _____ 4. Has an adequate education.
- _____ 5. Is the same religion as I am.
- _____ 6. Attends religious services about as often as I do
- _____ 7. Has a healthy attachment to his/her mother and father.
- _____ 8. Has a good relationship with his/her parents.
- _____ 9. Has had relatively little conflict with her/her parents.
- _____ 10. Experienced love and affection from both parents.
- _____ 11. Social Background is similar to mine.
- _____ 12. Has the same values and attitudes about most things.
- _____ 13. Has a healthy self-conduct.
- _____ 14. Has a healthy attitude about sex—free of disgust and aversion.
- _____ 15. His/her parents have had a happy marriage.
- _____ 16. Has similar educational level and intelligence as me.
- _____ 17. Has had a job and has demonstrated the ability to hold down a job.
- _____ 18. Owns or is buying a car or house.
- _____ 19. Was not an only child.
- _____ 20. Parents approve of the marriage.
- _____ 21. Is physically healthy.
- _____ 22. Is mentally healthy.
- _____ 23. Have known each other at least a year.
- _____ 24. Has had an adequate length of acquaintance, courtship, and engagement.
- _____ 25. Is considered to be physically attractive.
- _____ 26. His/her home discipline was firm but not harsh.
- _____ 27. Has good communication patterns.
- _____ 28. Has a peer group to associate with.
- _____ 29. Has a desire to be married and to please a spouse.