

Tribunal

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P.N. _____

RESPONDENT ROGATORY

Directions: Please fill out as completely as possible. If necessary, insert standard size paper and number questions accordingly. Please fill out with typewriter or black ball point pen, or type the questions and answers with a word processor.

RESPONDENT (You)

Name: _____
(First) (Middle Name) (Maiden) (Present Last Name)

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Telephone Number: Work _____ Residence _____

Date and Place of Birth: _____

Your religious affiliation: _____

Church, Place, and Date of Baptism: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's first and maiden name: _____

Parent's address and phone number: _____

Do you realize and recognize the sanctity of an oath? _____

OATH:

I, _____, solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God. I promise to maintain the confidentiality of this testimony and that I will reveal neither the questions nor the responses.

THE FAMILY BACKGROUNDS AND PERSONAL COMPARISON: These questions concern the influence of family formation on this marriage and the personality and employment history of the Petitioner and Respondent.

1. Compare your family background to that of your former spouse. Possible areas to be addressed in your summary could be: parent's marriage, communication/problem solving, instances of divorce, any physical/sexual abuse, alcohol/drug abuse, relationship with parents, brothers and sisters, etc. Please explain and give examples.

2. Compare your personality and the personality of your former spouse. What impact did this have on your relationship? Please explain and give examples.

3. Compare your life goals and job history with that of your former spouse. Please explain and give examples.

COURTSHIP: Building the foundation for marriage.

4. Compare your dating patterns with those of your former spouse before you met each other. Were either of you engaged/married before? Please explain.

5. How did you meet each other? Under what circumstances was marriage proposed? How frequently did you see each other during the courtship? Did you live together before the wedding? Please explain.

6. Please discuss any factors that brought about this marriage that, as you look back, were not healthy for the upcoming marriage. Possible areas to think about are a premarital pregnancy, force or pressure by someone, deception by someone, if you or your former spouse entered marriage based on a future condition (example: "I will marry you if and only if you stop drinking," or "I will marry you if and only if you become a Catholic," etc.). Please explain the facts and the impact on the relationship.

7. Attitude is very important in building a solid marriage. Looking at the courtship, compare your attitude and your former spouse's attitude concerning such areas as one's view of divorce, one's outlook on children for this marriage, the practice of one's religious beliefs, the importance of faithfulness in this marriage, etc.

A. **Divorce:** Did either you or your former spouse believe in divorce as a solution to marital problems? Did either spouse ever say, "If it doesn't work out, we can always get a divorce"? Please explain.

B. **Children:** Did you make any plans concerning children during the courtship? If so, what? Did either of you decide not to have children in the marriage? If so, why? Was any decision made to wait a few years after you were married before having children? If so, please describe.

C. **Religion:** Before the marriage, did either of you display negative attitudes toward religion? If so, please describe. Did both of you want God to be a part of your marriage? Were both of you open to letting each other practice his/her religion? Please explain.

D. **Fidelity:** What attitudes did each of you have about being faithful to each other? During the time of courtship and/or engagement, did either you or your former spouse date anyone else? Did this involve sexual familiarity? Please explain.

8. Communication is a key foundation for one's marriage. How was the communication with your former spouse during the courtship? How did the two of you make decisions together? Were you able to share feelings and ideas well? Were there many disagreements or arguments in the courtship? How were they resolved? Please explain.

9. Did either of you have any problems with gambling, drinking, or drug use before or during the courtship? Were there any instances of violence? Did either of you have any problems with handling of money, arrests, or imprisonments? If so, please explain.

10. Compatibility and respect for the other's differences are important for building a solid marriage. During the courtship was there anything about your future spouse that you did not like? Was there anything that he/she did not like about you? How did you deal with these differences? Please explain.

11. Did either of you suffer from any psychological or emotional problems before or during the courtship? If so, please describe. (Example: history of illness, hospitalization, medication, etc.)

12. Did anyone object to the marriage or have any reservations about its success (example: family member, friend, priest/minister/rabbi, etc.)? Did they talk with you about their feelings before or after the marriage? If so, explain who objected and why.

WEDDING DAY AND HONEYMOON:

13. Did anything unusual happen during the marriage ceremony or at the reception? Was there a honeymoon? Was it happy? Please explain. Was the marriage consummated at that time?

MARRIED LIFE: These questions concern the key elements of your life with your former spouse. When you answer the questions, please describe the circumstances at the beginning, middle and final stage of the marriage.

14. Communication in the marriage: Good communication is a pillar of marriage. How did the two of you share your feelings and ideas? Was there mutual respect for one's feelings and opinions? Was decision-making healthy in the marriage? When there were arguments, how were they resolved? Please explain.

Beginning Stage:

Middle Stage:

Final Stage:

15. Love and Affection in Marriage: A husband and wife should experience true marital intimacy. How was love and affection expressed between you? Was there a healthy physical intimacy in the marriage? Was there a genuine faithfulness in this marriage? Please explain.

Beginning stage:

Middle Stage:

Final Stage:

16. Children: In marriage, the spouses cooperate with God in bringing about new human life. Did either of you make a decision not to have children? Was this decision made before or during the marriage? Why were children not wanted? What means were used to prevent children, and were those means always used? If no children were born to the marriage, why not? Were there any abortions? Please explain.

Beginning Stage:

Middle Stage:

Final Stage:

17. Partnership in Life: Please discuss how your marriage was or was not a partnership by reflecting upon the following areas: the raising of children; carrying responsibilities individually and as a couple (job and home); sharing common interests that promote a healthy growth in your relationship; a mutual respect for one's families (in-laws) and friends, etc. Did you have a healthy partnership in your marriage? Please explain.

Beginning Stage:

Middle Stage:

Final Stage:

18. Religion. One's relationship with God is an important part of a good marriage. Did you and your former spouse respect each other's religious practices? Were both of you open to having God as a part of your marriage? Please explain.

Beginning Stage:

Middle Stage:

Final Stage:

19. Areas of Division: In a marriage, circumstances can arise that divide the couple. Please discuss what may have caused division in your marriage. Areas that could possibly be addressed are: abuse (physical, sexual, emotional), infidelity, money issues, conflicting careers, alcohol or drug abuse, gambling addiction, arrests or imprisonments, etc. Please explain.

Beginning Stage:

Middle Stage:

Final Stage:

20. Other Areas of Importance: Other areas that may be of importance for you to share are: any temporary separations, professional counseling (individual or as a couple, whether both cooperated in counseling, how long the counseling lasted and whether there was any success), details of the final separation, etc. Please explain. Also please discuss whether either of you suffered from any psychological or emotional problems during the marriage. Please include details such as the history of the illness, hospitalization, medication, etc.

21. Is there any other information you would like to share?

22. Summary Statement: Now that you have completed this form, how would you answer this question:
“In your opinion, why did this marriage fail?”

After giving the above testimony and having read it, I verify the same and swear that this deposition is the truth. I understand that this act is an ecclesiastical process and is a private church matter which has no effects in civil law.

Signature of the Respondent

WHETHER ANY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN YOUR ANSWERS WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL FROM THE RESPONDENT REMAINS SOLELY AND COMPLETELY THE DECISION OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE IN ACCORD WITH THE NORMS OF CANON 1598 OF THE CODE OF CANON LAW.

THE ACTS OF THIS ECCLESIASTICAL PROCESS ARE A PRIVATE CHURCH MATTER AND HAVE NO EFFECTS IN CIVIL LAW.

WITNESSES: (People who knew the two of you around the time of the beginning of the marriage, for example, parents, family, relatives, friends). **Before listing anyone as a witness, contact them to assure their cooperation.** Initially, witnesses will be contacted through the mail.

Name _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone Number _____ Religion _____

Relationship to you or other party _____

Is this party willing to testify? _____

Did they know you before, during, or after the marriage? _____

Name _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

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