

# MARRIAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

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### Personal Krishna Consciousness

1. What made you take up Krishna Consciousness?

Ans. *It is a good source of peace and happiness.*

2. When was it?

Ans. *I started when I was in college around 2018.*

3. Where was it?

Ans. *It was in Kurukshetra, haryana.*

4. Who was involved?

Ans. *One prabhuji near my college was involved.*

5. How has this decision to take up Krishna Consciousness affected:

- a. You as a person

Ans. *it changed me by revealing some secrets which were not known before.*

- b. Your activities

Ans. *it did not affect my activities a lot ... as i was a serious person from the very start.*

- c. Your goals and ambitions?

Ans. *it changed my goal from just rich life to happy , peaceful and rich life.*

6. [If you were born to practicing devotees] Have you accepted Krishna consciousness in your heart? If so, since when? Was anyone involved in your full-fledged acceptance of Krishna consciousness? Who was it?

Ans.

7. How many rounds do you chant? If it is sixteen, since when?

Ans. *I have chanted 16 rounds since 2020.*

8. Do you read Srila Prabhupada's books every day? If yes, how many hours?

Ans. *No, I don't read srila prabhupada books everyday as I have a regular office.*

9. Which books of Srila Prabhupada have you read?

Ans. *I have read few books of srila prabhupada like on the way to krishna, Matchless gifts, teachings of prahlada maharaja, perfection of yoga and the Bhagavad gita.*

10. Which books of Srila Prabhupada are you currently reading?

Ans. *I am currently not reading any books by srila prabhupada.*

11. How many biographies of Srila Prabhupada have you read? Which ones?

Ans. *I have watched srila prabhupada biography on youtube and have not read any Book for that.*

12. Have you done Bhakti Sastri, Bhakti Vaibhav or any other such courses in ISKCON. If yes, which ones, and from where?

Ans. *no, i have not done any such courses .*

13. Are you more inclined to hear the philosophy of Krishna Consciousness or pastimes of the Supreme Lord or both equally?

Ans. *I am inclined to both equally.*

14. If you are initiated or aspiring from a spiritual master in ISKCON, what inspired you to accept him as your spiritual master/prospective spiritual master?

Ans. *no , i am not initiated or aspiring a spiritual master in iskcon.*

15. Who are your role models in Krishna Consciousness and what inspires you about them?

Ans. *my role model in krishna consciousness is srila prabhupada and amarendra Prabhu. The thing that inspires me about them is their dedication and faith towards krishna.*

16. Krishna Consciousness is generally practiced under the guidance of experienced devotees. Have you had that opportunity? If yes, who was/were that/those devotee/s until now in your life?

Ans. *no i didn't have that opportunity.*

17. Have you ever lived as a brahmachari/ brahmacharini in an ISKCON temple? If yes, how many years and where?

Ans. *no , i have not lived as a brahmachari in an ISKCON temple.*

18. What do you think is the relationship between

- a. Srila Prabhupada and you,
- b. Your Diksa and Siksa Gurus and you,

- c. Your counsellor/s and you
- d. Your Temple President and you

19. Is there a hierarchical sequence in which you follow the above spiritual authorities? If yes, specify the hierarchy. If not, how do you try to balance the instructions from the above different spiritual authorities?

Ans. no , i just try to follow srila prabhupada.

20. In Krishna Consciousness, we are taught that we should discriminate between right and wrong. We are also taught not to criticise. What do you think is the difference, if any, between such discrimination and criticism? How will you practice these things in your life?

Ans. discrimination is all about choosing between right and wrong things in life and criticism is about judging a person without seeing all of his/her sides.

21. What will you do if your counsellor(s) and/or Temple President and/or Guru(s) differ from Prabhupada?

Ans. I would follow srila Prabhupada

22. On some topics Srila Prabhupada has given apparently contradictory opinions. How do you deal with Prabhupada's apparently contradictory statements?

Ans. I try to discuss them with my seniors.

23. Which of the following represents your understanding of Srila Prabhupada's position?

- a. Prabhupada is always correct
- b. Prabhupada is fully perfect when he presents spiritual teachings but when he talks about material subjects, he may be correct or incorrect. He came to give us spiritual teachings. So it does not matter even when he is not always correct about material subjects.

Ans. b

24. How would you describe your sadhana?

- a. Strict/Very good
- b. Good
- c. Reasonably good
- d. Average
- e. Struggling
- f. Poor

Ans. e. Struggling

25. Do you have any difficulty in following the four regulative principles? (Difficulty does not necessarily mean breaking the principles)

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Sometimes

Ans. c. Sometimes

26. Do you sometimes break the regulative principles?

Ans. Yes

27. Which ones?

Ans. Avoiding onion and garlic

28. Why?

Ans. Because the food provided outside almost times contains onion and garlic.

29. Do you have difficulties rising early? If yes, what could be the reason?

- a. My office work hours
- b. I find it more productive to stay up late at night
- c. Just due to lack of discipline
- d. Combination of some or all of the above
- e. None of the above. (Please specify if you chose this option)

Ans.b. I find it more productive to stay up late at night .

30. What services do you render at/for the local temple currently? Are you looking for more engagement there?

Ans. I am currently not rendering any service at the local temple but I would like to do so.

31. What services do you render online currently? Are you looking for more online engagement?

Ans. Currently I am not rendering any online service.

32. What sort of preaching have you performed?

- a. Book distribution
- b. Bhakti Vriksha/Namhatta/Home Programs
- c. Paraphernalia distribution
- d. Festival/college preaching
- e. Others: (Please specify)
- f. I am not a preacher

Ans. f. I am not a preacher

33. Do you like to take up a leadership position?

Ans. No

34. Do you like to give classes?

Ans. No

35. Do you like to lead kirtans?

Ans. No

36. Select which services you like and order them according to your preference from highest to lowest. (If one or more services that you like are not mentioned in the below list, please choose "Others" and specify what those services are)

Pujari	Gardening	Tulasi worship	Making flowers vases
Mechanics	Painting	Purchasing	Maintenance
Jewelry making	Using computers	Cow protection	Teaching
Sankirtan	Sewing	Administration	Childcare
Farming	Business	Translating	Researching
Construction	Electronics	Medical	Cooking
Theatre	Carpentry	Designing outfits	Restaurant

Secretarial	Writing	Baby-sitting	Deity worship
Participating in Kirtan	Transcription	Editing	Giving classes
Leading Kirtan	Leadership position	Other: (Please specify)	

Ans. Using computers

37. Do you prefer to wear traditional Vaishnava dress?

Ans. No

38. What is your opinion about the following dresses while visiting the temple?

- a. Yoga pants
- b. Gopi dress
- c. Shalwar kameez

Ans. B and C should be preferred

39. What is your opinion about wearing tilak all the time in the following places?

- a. Work
- b. Home
- c. Temple

Ans. Actually I am not so advanced in Krishna consciousness so I don't wear tilak.

40. Throughout the final chapters of the Bhagavad-gita, Lord Krishna gives symptoms of the mode of goodness. List all of them. (You can refer to the Bhagavad-gita if you wish) On a scale of 0-10, rate where you think you stand at this point in your life in regard to each symptom.

Ans. 1. Illumination of Knowledge: 7

2. Freedom from Delusion: 7

3. Understanding of the Eternal Truth: 5

4. Controlled Mind and Senses: 7

5. Forgiveness: 7

6. Compassion: 8

7. non-envy : 8

8. gentleness : 6

9. Non-attachment : 6

10. Absence of Ego: 8

11. Equanimity in Pleasure and Pain: 4

12. Contentment: 5

13. Unwavering devotion : 5

41. Krishna instructs us in the Bhagavad-gita to tolerate happiness and distress. On a scale of 0-10 what do you think is your ability to tolerate distress?

Ans. 7

42. What is meant by tolerating happiness? Please give some examples.

Ans. Tolerating happiness is all about not becoming overconfident in life after receiving Krishna's mercy.

43. What are the three best experiences and three difficult experiences you have had in Krishna Consciousness?

Ans. One of my best experiences in Krishna consciousness was when I was in Mayapur and none of the difficult ones.

44. Were there some circumstances in which you had to give up your spiritual practices for some time? What were they? How did you resume?

Ans. No such circumstances

45. How much do you think astrology/past karma influences the life of a devotee?

Ans. I believe in astrology and past karma.

46. If you could ask Srila Prabhupada, your spiritual master(s) and/or Krishna to help you with an area of your life, which area would it be? How long has this been a concern?

Ans. Would try to understand why we are sent to this material world and why God is not allowing us our natural body to live.

## **Personality and Preferences**

47. Who are your role models in the larger world (presently alive or those who have passed away) outside the society of devotees? What is it about them that inspires you? In what way have they influenced your life?

Ans. My mother. It is her hard work that inspires me the most. She has influenced my life by giving the much needed love and care.

48. What television programs, movies and books have made an impact on your life and in what way?

Ans. Naruto anime has impacted my life a lot. It has taught me the meaning of real friendship.

49. Choose which option from the pairs below apply to your personality type. No option among the pairs a. to i. should remain unchosen.

a. Generally extrovert/ Generally introvert

Ans. *generally introvert*

b. Generally risk-taking/ Generally playing safe/I do whatever is needed whether it is risk taking or playing safe

Ans. I do whatever is needed whether it is risk taking or playing safe

c. Generally likes individual initiatives/ Generally likes group initiatives

Ans. *generally likes individual initiatives.*

d. Generally decisive/ Generally fluid

Ans. *generally decisive.*

e. Generally confrontational/ Generally conciliatory

Ans. *generally conciliatory.*

f. Generally serious/ Generally jovial

Ans. *generally serious.*

g. Generally thoughtful/ Generally easy going

Ans. *generally thoughtful.*

h. Generally the same/ Generally moody

Ans. *generally the same.*

i. Generally likes a steady and rigid approach in following a schedule/ Generally likes a spontaneous and flexible approach

Ans. *generally likes a spontaneous and flexible approach*

50. Are you materially ambitious?

Ans. *Yes, I am materially ambitious.*

51. What are the various jobs you've held, and for how long? What did you like and dislike about each one?

Ans. *after completing my btech degree i am doing job as an software*

*Development engineer at urban company, gurgaon till now. I like the job as*

*I wanted to do something in the IT field only.*

52. What are your financial responsibilities and goals?

Ans. *I contribute financially to my small family and i want to become financially stable.*

53. How capable are you in budgeting, balancing chequebooks, shopping patterns etc.

Ans. *I have not done any course related to these things but i usually study stocks*

*and investment plan from youtube channels of various good investors.*

54. How stressful are these things to you?

Ans. *These things are not very stressful to me . I do it as a part of my responsibility.*

55. What debts do you have at this time?

Ans. *Currently I have no debts.*

56. What has been the greatest amount of debt you've experienced?

Ans. zero

57. Have you ever filed for bankruptcy?

Ans. *No, I have never filed for bankruptcy.*

58. To what degree are you a saver or a spender when it comes to money? a) Spender b) Primarily Spender c) Primarily Saver d) Equally Spender and Saver f) Saver

Ans. *c)primarily saver*

59. If you inherited a large sum of money and could afford to live anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Ans. vrindavan or somewhere

60. In addition, what would you love to do that you can't do now?

Ans. As I love to play badminton, I would play badminton much more than now and would chant without any stress for money.

61. How would you use the money?

Ans. I would like to donate a large sum of money from that sum and would like to save some money for the future.

62. Would you share your wealth with Krishna? If so, how much?

Ans. yes, I would like to share my wealth with Krishna .It would be around 25%.

63. To which project?

Ans. I may not specifically donate to some project ..I would donate the sum in a temple and they can invest it where it seems to be right.

64. What are five habits you're glad you have and five you wish you didn't?

65. When you enter a place where the door generally remains closed and is expected to remain closed, do you close the door after entering?

- a. Sometimes
- b. Always
- c. Never thought of this before.
- d. I don't close because my mind is absorbed in the purpose for which I entered the place
- e. I don't close only when there is a lone member of the opposite sex in the place. Otherwise, I always do.

Ans.a. Sometimes

66. What are the areas of your life that you are presently in control?

Ans. My life

67. What are the areas in your life you would like to control?

Ans. None

68. How would you rate yourself in punctuality?

- a. Always punctual
- b. Generally punctual
- c. I find that difficult

Ans.b.generally punctual

69. Do you like to be neatly dressed? Or whatever works?

Ans. It depends on event sometimes I like to be neatly dressed and sometimes whatever works.

70. Do you like an organised home? Or whatever works?

Ans. I little bit unorganised home is also fine to me.

71. Are you active on social media? If so, how does it help you and/or others?

Ans. I am mainly active on instagram and WhatsApp. It mainly helpse to connect with my friends.

72. How would you rate your friendships with those of the same sex? (Choose only one): 1) "Easy—it's a snap"; 2) "Whatever—I can take them or leave them"; 3) "They're hard work but worthwhile"; 4) "Discouraging—they let you down"; 5) "Not sure if I've had a deep friendship."

Ans.1) Easy-it's a snap



73. What is your opinion about “good friends” relationships between members of the opposite sex?

74. What is your opinion about “just friends” relationships between members of the opposite sex?

75. What is your opinion about Facebook friends of the opposite sex?

76. Could you describe the people in your life whose personality types are the easiest to get along with and those people whose personality types are the most difficult?

77. What makes it easy for you to be open, and what makes it difficult?

78. If you open up, do you open up to many people?

Ans. No

79. Of all the emotions we experience in life, what are the easiest ones for you to express and what are the most difficult?

80. How do you take it when devotees or non-devotees point out an actual fault in you and advise you?

- a. Drop the issue without saying anything
- b. Apologise and correct yourself
- c. Hold firm just to make a point

Ans. b) Apologise and correct myself

81. How comfortable are you with confrontation or conflict? During a conflict, a person either yields, withdraws, compromises, wins, or resolves mutually. Which of these or a combination of these tends to be your style?

Ans. I like to resolve a conflict by mutually agreement from both sides.

82. What creates the greatest stress and frustration in your life?

Ans.NA

83. Describe how you handle stress and frustration.

Ans.NA

84. What have you learned in the following situations in your life?

a.Defeat/Failure

Ans. Not all races can be won

b. Pain

Ans. It is a part of this material world.

c.waiting

d.Not having enough money

Ans. Everyone is not born rich but that doesn't mean they can't be rich.

e.Facing disappointment (from friends/family members/others)

Ans. Part of life.

f.Facing criticism

Ans. The opinions of other people can be different from us but we should always try to be a better version of ourselves.

85. What was the lowest point or most difficult time in your life, and how did you handle it? (This can be pre-Krishna Consciousness or post-Krishna Consciousness.)

Ans. when i was going through covid and my father lost his job.i tried to work part-time because i was in college at that time.

86. Can you think of any loss in your life that you've never fully recovered from?

Ans. NA

87. Who are the people in your life you've needed to forgive, and how did you accomplish this? Are there people you still need to forgive? What do you need to forgive them for?

Ans.NA

88. On a scale of 0-10, how much do you value humour in your life?

Ans. Out of 10 I would value 7.

89. Do you watch television?

- a. Often
- b. Occasionally
- c. Never
- d. Only news
- e. Some items I prefer (Sports, Nat Geo etc). Specify them.

Ans. b.Occasionally

90. Do you watch Hollywood, Bollywood or other movies from the secular world?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Only science fiction
- d. Some movies that I prefer (Please specify the type)

Ans. a. Yes

91. What music style do you like? (tick one)

- a. Contemporary
- b. Western Classical
- c. Traditional Vaishnava
- d. Some combination of the above
- e. All
- f. I'm not into music

Ans. a.Contemporary

92. Do you hear Rock, Pop, Jazz, Instrumental or other compositions of artists from the secular world?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Sometimes

Ans. c.sometimes

93. Do you hear Indian Film songs?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Sometimes

Ans. a)yes

94. Do you like to visit restaurants outside the society of devotees which sell vegetarian food that do not contain onion and garlic?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Sometimes

Ans. a) Yes

95. Do you like to snack on vegetarian chips, biscuits, energy bars, ice creams or other items made by shops/companies not connected with devotees?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Sometimes

Ans. a) yes

96. Do you like to eat Chocolates?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Sometimes

Ans.a) yes

97. Do you read anything other than devotional literature?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Only science fiction
- d. Only self-help books
- e. Only books relevant to my field of work
- f. Some books that I prefer. (Please specify the type).

Ans. a) yes any book that would lead to my development.

98. What kind of sports and hobbies do you like? Choose those you like from the list below: (If one or more sports or hobbies that you like are not mentioned in the below list, please choose “Others” and specify what those sports and hobbies are)

Water sports	Writing	Football/Soccer	Book collection
Aerobics	Tennis	Talking	Stamp collection
Chess	Ham radio	Boating	Music collection
Reading	Crafts	Volleyball	Indoor games
Walking	Playing instruments	Astrology	Badminton
Painting	Horseback riding	Hatha-yoga	Computer games

Cricket	Esoteric sciences	Singing	Gardening
Flying airplane	Dancing	Others: (Please specify)	

**Ans. Badminton**

99. How much time during a week do you spend on these sports and hobbies? Would this change or stay the same if you were married?

Ans. I normally spend 6-7 hrs playing badminton in a week . When I would get married, I would reduce it to some extent as I would have more responsibilities.

100. What are your beliefs about pornography, and to what degree did you pursue it in your life? How recently?

Ans. I just hate all these things . And I want to stay away from all this .

101. What are your beliefs about erotic novels, and to what degree did you pursue it in your life? How recently?

Ans. I am completely away from such novels . And I do not prefer to hear anything like this in my life.

102. Have you travelled often? Do you like to travel?

Ans. I don't travel often . I just travel 2-3 times a year . I like to travel but remain busy due to office work.

103. What is your concept of a holiday? Why?

Ans. Holiday to me mainly means spending time with family and friends with little or no office work.

104. Do you like living in the countryside more than in the city?

Ans. Nothing as such.

105. What are your feelings about eating healthy?

Ans. Yes, it is very important for me to eat healthy food.

106. What kind of food do you like?

- a. Simple
- b. Opulent
- c. Mixed

Ans. C) mixed

107. What cuisines do you enjoy?

Ans . I mainly enjoy cuisines comprising of panner.

108. Do you find it difficult to fast?

Ans. No , If ekadshi prasadam is available to me it is not difficult for me to fast.

109. How is your health in general?

- a. Very good
- b. Good
- c. Somewhat good
- d. Average
- e. Poor

Ans. c) somewhat good

110. If I were a doctor and you were describing your medical history for me, what would it entail? (Accidents, hospitalizations, chronic ailments like asthma, conditions like diabetes/high blood pressure/ hypothyroidism, diseases of any kind including HIV/AIDS, syphilis, herpes, or others)

Ans. I have not had such a serious illness in the past.

111. What has been your experience with alcohol or drugs in the past and at the present time?

Ans. I just stay away from these things as they destroy life.

112. Do you exercise?

- a. Often
- b. Sometimes
- c. Rarely
- d. Never

Ans. a) often

113. When you are sick, how do you want others to respond to you?

Ans. I just want others to be little caring towards me .

114. When a significant person in your life is sick, how do you respond?

Ans. I just try to care for them with all my efforts. And I don't allow the person to be sad because of their illness .

115. Do you like animals? Which ones? Would you like to have any of these animals as a pet? If yes, why? If not, why?

Ans. Yes , I like cows. No, I don't like pets . From my very childhood I liked to live only with humans and didn't imagine having a pet.

116. Do you hate any animals? If so, which ones?

Ans. I mainly hate cockroaches .

117. Are you sensitive to sounds and smells?

Ans. Yaa I am very much sensitive to sounds.

118. Do you have difficulties with hot and/or cold weather?

Ans. No nothing as such.

119. Do you have any specific fears? List them (For example: Fear of heights, Fear of water, Fear of reptiles, Fear of number 13, Fear of Superiors etc)

Ans. No such fears .

120. What kind of behaviour in people makes you angry?

Ans. The irresponsible or careless behavior of people makes me angry the most.

121. What kind of situations make you angry?

Ans. It is not any specific situation.

122. When you get angry, how do you behave (Choose from one or more options from the list below):

- i. Keep silent
- ii. Speak sarcastically
- iii. Shout
- iv. Act rashly
- v. Grind teeth

Use foul language

vi. Cry

vii. Others. Please specify

Ans. 2 ) speak sarcastically

123. When you get very angry, how do you behave (Choose from one or more options from the list below):

i. Keep silent for many days or months

ii. Become physically violent

iii. Break objects

iv. Throw objects at the person who made you angry

v. Others. Please specify.

Ans. 5 ) I just shout at the person who made me angry.

## **Childhood**

124. What was your experience at home while growing up? (This could mean your parent/s, sibling/s and extended family). Explain why.

a. Happy

b. Generally happy

c. Difficult

d. Generally difficult

e. Mixed

f. Traumatic

Ans. It was both happy and difficult. Happy just because of my mom . And it was difficult because of the struggle of money that I had in my life .

125. What was your experience outside your home while growing up? (This could mean school friends, others friends, neighbours, teachers, other members of society and the type of society in which you lived). Explain why.

1. Happy

2. Generally happy

3. Difficult

4. Generally difficult

5. Mixed

6. Traumatic

Ans. I was happy as I had many good school friends.

126. How would you consider your overall childhood experience if questions 1 and 2 above were combined ?

1. Happy

2. Generally happy

3. Difficult

4. Generally difficult

5. Mixed

6. Traumatic

Ans. 2.generally happy

127. Who raised you up?

- a. Both parents
- b. Mostly mother
- c. Only mother
- d. Mostly father
- e. Only father
- f. Mostly grandparent(s)
- g. Only grandparent(s)
- h. Others: (Please specify)

Ans. a. Both parents

128. Did you spend some part of your childhood in boarding school? If yes, how many years?

Ans. No, I didn't go to boarding school.

129. Did you spend some part of your life in a regular college hostel or a Krishna conscious facility like Krishna House or BACE? Where was it and how many years did you spend there?

Ans. Yes, I spent 3 years of my life in a hostel at nit kurukshetra. My BTech was of 4 years but 4 th year was online.

130. What are five adjectives (positive or negative) you would select to describe your relationship with your father?

Ans. Neutral, lukewarm , distant , cold, weak.

131. What are five adjectives (positive or negative) you would select to describe your relationship with your mother?

Ans. Affectionate ,Supportive,Caring , Empathetic , beautiful .

132. Did your parents ever argue in front of you?

- a. No
- b. Rarely
- c. Occasionally/Periodically
- d. Regularly

Ans.c ) occasionally

133. In what way do you see this contributing/affecting your life today?

Ans. they don't argue now. But when I was child whenever it happened it gave me stress and frustration.

134. Do you consider your parents' marriage as a good role-model? If yes, why? If not, why?

Ans. No , I don't consider my parents's marriage to be a good-role model as they are not like they will give their life for each other .

135. What was your family's economic level like when you were growing up? In what way do you see this affecting your life today?

Ans.my family's economic level was just okay when I was growing up .

136. Describe how you were disciplined as a child. If you have children, how will your discipline be the same and how will it be different than what you experienced? What is your understanding of Srila Prabhupada's instructions on this subject?

Ans. I was just a playful child and I want my children also to be playful so that they can be more receptive and creative.

137. What are three of the most vivid memories you can recall from birth to age 18? (It does not have to be Krishna Conscious memories.)

Ans. The most vivid memory was the phase of my life when I got the result of my jee which showed the result of my intense hard work.

138. Do you have brothers and sisters? What is your relationship with them?

Ans. Yes, I have a younger sister and I love her a lot .

139. Please answer the following question with a simple “yes” or “no” without having to describe anything. Were you sexually abused as a child and/or did you experience any #metoo incidents when you grew up? Please specify which of the two it was or whether it was both? What do you think is its effect on your life now? What have you done to deal with it?

Ans. No

140. If your prospective spouse could talk to your parents, what would they say he/she needed to know about you?

Ans. They would say I am caring , hardworking and a little stubborn but is very good by heart.

141. What do you wish you could say to your mother and father that you’ve never said to them?

Ans. That I am very grateful to them.

## **Past Relationships with the Opposite Sex**

142. If you have had any relationships with the opposite sex in the past (either through marriage or as a boyfriend/girlfriend), what was your last relationship like?

Ans. No past relationship as such.

143. What are three reasons you’re confident the relationship is over and you can move forward?

Ans.No past relationship as such.

144. What would those in your prior relationships say about you?

Ans.No past relationship as such.

145. What have you learned from them that will make you a better person for someone this time?

Ans.No past relationship as such.

146. On a scale of 0 to 10, to what extent do you experience guilt or anguish over your previous relationships?

Ans.No past relationship as such.



147. How might this guilt be affecting you in building a relationship with another individual?

Ans.No past relationship as such.

148. How frequently do you have contact with your former partners, if any, and in what way?

Ans. No past relationship as such.

149. What is the purpose of the contact?

Ans.No past relationship as such.

150. What feelings do you experience on these occasions?

Ans.No past relationship as such.

151. If your past partners (if you had any) were asked if you were honest and trustworthy, how would they answer?

Ans.No past relationship as such.

152. [If you have been married before] How many times have you been married, including any annulments?

Ans.No , I have not married before.

## **Marriage Expectations**

153. What is your dream or fantasy of a “perfect marriage”?

Ans. the two persons should understand each other and should stay together in their ups and downs.

154. In marriage, what do you expect to receive from your spouse?

Ans. just her and her family's love.

155. In marriage, what could your spouse expect to receive from you?

Ans. just my and my family's love.

156. What has been your source of information about marriage? Parents, elders, friends, classes, books, movies, television, Prabhupada's teachings, Internet, others (please specify). List whichever combination of the above is applicable.

Ans. books, movies, parents

157. What do you believe are some of the important elements that make marriages work?

Ans . understanding

158. If you were to marry, what would you receive from marriage that you wouldn't if you were to remain single?

159. It is commonly said that a Krishna Conscious marriage is an attempt to balance spiritual and material life. If you agree, explain. If you do not agree, explain.

160. What are Prabhupada's instructions about the duties of:

a. A husband

b. A wife

161. After you get married, ten years from now where would you like to be economically?

Ans . living a healthy and peaceful life.

162. If you are a man, what are your views about your wife working:
- a. Absolutely no
  - b. Until we have a child
  - c. In some emergency (short term)
  - d. For financial stability (long term)
  - e. According to the preference of my wife
  - f. I want a working wife
  - g. I prefer a wife who stays at home but if she has an education, she should not waste it. Therefore, she should work
  - h. Others (Please specify)

Ans. e. According to the preference of my wife

163. If you are a woman, what are your views on working after marriage:
- a. Absolutely no
  - b. Until we have a child
  - c. In some emergency (short term)
  - d. For financial stability (long term)
  - e. I want to work
  - f. According to the preference of my husband
  - g. I prefer staying at home but I don't want to waste my education. Therefore, I will work
  - h. Others (Please specify)

164. Reorder the following in terms of your priorities (High priority first): Service at the Temple, Preaching Duties, Duties towards spouse and household duties, taking care of children, taking care of elderly members of the family, Finances, Health, Service to Guru(s) and spiritual superiors, helping neighbours, hosting guests, charity, friends, relatives.

Ans. I am currently not offering services in the temple.

165. Do you feel you need to compromise or sacrifice anything to be a part of a marriage relationship?

Ans . NA

166. What is your greatest fear or concern about being married? Has this been addressed? If yes, how has your understanding changed?

Ans . My greatest fear was that I do not marry any wrong person.

167. What is there in your life that you never want to change after marriage or that you would never be able to let go off?

Ans. playing badminton.

168. What are the "must have", "preferably have", "preferably not have" and "must not have" qualities in a person you may want to spend the rest of your life with?

Ans. "must have"- humble

"Preferably have"-smart

"Preferably not have"- attitude

"Must not have"-drinking and smoking problems

169. What are five reasons a person would want to spend the rest of their life with you as your spouse, and three reasons they would find difficult? Among the three, which would be the hardest adjustment?

Ans. 1.funny 2.healthy 3.ambitious 4. Respectful 5.caring

1. Stubborn 2. Overambitious

My stubborn nature can sometimes be difficult to handle.

170. If you spend a lot of time on the computer or cell phone, how would you adjust this to work in a marriage?

Ans. No, I don't spend a lot of time on the computer.

171. What is your idea about romantic love? What do you think is the importance of romantic love in a successful marriage?

Ans. I think romantic love is important in marriage but respect towards each other is more important for a successful marriage.

172. In any relationship, what part of giving yourself do you struggle with? Would this apply if you get married?

Ans. Don't have any relationship as of now.

173. What is your understanding about intimacy in marriage?

Ans. I think intimacy in terms of honesty and understanding is very much healthy in marriage.

174. What are your views on marital sex only for the procreation of children in accordance with scriptural teachings (Bg 7.11)?

Ans. Not sure.

175. Do you think you would be able to follow this standard?

Ans. Not sure.

176. What would you do if your spouse is not able to follow this standard?

Ans. Not sure.

177. What is your understanding about celibacy in marriage?

Ans. I think celibacy is important for a successful marriage

178. What are your views about

i. Contraception - Never

ii. Sterilization - Never

iii. Abortion - Never

Is it permissible among devotees? If yes, under what circumstances?

- I am not aware

179. What are your views if your spouse wants to

i. Use contraceptives - Not sure

ii. Undergo sterilization - Not sure

iii. Undergo abortion - Not sure

180. If you were to be a gynaecologist or practicing doctor, how would you deal with contraception, sterilization and abortion when treating your patients?

Ans. Not sure, I would try to understand their situation and try to talk them out of it if possible.

181. Do you think all dealings with your friends and/or others should be shared with your spouse even if friends and/or others request specific confidentiality from sharing with your spouse in regard to some dealings?

Ans. Yes.

182. Would you be willing to share with your spouse, all your personal e-mail passwords, mobile phone passwords, passwords for other electronic devices and all passwords in general except those related to your office work?

Ans. Yes

183. What are the experiences in life you would want the person you married to have had?

Ans. Not sure.

184. What are the experiences in life you would NOT want the person you married to have had?

Ans. Not sure.

185. If something really bothered you about your spouse, how would you go about expressing it to him/her?

Ans. Will ask her directly.

186. List the services in which you would like work alone

Ans. Not sure.

187. List the services in which you would like to work with your spouse.

Ans. Cleaning, cooking.

188. Of all your activities, which ones you would not enjoy doing with your spouse although you may do it out of a sense of duty, obligation towards spouse etc.

Ans. Not sure.

189. What qualities do you see in your parents that you expect to see in your future spouse?

Ans. loving, humble, caring.

190. What qualities do you see in your parents that you don't expect to see in your future spouse?

Ans. being angry on small things , caring about what others will say.

191. Would you mind leaving your present residence to live somewhere else after marriage?

Ans.No

192. For Women: Do you have experience in household work? If yes, do you find it difficult or do you enjoy it or do you have mixed feelings about it? If no, do you have an interest to learn or do you find it somewhat challenging?

193. For Women: On a scale of 0 - 10, rate your expertise in each of the following:

- a. Cooking
- b. Cleaning
- c. Organising home

194. For Men: On a scale of 0-10, rate your expertise in cooking

Ans. 7

195. What do you think of the traditional marriage model—that the husband is the leader, caretaker and provider of the family's needs, and the wife favourably cooperates with the husband and manages the household?

Ans. Traditional marriage model is very good but if circumstances demand it can be changed.

196. If you were to marry, in what way would you maintain a healthy "interdependence"? What would you depend upon each other for and what would you take personal responsibility for?

197. Who should have the ultimate decision-making authority in married life?

- a. The person most affected in each situation
- b. Husband only
- c. Generally husband, but by consulting a senior grhastha couple when the wife can't agree
- d. Everything by mutual agreement
- e. Generally by mutual agreement, but by consulting a senior grhastha couple when they can't agree
- f. Generally by mutual agreement, but husband when they can't agree
- g. Generally by mutual agreement, but wife when they can't agree
- h. Wife only
- i. Generally wife, but by consulting a senior grhastha couple when the husband can't agree
- j. Whoever is insistent on a particular issue

Ans. d. Everything by mutual agreement

198. Do you think that the traditional position and role of women from her birth till her death including that depicted in the Bhagavatam is relevant in today's times? If so, how? If not, why?

Ans. yes it is relevant

199. If your spouse were to tell you that he/she doesn't want to do something, or if he/she doesn't feel comfortable doing something you would like to do, how would you want to handle that?

Ans. I would try to make her feel comfortable but if she still doesn't feel so i would allow her to go with her decision.

200. If your spouse messed up in a decision, whether in business or just in general, how would you share your frustration about that decision with your spouse?

Ans. by discussion and agreement.

201. Do you believe your partner and you should be honest about everything in your relationship, or should some things be kept private?

Ans. I believe that my partner should be honest about everything in our relationship.

202. Would you be open to seek and receive help from your spouse in some or all challenging areas of Krishna Consciousness in your life? List those challenging areas you wish to receive help from your spouse and those that you do not wish to receive help from your spouse.

Ans. NA

203. When you marry, do you want children? If so, how many? Are you open to adoption? What if you had stepchildren?

Ans. I want 2 children. No, I am not open to adoption.

204. Do you like dealing with children and enjoy being around them?

Ans. yes

205. What are Prabhupada's instructions on parenthood? What training have you had to be a parent?

Ans. according to Prabhupada, as a parent we should know how to free our child from clutches of birth and death.

206. Does your idea of education for your children entail that they should go to a school where all students and teachers are Prabhupada's followers? What should be in the curriculum and what should not be in it? Would that curriculum be realistic for your children to live in today's world? If yes, how? If not, what would you do about it?

Ans. I would not mind sending my children to any materialistic schools, rather I would try to give them instructions at home.

207. Would you mind your children going to regular schools if you and your spouse were to train them at home, in Krishna Consciousness apart from their school hours? Or would you think that apart from your training, it is also necessary for them to have friends who are Krishna Conscious in school?

Ans. No, we would love our children attending regular schools.

208. Do you envision home schooling your children? If yes, what would be its advantages and shortcomings? What challenges do you foresee in implementing a homeschooling program?

Ans. No

209. How much do you value "personal time" - time to **yourself** to reflect, study, or recreate after marriage? How important would this be to you if you were to have children?

Ans. Family always comes first.

210. How would you handle birthdays, special occasions, and so on, when it comes to your biological family and your spouse's biological family? What does gift giving mean to you?

Ans. Celebrate with close family members.

211. You were supposed to attend the Mayapur festival for 8 days as instructed by Srila Prabhupada and one of your friends/cousins is getting married in some other place at the same time. You cannot do both. What would you do? Why?

Ans. I would go to my friend /cousin's wedding as I can watch that festival online.

212. If you inherited a large sum of money, would you still want your partner in your life? Why?

Ans. yes because partners are for supporting us in different situations of our life.

213. What are your views about divorce?

- a) Divorce is strictly prohibited in Krishna Consciousness
- b) Divorce is permitted under some circumstances

If you have chosen option b) above please list those circumstances

Ans. a) Divorce is strictly prohibited in Krishna consciousness.

214. How much do you think astrology influences the success or failure of a Krishna conscious marriage?

Ans. Astrology influences the success or failure of any marriage.

215. What is the best book that you have read in ISKCON about marriages and/or what is the best seminar or best talk on this topic that you have heard? Where can it be found?

Ans. none

216. Most of the associates of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu were grhasthas and empowered grhastha acaryas are also listed in our disciplic succession. Who among them inspire you the most, and why?

Ans. I don't have sufficient information about this topic.

217. Who are the grhastha couples in ISKCON that you know who have growing, healthy marriages?

Ans. none

218. After you're married, would you be open to seek ongoing Krishna conscious marriage advise from experienced grhasthas? Who would that be? If not, how do you plan to resolve issues?

Ans. No by ourselves

219. Left to yourself, would you like to remain unmarried? If yes, what are the compelling factors due to which you have decided to get married? For example: parents, spiritual masters, god brothers, god sisters etc.

Ans. No

220. In light of the number of divorces today, if you were to marry, why would your marriage last and not end up in the divorce court?

Ans . I would try to have a better understanding with my spouse.