

# SAMPLE QUESTIONS BEFORE MARRIAGE

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*This document contains a list of 50 sample questions that one may ask a potential spouse before marriage. While these are not essential, it is advisable to choose the questions that are the most important in determining one's compatibility with another person; their lifestyle, character, religiosity, career, family life, etc.*

## **Marriage & Relationships**

1. Why are you considering me for marriage?
2. What do you hope to gain from this marriage?
3. What is the most important thing for you in a relationship?
4. What do you think the role of a husband/wife should be?
5. What does the word 'love' mean to you?
6. How important is trust to you in a relationship? What actions would you consider to break your trust?

## **Life After Marriage**

7. What is your opinion on how a household should be run?
8. Would you expect your spouse to live with your family?
9. Would you be willing to move out of the family home if the relationship between the spouse and the family became toxic?
10. How often will we see our families?
11. What type of relationship do you want your spouse to have with your friends?
12. What are your thoughts on children and raising a family?
13. How many children would you like to have, and how soon?
14. Do you believe a couple should do everything together?
15. How would you feel if I wanted a night out with my friends once in a while?
16. What is your philosophy on parenting?
17. Do you support the idea of a working wife?
18. What influence, if any, do you believe our families should have on our marriage?
19. If there are problems in our marriage, what actions would you be willing to take to solve them?

## **Family Life**

20. What is your relationship like with your parents?
21. Do you have any siblings? If so, what is your relationship like with them?
22. How did your family resolve conflicts when you were growing up?

## **Religion & Spirituality**

23. What are you expecting of your spouse, religiously?
24. How do you practice your faith on a daily and weekly basis?
25. How much importance do you place on prayer and other acts of worship in your life?
26. What is your current level of Islamic education? Do you plan on continuing it?

## **Life Goals**

27. What are your goals in life? (long and short term)
28. Name 3 things you want to accomplish in the next 3 years.

## **Personal Life, Hobbies & Habits**

29. What was your childhood like?
30. Do you have any bad memories from childhood?
31. Growing up, what are your memories of your parents' marriage?
32. Are you volunteering in any community/voluntary work? If so, what are they?
33. How do you spend your free time?
34. Do you go on holidays, and if so how often?
35. Are there any bad habits you currently have? If so, what are they and do you plan to work on them. If so, how?
36. How would you describe your personality?
37. How do you handle stress?
38. How much importance do you place on the upkeep of hygiene and physical appearance?
39. Do you have any pet peeves?
40. Which people have had the most influence in your life, and why?
41. What makes you feel vulnerable and what makes you feel safe?
42. How good are you at expressing your feelings?

## **Career**

43. What is your current occupation, and where do you plan to be in 5-10 years?

## **Finances**

44. What are you expecting from your spouse financially?
45. What is your financial responsibility in the marriage?
46. Do you have any outstanding debt? If so, do you expect your spouse to help you?
47. Is there any element of your income which comes from haram or doubtful sources?
48. Would you consider yourself as a spender or a saver? Do you budget?

## **Gender Interactions**

49. What do you consider as appropriate behaviour with the opposite sex?
50. Do you have friends of the opposite sex? If so, how often do you communicate with them and will you continue after marriage?