

## Questionnaire for Daughters

This questionnaire is part of a study being conducted on mother-daughter relationships. Please answer each question to the best of your ability by circling the letter of your response or writing in your response when appropriate. After completing the questionnaire, place it in the box marked "Questionnaires" outside office J in Room 215 Schrank Hall South. Your participation in this study is greatly appreciated.

### **Part I - Demographic Information**

1. What is your age and what is your rank in college (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, graduate student)?
2. Which of the following categories best represents your ethnicity?
  - a. Caucasian
  - b. African-American
  - c. Hispanic-American
  - d. Native American
  - e. Asian American
3. Which of the following categories best represents your family income?
  - a. \$10,000-\$20,000
  - b. \$20,000-\$35,000
  - c. \$35,000-\$50,000
  - d. \$50,000-\$75,000
  - e. \$75,000-\$100,000
  - f. Over \$100,000
4. Describe the makeup of your family (i.e., Mother, father, stepfather, brother, sister; mother, two sisters, etc.)
5. Is your mother:
  - a. Married to your biological father
  - b. Divorced, not remarried to anyone
  - c. Divorced, remarried to someone other than your biological father
  - d. Married to your father but living apart from him
  - d. Widowed
  - e. Never married
6. If your parents are (or were) married to each other, how many years have they been (or were they) married?
7. If your parents are divorced, how many years have they been divorced?
8. If you have siblings, what are their genders and ages (i.e., One brother, 17 and two sisters, 12 and 15)
9. Do you live:

- a. In the city
- b. In the country
- c. In a small town
- d. In the suburbs

**Part II - Attitudes/Choices**

10. What is the highest degree you plan to obtain?

- a. High school diploma
- b. Bachelor's degree
- c. Master's degree
- d. Doctorate (Ph.D.)
- e. Law degree
- f. Medical degree

11. What is your major in college?

12. How would you describe your abilities as a student?

- a. I am an excellent student
- b. I am a very good student
- c. I am a good student
- d. I am a fair student.
- e. I am a poor student.

13. What field do you plan to work in after college?

- a. Business
- b. Education
- c. Social services
- d. Family/child development
- e. Medical
- f. Law
- g. Other

14. How much has your mother influenced your choice of major or work?

- a. A great deal
- b. Somewhat
- c. Very little

15. How much has your father influenced your choice of major or work?

- a. A great deal
- b. Somewhat
- c. Very little

16. Who else has influenced your choice of major or work?

- a. Teacher
- b. Grandparent
- c. Friend
- d. Co-worker
- e. Other

17. Would you like to be married one day?

18. What do you think is the best age for a woman to get married?

- a. Under 20
- d. 30-35

- b. 20-25
- c. 25-30

- e. Over 35
- f. A woman shouldn't get married

19. What are three qualities you think a wife should have?

20. What are three qualities you think a husband should have?

21. Of the qualities listed below, mark the three you think are most important for a marriage to have.

- a. Love
- b. Trust
- c. Honesty
- d. Commitment
- e. Loyalty
- f. Communication
- g. Romance
- h. Sense of fun
- i. Children
- j. Respect
- k. Common goals

22. In the future, what do you see as your ideal family situation?

- a. Unmarried, living alone
- b. Unmarried, living with someone
- c. Unmarried, one or more children
- d. Married, no children
- e. Married, one child
- f. Married, two children
- g. Married, three or more children

23. What do you think is the best marriage/work situation for a woman who has children?

- a. Working full time
- b. Working part time
- c. Staying home to raise children with husband as principal breadwinner

24. How old were you when you went on your first date?

25. About how many times do you go out on dates in a month?

- a. Don't date at all
- b. One to four
- c. Five to ten
- d. More than ten

26. How many people have you dated?

- a. None
- b. One to five
- c. Five to ten
- d. Ten to 15
- e. More than 15

27. How old were you when you had sexual relations for the first time? (If you have not had sexual relations, mark N/A).

28. About how many sexual partners have you had?

- a. None
- b. One
- c. Two to four
- d. Nine to 12
- e. More than 12
- f. Five to eight

29. Do you have children? If yes, how many?

30. If you do not currently have children, would you like to have children one day? If yes, how many?

31. How old would you like to be when you have your first child?

32. Regarding having children, which of the following situations would you prefer?

- a. One child, female
- b. One child, male
- c. Two children, males
- d. Two children, females
- e. Two children, male first, then female
- f. Two children, female first, then male

33. What do you do with your leisure time?

34. What do you like to do when you're alone?

35. Would you describe yourself as primarily:

- a. Extroverted and outgoing
- b. Introverted and shy

36. What is your best characteristic?

37. What is your worst characteristic?

### **Part III - Mother-Daughter Relationship**

38. Do you live with your mother? If yes, go to question #42.

39. If you don't live with your mother, how often do you have face to face contact?

- a. Every day
- b. Two to three days a week
- c. Once a week
- d. Once a month
- e. Every six months
- f. Less than every six months

d. Every couple of weeks

40. Which of the following do you use to stay in contact with your mother?

- a. Telephone
- b. Email
- c. Letters

41. How often do you correspond with your mother?

- a. Every day
- b. A few times a week
- c. Once a week
- d. Every couple of weeks
- e. Once a month
- f. Less than once a month

42. Which of the following best describes your mother as a parent?

- a. More strict than permissive
- b. More permissive than strict
- c. A combination of strict and permissive

43. How close would you say your personal relationship is with your mother?

- a. Very close
- b. Somewhat close
- c. Not very close
- d. Distant

44. Do you have a closer relationship with your mother or your father?

45. Regarding the closeness of your relationship with your mother, which of the following comes closest to how you feel?

- a. I'm very happy with the closeness of our relationship
- b. I wish my mother and I had a closer relationship
- c. I wish my mother and I had a less close relationship
- d. I'm very unhappy with the closeness of our relationship

46. What three words would you use to describe your mother?

47. What do you admire about your mother?

48. What do you dislike about your mother?

49. What is something you have learned from your mother?

50. How are you like your mother? In other words, which of her qualities or abilities do you

share?

51. Do you consider your mother to be:

- a. A positive role model for you
- b. A negative role model for you
- c. To have little influence as a role model for you

52. Who else has served as a role model for you?

53. When you spend time with your mother, what sort of things do you do?

- a. Shopping
- b. Movies
- c. Sitting around talking
- d. Exercising
- e. Playing games
- f. Other

54. Which of the following statements best reflects how you feel when you are with your mother?

- a. Very happy; I like my mother and she is good to be around.
- b. Somewhat happy; we get along but I generally have a better time with others.
- c. Unhappy; I don't really enjoy being around my mother.

55. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

56. If you could change one thing about your mother, what would it be?

#### **Part IV - Perceptions of Each Other's Lives**

57. Did your mother go to college?

58. If yes, what was her major?

59. How would you describe your mother's abilities as a student?

- a. Excellent
- b. Very good
- c. Good
- d. Fair
- e. Poor
- f. Don't know

60. What type of work does your mother do?

- a. Homemaker
- b. Business
- c. Education
- d. Social services
- e. Family/child development
- f. Medical
- g. Law
- h. Other

61. How many years has your mother worked outside the home?

- a. One to five
- b. Five to ten
- c. Ten to 15
- d. Fifteen to 20
- e. Over 20
- f. Does not work outside the home

62. Which of the following statements best reflects how your mother feels about the work she does?

- a. She enjoys her work very much
- b. She likes her job well enough but is not really excited by it
- c. She dislikes her job but it pays the bills
- d. She hates her job and would rather be doing something else

63. What pay range does your mother's job fall into?

- a. \$5,000-\$10,000
- b. \$10,000-\$15,000
- c. \$15,000-\$20,000
- d. \$20,000-\$30,000
- e. \$30,000-\$40,000
- f. \$40,000-\$50,000
- g. Over \$50,000

64. Have you ever gone to work with your mother?

65. Which statement best reflects your opinion of the work your mother does?

- a. I think the work my mother does is important.
- b. I think the work my mother does makes a difference in people's lives.
- c. I don't think the work my mother does is very important.
- d. I don't have any strong feelings one way or the other about the work my mother does.

66. What are three important things you would like to accomplish in your life?

67. What are three important things your mother has accomplished in her life?

68. How satisfied are you with your life?

- a. Very satisfied
- b. Somewhat satisfied
- c. Unsatisfied

69. How satisfied is your mother with her life?

- a. Very satisfied
- b. Somewhat satisfied
- c. Unsatisfied

70. What three words would you use to describe yourself?

71. What three words would you use to describe your mother?

72. What is the worst problem your mother has faced?

73. If your mother had a problem or serious situation in her life, who is the first person she would tell?

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| a. Husband or significant other       | d. Friend     |
| b. You                                | e. Her parent |
| c. One of her children other than you | f. Other      |

74. What is the worst problem you have faced?

75. If you had a problem or serious situation in your life, who is the first person you would tell?

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| a. Mother            | e. Friend      |
| b. Father            | f. Grandparent |
| c. Significant other | g. Other       |
| d. Sibling           |                |

76. What does your mother like to do with her leisure time?

77. What does your mother like to do when she's alone?

78. Would you describe your mother as primarily:

- a. Extroverted and outgoing
- b. Introverted and shy

79. What is your mother's best characteristic?

80. What is your mother's worst characteristic?

## **Part V - Situational Questions**

Please answer the following situational questions to the best of your ability.

81. Your mother has been working in the same field for the past 20 years. She earns a good salary but the work isn't personally satisfying to her. She has decided to change careers, but in her new career will only earn about half what she is currently earning. Which of the following reactions would come closest to how you would react to this news?

- a. You would be encouraging, tell her to go for it, and say that she deserves to do whatever she wants to do.
- b. You would be somewhat supportive, but would encourage her to be sure she is financially secure enough to make the change.
- c. You would try to discourage her from making the career change, saying that job security is more important than the satisfaction she might gain from a different career.

82. After college graduation, you are offered a great job 2,000 miles away from your hometown. Which of the following reactions comes closest to how your mother would react to this news?

- a. She would be thrilled, wish you well and send you on your way.
- b. She would be happy for you but sad that you will be living so far away.
- c. She would have a hard time initially with you moving so far away, but would eventually adjust and maintain contact through phone calls and occasional visits.
- d. She would be so upset about your moving that she would insist that you not take the job and that you look for one closer to home.
- e. She would make plans to move to where you will be living.

83. At the age of 20 you tell your mother that you have fallen deeply in love and want to get married. Your fiance would like you to interrupt your education and work to help put him through school and then when he is finished, he will work while you complete your degree.

Which of the following statements comes closest to how your mother would react to this news?

- a. She would be happy that you had found love, wish you well and help you plan your wedding.
- b. She would be happy that you had found love, but would suggest that you finish your education first and then consider getting married.
- c. She would be unhappy that you had decided to get married so young, but would go along with your decision.
- d. She would strongly discourage you from marrying so young before finishing your education and would distance herself from any wedding plans.

84. After five years of marriage you and your husband have informed your mother that you do not plan to have children. Which of the following statements comes closest to how your mother would react to this news?

- a. She would respect your decision and not drop any hints about grandchildren.
- b. She would be somewhat disappointed and make occasional attempts to try to change their minds about the decision.
- c. She would be very upset and would have some negative feelings about you and the decision.

85. After 26 years of marriage your mother has decided to leave your father and get a divorce. Which of the following comes closest to how you would react to this news?

- a. You would be upset and would want to know as many details of the divorce as possible.
- b. You would be upset and try to avoid talking about the subject with your mother.
- c. You would be concerned about your mother's financial situation.
- d. You would be understanding of your mother's decision and be supportive.
- e. You would blame your mother for breaking up your family.

### **Part VI - Time Line**

In the space below, write out a time line for your life for the next 15 years. Include what you think the future will hold for you regarding school, work, family, personal life.

In the space below, write out a time line for your mother's life for the next 15 years. Include what you think the future might hold for your mother regarding work, family, personal life.

The information in this questionnaire is confidential. However, some follow-up interviews may be conducted to further discuss the information in the questionnaire. If you wish to participate in a follow-up interview, please indicate your name and phone number (including area code) in the space below. If you do not wish to participate in a follow-up interview, simply tear this page off and throw it away.

I wish to participate in a follow-up interview.

Name

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