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PRELIMINARY ENQUIRY

1. Record replies as accurately as possible and in direct speech, using the first person singular.
2. Events and facts are needed, and also some indication when important events or problems happened. You may need time to recollect these dates.
3. The attitudes and behaviour before the wedding, even if only giving pointers or indications of more serious problems ahead, need to be detailed clearly.
4. If some aspects of the case are too sensitive for the Petitioner to speak about to you, make a note on the form, and the Priest from the Tribunal will deal with it.
5. Whilst everything in the case is confidential to the parties concerned and the Diocese, should anything criminal be declared, the Diocese has an obligation to inform the necessary authorities.

Name	
Signature	
Date	

1. GENERAL INFORMATION ON PETITIONER

A. Full name, including former names and maiden name, if applicable.

Present address:

Telephone number:

Email:

Occupation:

B. Please give your place and date of birth:

C. What is your religion? Do you practice your faith?

D. If you are a Catholic, please state where and when you were baptised?

- E. Please state where and when the marriage (now to be investigated) took place.**

Age of parties at the time of the marriage:

Petitioner:

Respondent:

- F. Was this your first marriage? If not, please give full details.**

- G. Please give details of any further marriages you may have contracted after the marriage stated in question number (1E) above.**

**H. If you are now married, is your present spouse a divorcee? Yes or No
If YES, please enclose their previous marriage certificate and divorce certificate. Also state his or her religion and the religion of their former partner.**

I. If you are intending to marry a divorcee, please give the same details as above for divorcee's marriage and religion for both parties.

NOTE - In cases of a double nullity, both cases must be submitted to the Tribunal together. Obviously if it is not possible to proceed with one of the cases, it could be a waste of time to proceed with the other, since both parties need to be free to marry.

J. Can you please show some form of identification, if you are not personally known to the Priest or auditor?

K. Have you ever applied for an annulment previously?

II. GENERAL INFORMATION ON RESPONDENT (i.e. former spouse)

A. Full name, including former names and maiden name, if applicable.

**Present address,
or last known address:**

Telephone number:

Email:

NOTE - it is essential for the Tribunal to contact your former spouse, so that the right of reply or self-defence is preserved during the process of the case. The co-operation of your former spouse will help us to come to a proper judgment.

If after some investigation by the Petitioner, the whereabouts of the Respondent are unknown, we will need the address of a member of the Respondent's family, through whom we can send a letter.

B. Please give the place and date of birth of the Respondent.

C. What is the religion of your former spouse? Did he/she practice the faith?

D. If your former spouse is a Catholic, please state where and when he/she was baptised?

E. What was his/her occupation or profession?

F. Had the Respondent been married before he/she married you?

Note: Please inform the Petitioner that the Tribunal will require copies of the Marriage Certificate and the Divorce Decree Absolute. If necessary, a new copy of the Marriage Certificate may be obtained from the Register Office of the place of marriage. They will be returned to the Petitioner at a later date.

If there is any documentary evidence (for example a detailed statement to a Solicitor in preparation of the civil divorce, or medical reports) which might be useful to the Tribunal in assessing the case these too should be submitted with this completed questionnaire.

THE TAKING OF THE OATH

After the Priest/Auditor has explained the meaning of an Oath, the Petitioner holds the Bible in his/her right hand and says aloud:

I SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH IN THE ANSWERS I SHALL GIVE. SO HELP ME GOD.

2. YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR FORMER SPOUSE

A. When did you first meet each other?

B. How frequently did you see each other during the courtship?

C. How well did you get to know him/her?

D. Please describe now his/her personality, character and temperament, as you knew him/her up to the time of the wedding. (Here we need a picture in words, of his/her good or bad points, ability to plan ahead or not, being generous or selfish, a loner or lots of friends, happy go lucky or moody, any odd or strange behaviour or attitudes etc)

E. Can you comment on his/her truthfulness before and during the marriage? If untruthful or deceitful, please give details here.

3. HOME BACKGROUND OF YOUR FORMER SPOUSE

A. Was his/her home a happy one? How did he/she get on with his/her parents and other members of the family?

B. Was he/she particularly influenced in any way by either his/her mother or father?

C. Do you know of any particular incidents in his/her youth that seems to you to have had some bearing on the marriage and the way it worked out?

4. YOUR HOME BACKGROUND

A. Did you have a happy childhood and upbringing? How did you get on with your parents and family?

B. Were you particularly influenced in any way by either mother or father?

C. Do you recall any special incidents in your youth that seem to you to have had some bearing on the marriage and the way it worked out?

5. THE COURTSHIP PERIOD

A. Did you have a happy courtship? Did anything odd or unusual occur during it? Was there any irresponsible/immature behaviour in the courtship? (e.g. insincerity, aggressiveness and violence, heavy drinking/gambling, selfishness, laziness, mental illness etc)

B. Was the courtship or engagement ever broken off?

**C. Were you both working? What were your occupations?
(If there was a poor work record because of irresponsibility, give details here)**

D. Were you both in love with each other and keen to marry?

E. Do you think that for both of you, being in love was the main reason for getting married or was there some other reason?

F. Did you have any difficulties discussing your future life together or making plans and preparations for married life? If so, how did you solve them?

G. Did you both intend marriage to be for life? Did either of you have a view of marriage which held that divorce is acceptable?

H. Do you think you both intended to be faithful to each other, excluding all others?

I. Did you both intend to have children? If not, what exactly did you both decide before the wedding?

J. Did you both see marriage as a partnership of your whole life, to love, help and serve each other? If not, please explain in detail what was wrong with the understanding of marriage.

K. Did you have sexual intercourse during the courtship?

6. PRESSURE TO MARRY

- A. Was there any pressure on either of you from any other person or set of circumstances to marry at the time you did? If so, please give details.**

7. DOUBTS ABOUT THE MARRIAGE

- A. Did either of you have any serious doubts about the success of your future marriage? Did anyone else have doubts?**

8. MATURITY FOR MARRIAGE

- A. Do you now think that you were mature enough for marriage?
If not, please give your reasons for believing that you were very immature at the time of the wedding.**
- B. Do you now think that your former spouse was mature enough for marriage? If not, please state why you think that he/she was very immature at the time of the wedding? Explain by giving examples of immature attitudes or behaviour during the courtship.**

9. THE WEDDING, RECEPTION AND HONEYMOON

A. Did anything occur which caused unhappiness at these events? If so, please give details.

B. Did you have a home of your own to live in after the wedding? If not, please give details.

10. MARRIED LIFE

A. Was your relationship in marriage ever loving, harmonious and happy? If so, for how long?

B. When did the marriage begin to be seriously unhappy? When did difficulties start to occur? What were the problems and difficulties about?

NOTE: We need to know exactly when these problems arose.

C. What was your attitude to your former spouse?

D. What was the general attitude of your spouse towards you? And why?

E. What effect did his/her attitude have on you?

- F. Did you argue, fight, have rows? Was there any display of physical violence on either side, or verbal abuse and mental cruelty? If so, please give the details: when it started, how often, what degree etc?**

G. What did you or your spouse do to try and sort out your problems? Did you consult anyone or seek professional advice or help?

H. Did you or your partner receive medical help for the effects of violence, or for mental illness/depression?

11. SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP, CHILDREN

A. Did you experience any sexual difficulties with your partner?

B. Did either of you insist on the use of artificial contraceptives?

C. If there were children, please give their names and date of birth?

D. Did you both welcome the birth of your child/children?

- E. Did you both act as good parents, in caring for, and educating your child/children?

12. FIDELITY

- A. Were either of you unfaithful to each other during the time you lived together as husband and wife? If so, please give the date when this started, the number of affairs and when this was found out.

13. SEPARATION

- A. Were there any temporary separations between you? If so, please state why these occurred, when they happened, and how long the periods of separation lasted. How did you get back together again?

B. Please give the exact date (month and year) when you finally parted?

C. What was the cause of the final separation?

D. What is the present status of your former spouse? If they have remarried, is this marriage successful?

E. What is your present status? If you have remarried, is this marriage successful?

14. DISCRETION, COMMITMENT AND DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY

A. Do you think at the time of the marriage he/she adequately realised the basic rights he/she was giving and the basic obligations he/she were accepting?

B. Did you.....?

C. Do you now think that he/she put his/her heart into the marriage and gave a proper commitment to its obligations?

D. Did you?

E. Do you now think that he/she was able to undertake and carry out the obligations of marriage or was there a lack in him/her that prevented this?

F. Were you able

G. Do you now think that he/she really wanted you as a life-long partner?

H. Did you.....?

