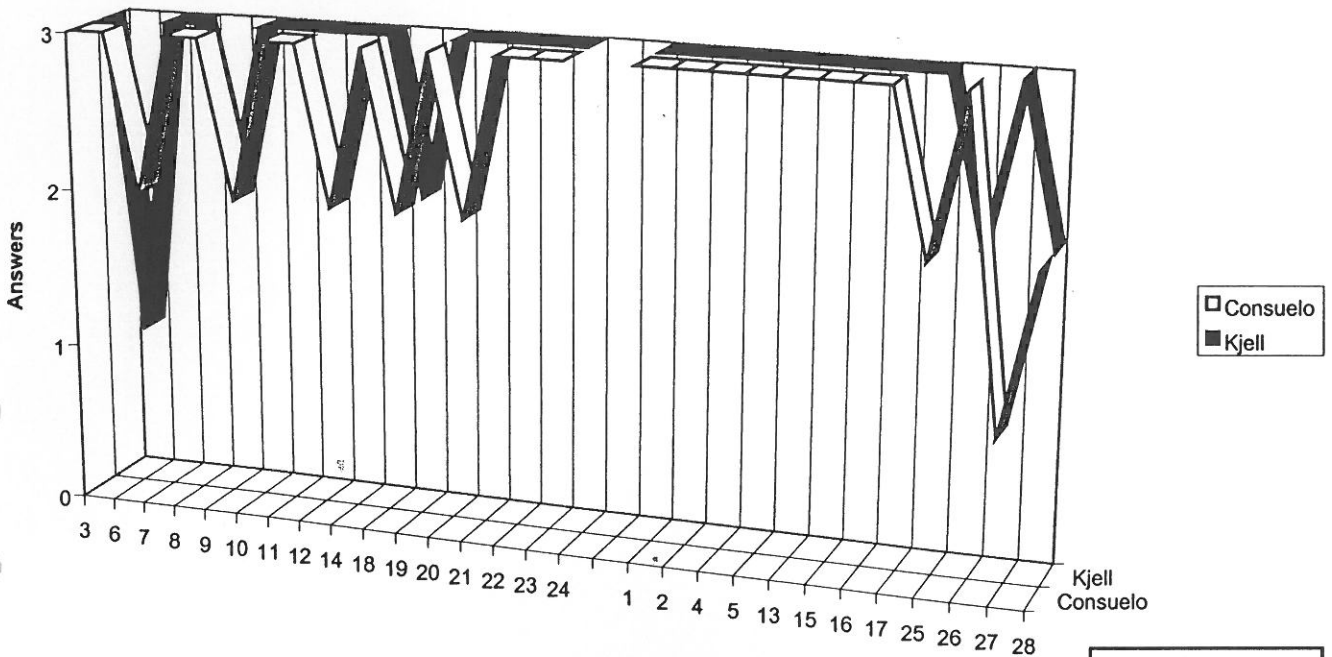


**Appendix**

Name	Age	Years living together.	Cultural background.	Children.	Profession.
Kjell Larsson	39	11	Swedish	One boy and one girl	Sign making
Consuelo Díaz.	42		Mexican		Psychologist
José Torres	39	6	Mexican	One boy	Naval engineer.
Tina Olsson	26		Swedish		Sociology and Pedagogue
Jon Höiland	38	3	Swedish	-	Anthropologist
Gretel Castro	24		Cuban	-	Student
Albert Eliasson	42	17	Swedish	Three Girls	Electric engineer
Rosa del Campo	41		Mexican		Electric engineer
Frank Delgado	36	10	Mexican	Two girls and one boy	International salesman
Gunilla Stein	33		Swedish		Occupational therapist
Kurt Isaksson	46	17	Swedish	One boy and one girl	Pedagogue
Cecilia Valdéz	46		Chilean	One boy in her former relation and one boy and one girl in the current relation	Social Worker
Gustavo Ferrer	39	5	Chilean	One boy and one girl in his former relation	Service technician.
Marianne Ryman	47		Swedish	Two boys and one girl in her former relation	Pedagogue
Marcos Portal	40	9	Mexican	One boy in his former relation.	TV producer and journalist.
Karin Råberg	43		American (USA)	One boy and one girl in her former relation	Therapist.

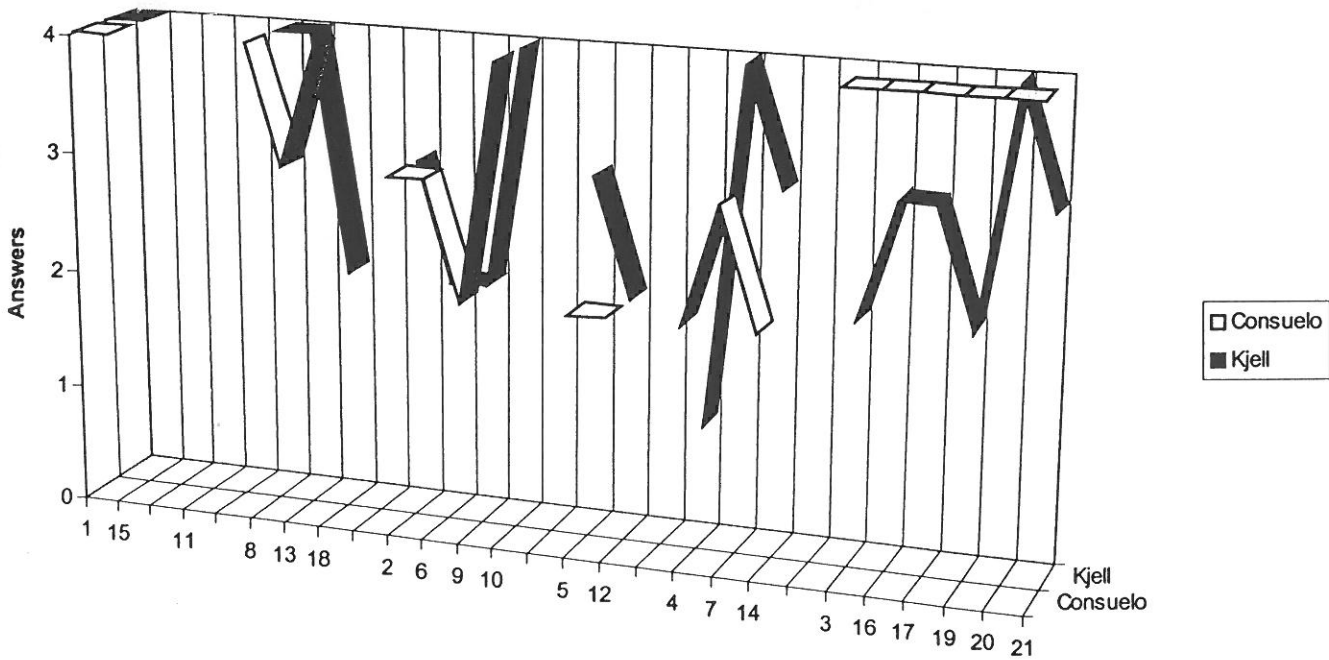
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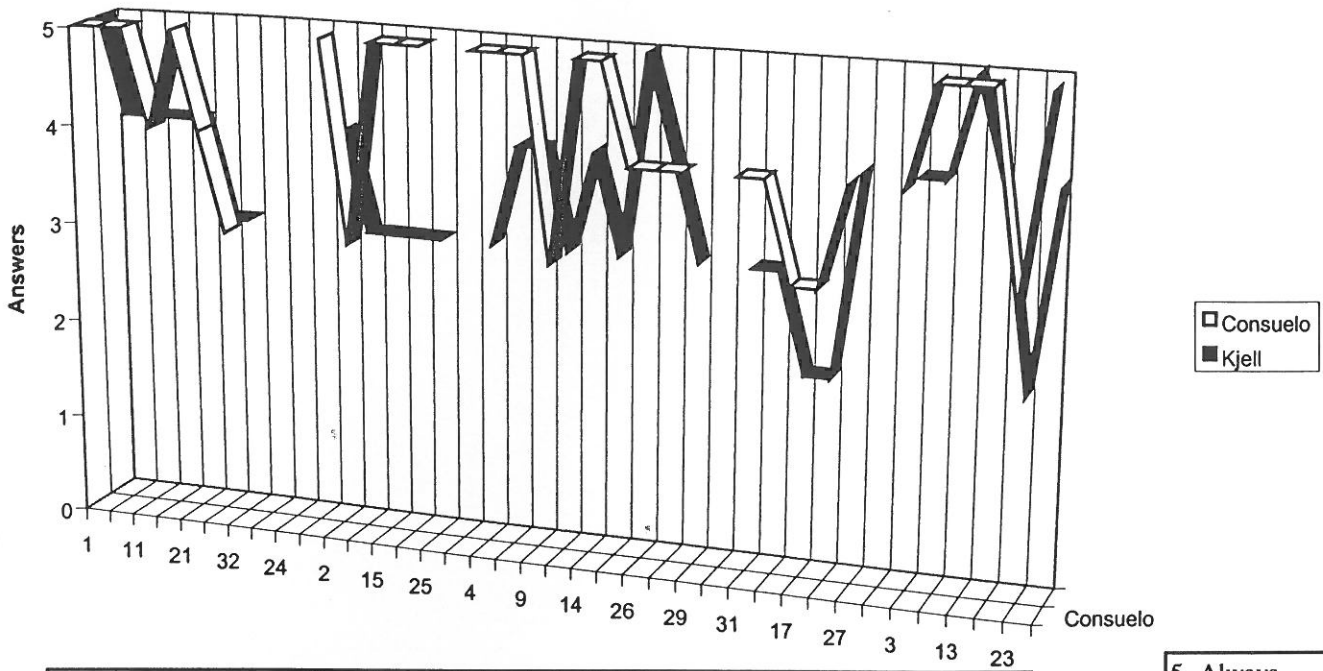
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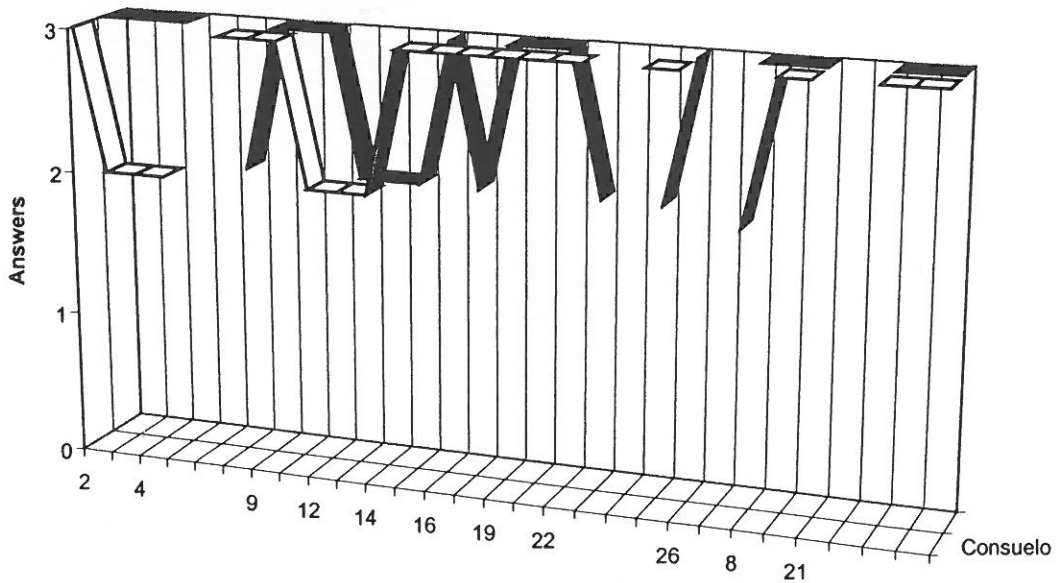


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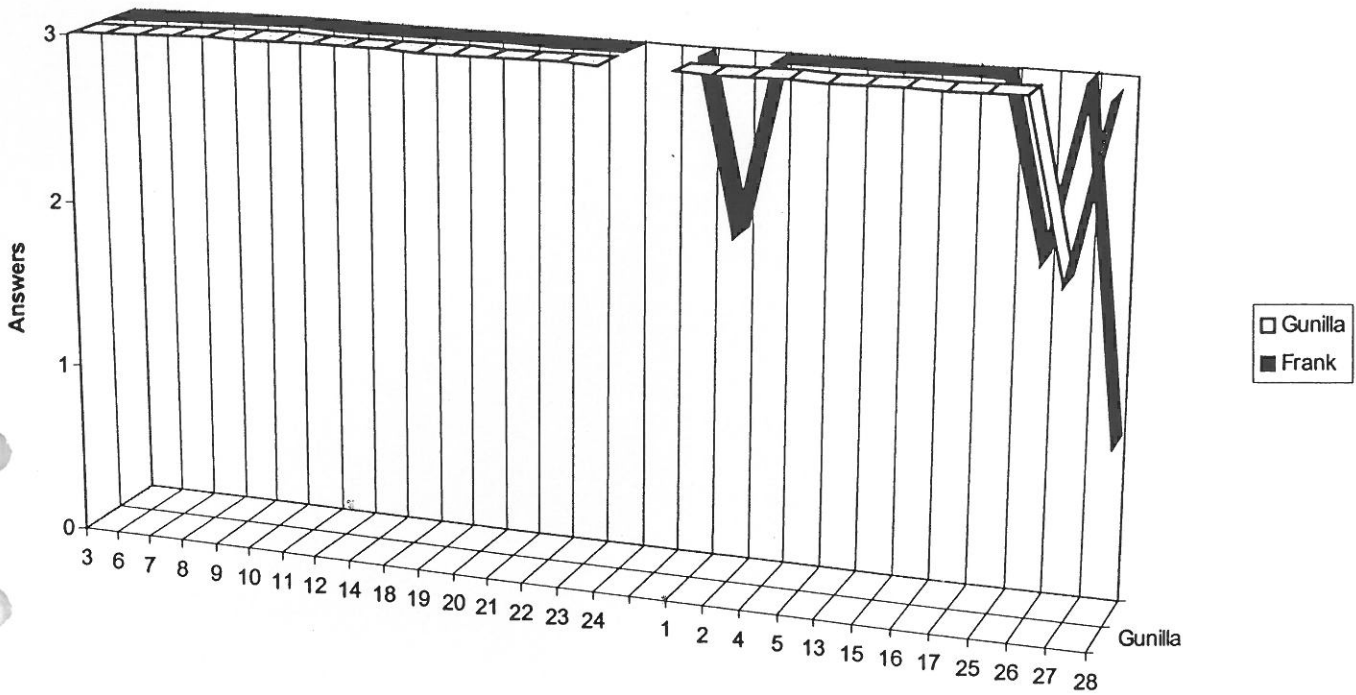


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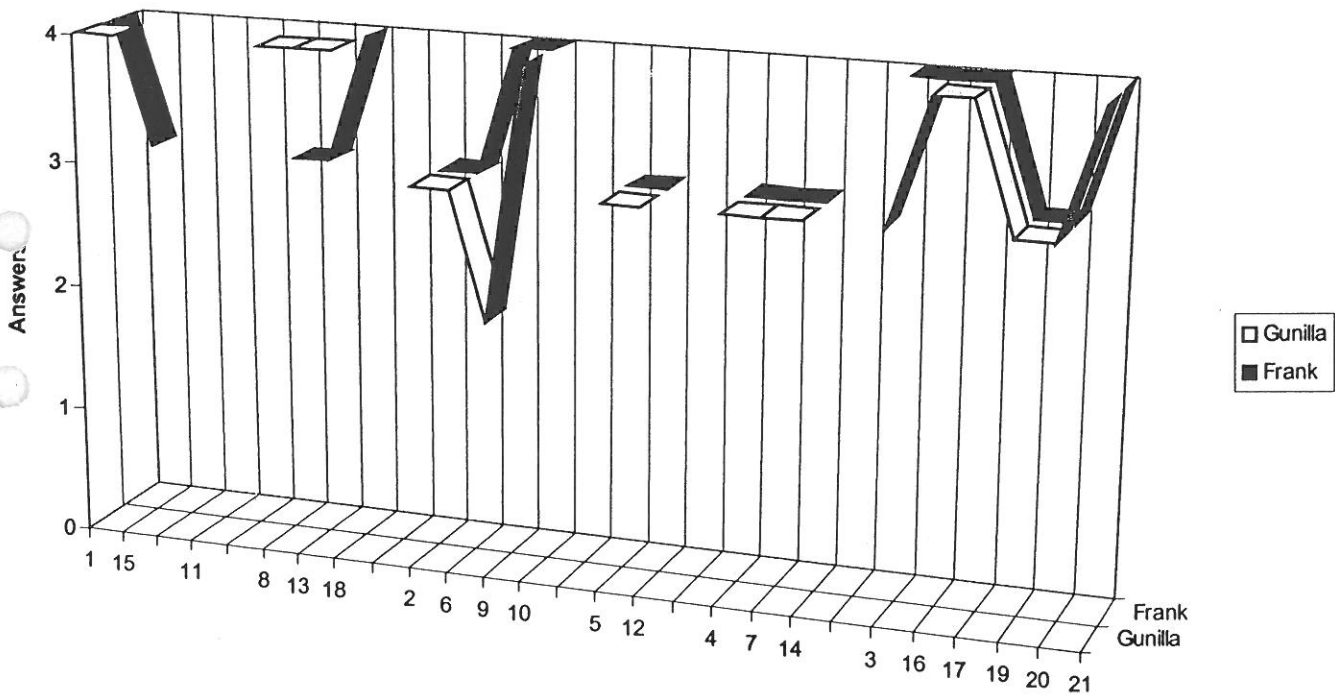
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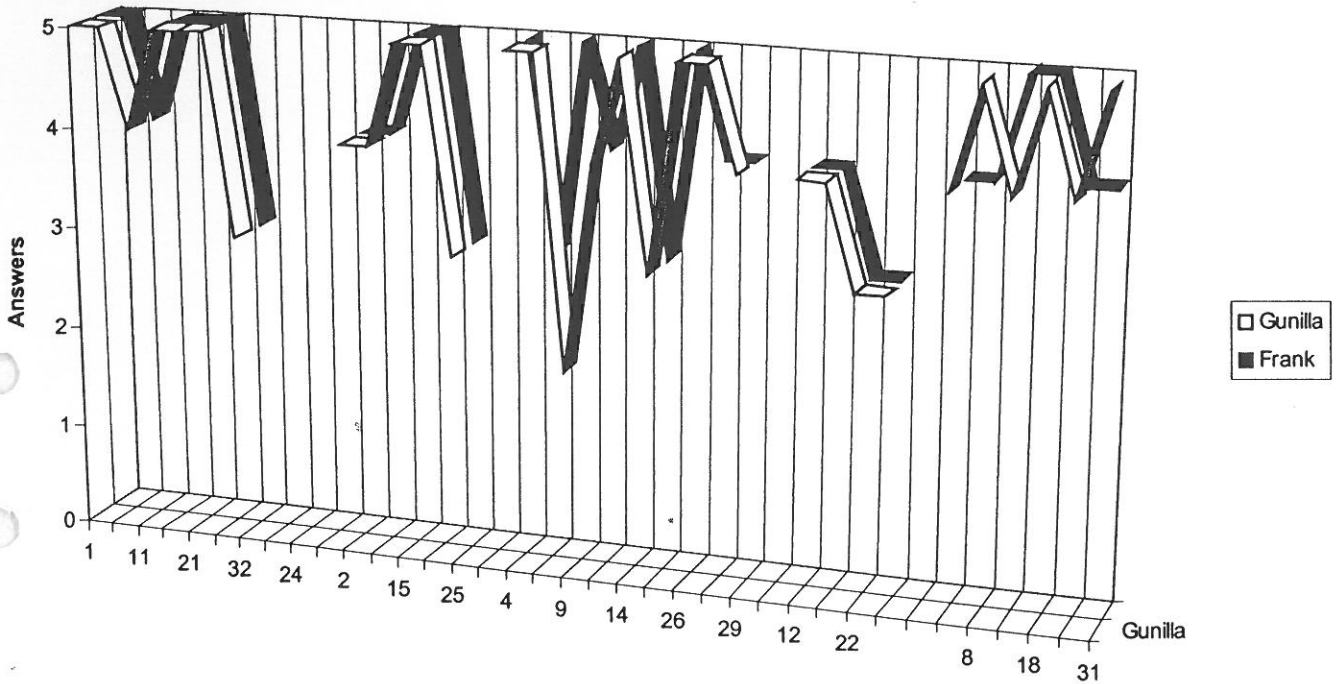
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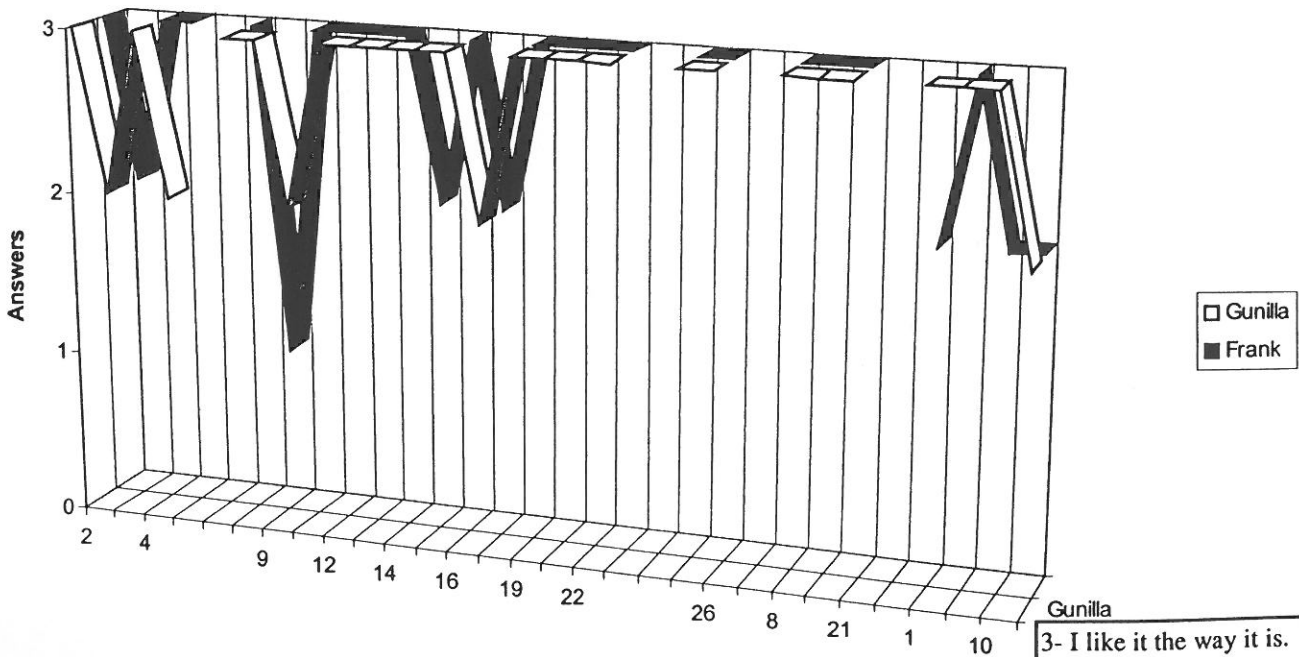
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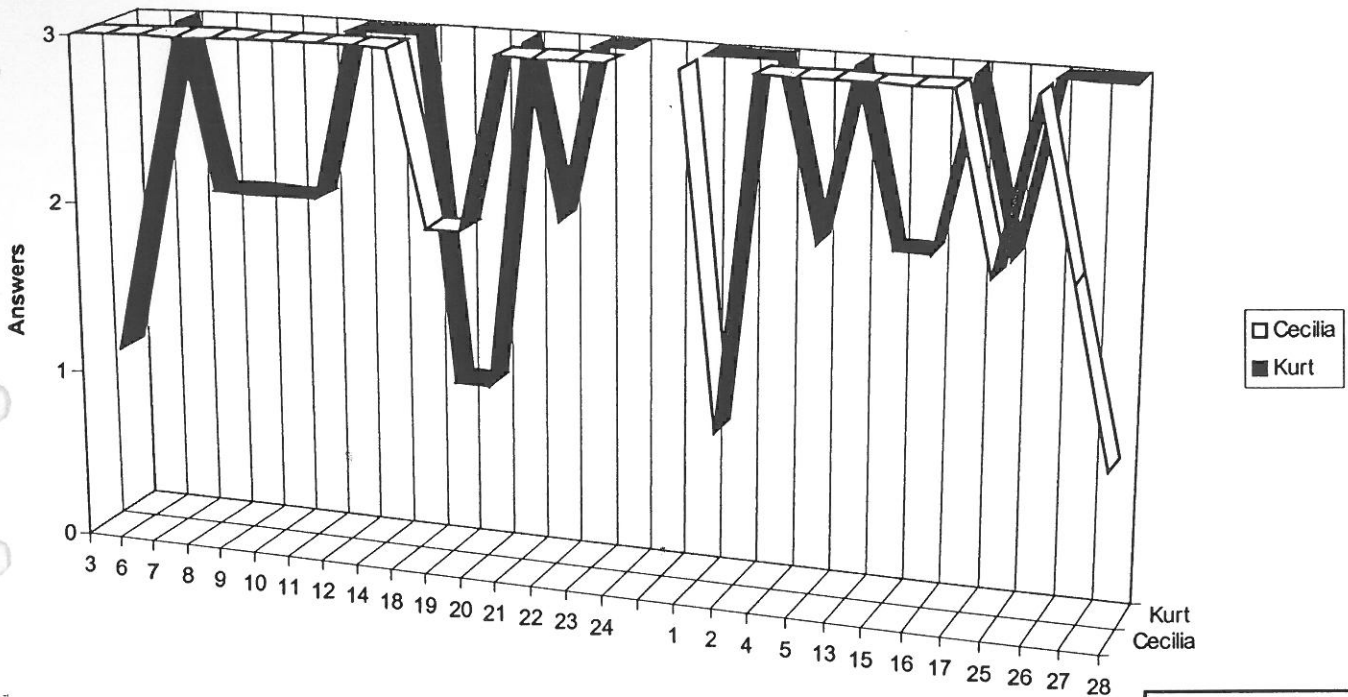
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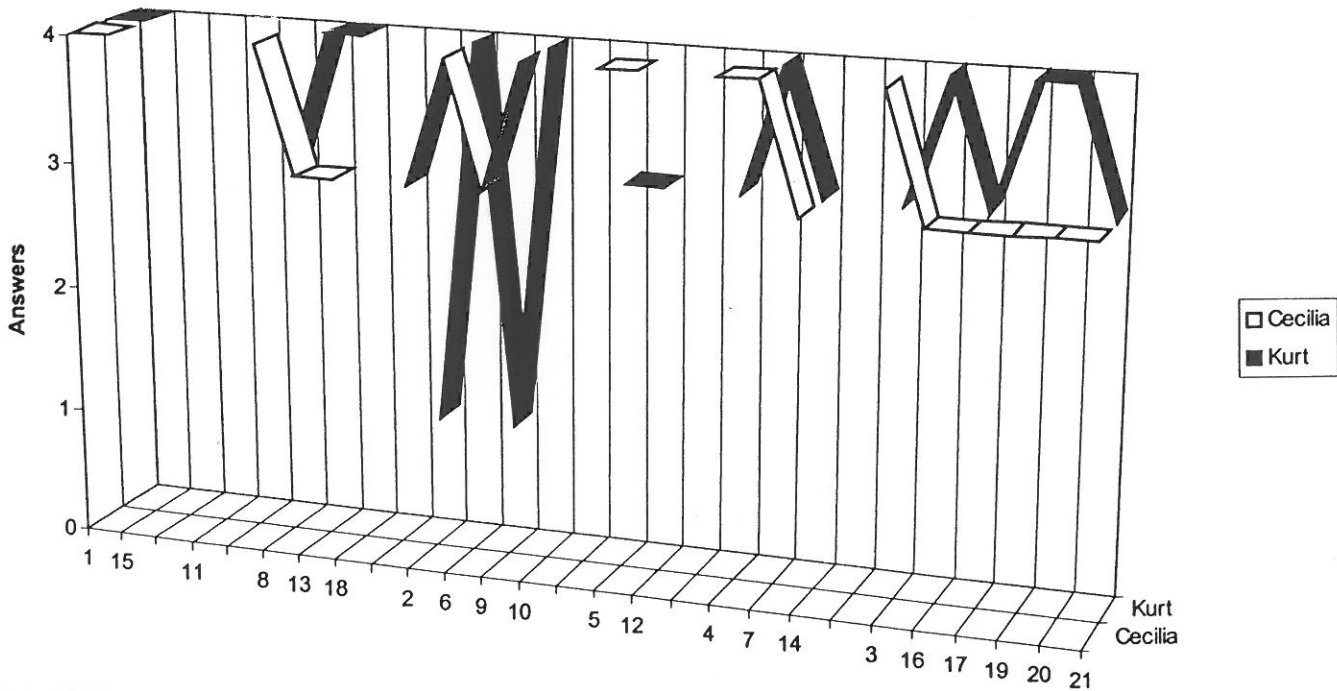
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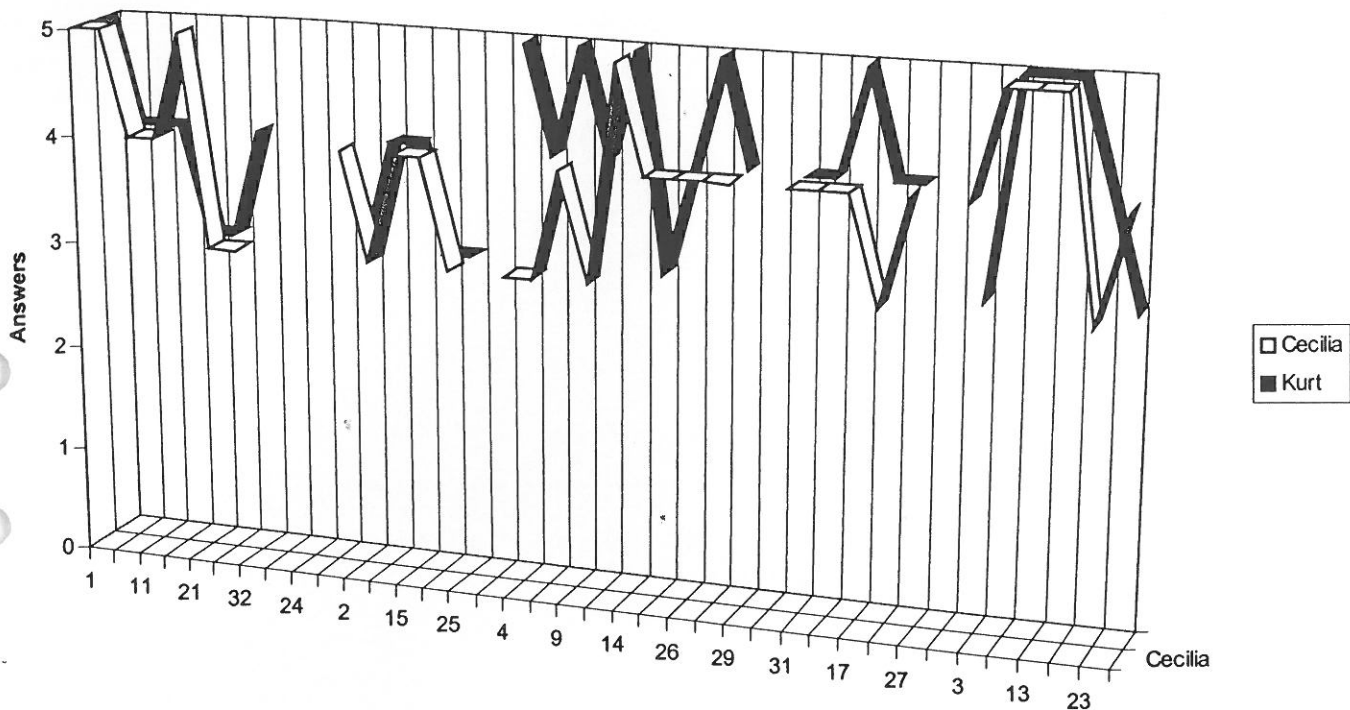
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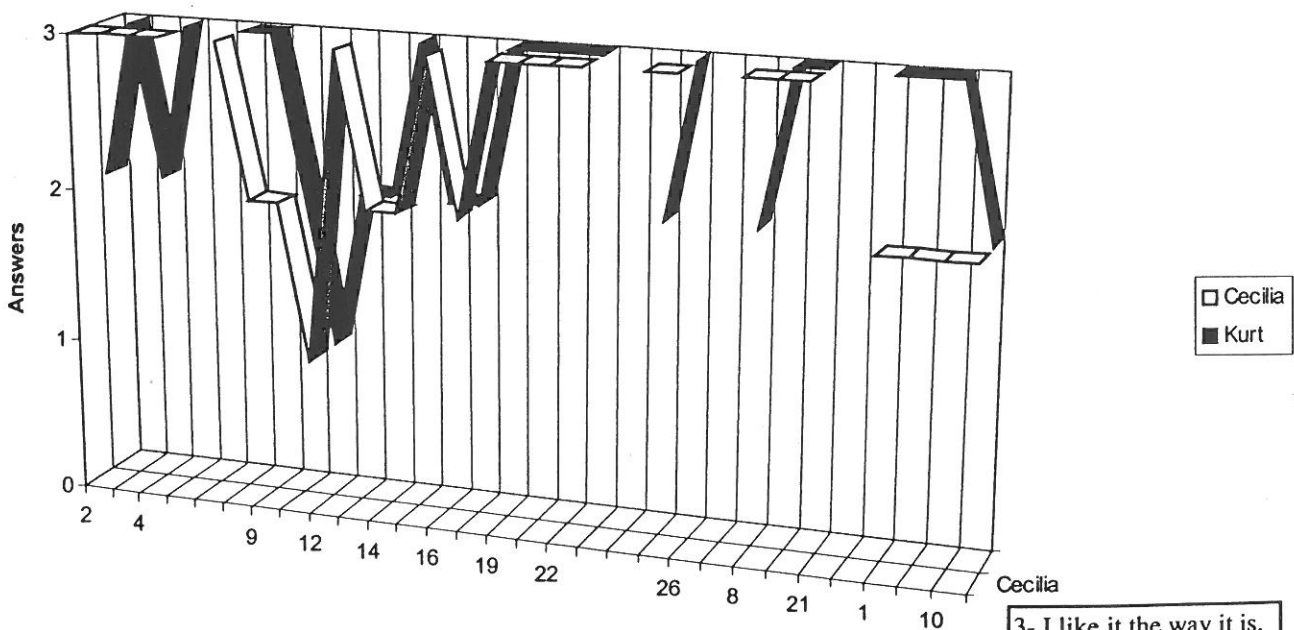
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## Questionnaire Informative Communication.

We present you with a list of themes/topics. Fill in the spaces according to how often you talk to your partner about this. Do this according to the following scale.

F-- Frequently.  
ST-- Sometimes.  
S-- Seldom.  
N--Never.

- 1)\_\_\_ The affairs and responsibilities I have at work.
- 2)\_\_\_ The kind of music and songs that I like.
- 3)\_\_\_ My worries about my health.
- 4)\_\_\_ My involvement in political organizations.
- 5)\_\_\_ What I like in our sexual relations
- 6)\_\_\_ My favorite literature.
- 7)\_\_\_ My opinion about what is happening in my country.
- 8)\_\_\_ My relations with my classmates and/or coworkers.
- 9)\_\_\_ The sports that I like.
- 10)\_\_\_ The quality and themes of the films we see.
- 11)\_\_\_ The needs we have in our family.
- 12)\_\_\_ What I dislike in our sexual relations.
- 13)\_\_\_ The problems that we have with other relatives.
- 14)\_\_\_ The news about what is happening in other countries.
- 15)\_\_\_ My concerns for my job and/or studies.
- 16)\_\_\_ How I feel. What I like or dislike.
- 17)\_\_\_ The themes of our relationship that are important to me.
- 18)\_\_\_ The persons who are important in my life.
- 19)\_\_\_ The characteristics of my personality which I like or dislike.
- 20)\_\_\_ My main successes and failures.
- 21)\_\_\_ What I need to be happy.

**Questionnaire**  
**Affective/Regulative Communication.**

Read carefully each affirmation and fill in the space with the number of the alternative that corresponds best with your opinion. Do it according to the following scale.

- 1- Totally certain.
- 2- Relatively certain.
- 3- Not certain

- 1)\_\_\_ He/She does not ask me about an important decision.
- 2)\_\_\_ He/She helps me to organize an excursion.
- 3)\_\_\_ He/She is not tolerant with me when I make a mistake.
- 4)\_\_\_ He/She does not take my opinion into account when we need to make a decision.
- 5)\_\_\_ He/She lets me sleep if I am tired.
- 6)\_\_\_ When I want to have sex he/she responds with pleasure.
- 7)\_\_\_ He/She does not ask about my feelings.
- 8)\_\_\_ He/She caresses me affectedly.
- 9)\_\_\_ He/She starts sexual relations.
- 10)\_\_\_ He/She talks with me about his/her feelings and thoughts.
- 11)\_\_\_ He/She greets me affectionately when I return home.
- 12)\_\_\_ He/She does not trust on me.
- 13)\_\_\_ He/She encourages me when I am faced with a difficult situation.
- 14)\_\_\_ He/She does not consider it important to show his/her affection.
- 15)\_\_\_ He/She asks about my opinion when we need to solve a problem.
- 16)\_\_\_ He/She answers my questions respectfully.
- 17)\_\_\_ He/She forgives me.
- 18)\_\_\_ He/She listens with understanding to my problems.
- 19)\_\_\_ He/She is patient when I behave with anger.
- 20)\_\_\_ When it is necessary he/she apologizes.
- 21)\_\_\_ He/She is almost always occupied with his/her own concerns.
- 22)\_\_\_ He/She takes my interests and needs into account.
- 23)\_\_\_ He/She shares his/her personal problems with me.
- 24)\_\_\_ He/She makes efforts to maintain our relationship.
- 25)\_\_\_ He/She talks to me about our motivations for the relationship.
- 26)\_\_\_ He/She plans together with me how to spend money.
- 27)\_\_\_ He/She points out when I make a mistake.
- 28)\_\_\_ He/She shows me how to do something or how to solve a problem.

## Questionnaire Intimacy.

We present you a series of phrases. Fill in the spaces with the number of the alternative that best describes your relationship. Use the following scale:

- 1- Always.
- 2- Almost always.
- 3- Sometimes.
- 4- Seldom.
- 5- Never.

- 1)\_\_\_ My partner listens to me when I need someone to talk to.
- 2)\_\_\_ We enjoy when we are together with other couples.
- 3)\_\_\_ I am satisfied with our sexual life.
- 4)\_\_\_ My partner helps me when I am worried.
- 5)\_\_\_ We enjoy the same activities.
- 6)\_\_\_ My partner does not make judgments when I talk about my feelings.
- 7)\_\_\_ We keep some secrets from each other.
- 8)\_\_\_ I think that our sexual relations are normal.
- 9)\_\_\_ After a serious conversation it seems as if we have more things in common.
- 10)\_\_\_ My partner and I have the same interests.
- 11)\_\_\_ I feel a distance to my partner.
- 12)\_\_\_ We have common friends.
- 13)\_\_\_ When I want to have sexual relations I can say it to my partner.
- 14)\_\_\_ I feel at a disadvantage when I have a serious conversation with my partner.
- 15)\_\_\_ We enjoy the same things when we are together.
- 16)\_\_\_ My partner can understand me when I am worried and/or glad.
- 17)\_\_\_ Spending some time with our friends is an important part of our shared activities.
- 18)\_\_\_ I do not express my sexual desires because my partner makes me feel bad.
- 19)\_\_\_ I feel that is useless to talk about some things with my partner.
- 20)\_\_\_ We enjoy going out together.
- 21)\_\_\_ I feel that my partner does not love me.
- 22)\_\_\_ Some of the close friends of my partner are also my close friends.
- 23)\_\_\_ Sexuality is very important in our relationship.
- 24)\_\_\_ My partner attempts to change my ideas.
- 25)\_\_\_ We find time to enjoy together.
- 26)\_\_\_ When we are together I feel alone.
- 27)\_\_\_ My partner does not like some of my friends.
- 28)\_\_\_ We have a lot of things to talk about.
- 29)\_\_\_ We share common interests.
- 30)\_\_\_ When we are together we are the happiest persons in the world.
- 31)\_\_\_ My partner does not seem to be interested in sex
- 32)\_\_\_ I have some needs that are not satisfied in my relationship.

## Questionnaire Satisfaction.

We present you with a series of phrases. Fill in the spaces with the number of the alternative that best describes your relationship. Use the following scale:

- 1- I like it the way it is.
- 2- I would like something different.
- 3- I would like something completely different.

- 1)\_\_\_ The time that my partner spends on our relationship.
- 2)\_\_\_ The frequency that my partner says something nice to me.
- 3)\_\_\_ The attention that my partner gives me.
- 4)\_\_\_ The frequency that my partner hugs me.
- 5)\_\_\_ The attention that my partner puts on my appearance.
- 6)\_\_\_ Communication with my partner.
- 7)\_\_\_ The way my partner behaves with other persons.
- 8)\_\_\_ How he/she asks when he/she wants to have sexual intercourse.
- 9)\_\_\_ The time that he/she spends with his/herself.
- 10)\_\_\_ The time that my partner spends with me.
- 11)\_\_\_ How He/She behaves when he/she is sad.
- 12)\_\_\_ How He/She behaves when he/she is upset.
- 13)\_\_\_ How He/She behaves when he/she is worried.
- 14)\_\_\_ How He/She behaves when he/she is in bad mood.
- 15)\_\_\_ How my partner organizes his/her time.
- 16)\_\_\_ The priorities that my partner has in his/her life.
- 17)\_\_\_ How my partner spends his/her free time.
- 18)\_\_\_ How my partner reacts when I do not want to have sex.
- 19)\_\_\_ The punctuality of my partner.
- 20)\_\_\_ The interest that my partner shows in what I am doing.
- 21)\_\_\_ The way that we have sexual intercourse.
- 22)\_\_\_ How my partner takes care of his/her health.
- 23)\_\_\_ The time that we spend together.
- 24)\_\_\_ How my partner solves his/her problems.
- 25)\_\_\_ The rules that my partner has at home.
- 26)\_\_\_ When my partner imposes restrictions on me.

## **Questionnaires.**

### **Categories of the Answers.**

#### **Satisfaction.**

Affective communication. 2, 3, 4, 5.

Characteristics of the other person. 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24,.

Regulative communication. 25, 26.

Sexuality. 8, 18, 21.

Interaction. 1, 6, 10, 23.

#### **Intimacy.**

Affective Intimacy. 1, 6,,11, 16, 21, 30, 32.

Hierarchy. 24.

Leisure time. 2, 5, 15, 20, 25.

Interaction. 4, 7, 9, 10, 14, 19, 26, 28, 29.

Boundaries. 12, 17, 22, 27.

Sexuality. 3, 8, 13, 18, 23, 31.

#### **Affective/Regulative communication.**

Affective. 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.

Regulative. 1, 2, 4, 5, 13, 15, 16, 17, 25, 26, 27, 28.

#### **Informative communication.**

Work-Studies. 1, 15.

Economy. 11.

Boundaries. 8, 13, 18.

Hobbies. 2, 6, 9, 10.

Sexuality. 5, 12.

Politic. 4, 7, 14.

Personal issues. 3, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21.

## Interview.

### GENERAL QUESTIONS.

How old are you?

Are you working and/or studying?

What kind of job and/or studies do you have?

How much do you earn?

How long have you been together?

Do you remember the exact date when you started your relationship?

How did you meet?

Where did you meet?

How long have you been living together?

How did you decide live together?

Did you have your own apartment before that?

Did you live in your parent's house before living together?

### QUESTIONS ABOUT DAILY LIFE.

Describe what you do during any day of the week.

Describe what you do during any night of the week.

What you usually do during weekends?

Do you do some activities together?

How you distribute the household work?

Who is responsible for small jobs (taking out the garbage; watering the plants...)

Who is responsible for other household work? (cleaning, cooking, going to the supermarket, washing the clothes) Does one of you do the household work more frequently than the other?

Do you have a joint or separate economy?

Have you bought expensive things?

In general do you buy things together or you prefer to buy your own things?

If you share the expenditures do you discuss what things you go to buy or this is a decision made by only one of you?

Do you spend some time with other relatives?

Who takes care of relations with other relatives?

Do you have common friends?

Who takes contact with your friends?

Concerning your friends:

a) They were only your friends before knowing her/him.

b) They are new friends for both of you.

Do you usually go out with your friends without your partner?

Do you usually go out together in your leisure time?

What kind of activities do you usually do in your leisure time?

Are you happy with this?

Would you like to do other things in your leisure time?

Would you like to change anything? Specify what.

Do you talk about the problems in your relationship with friends and/or relatives?

Do you think that your friends and/or relatives can help in such matters?

Can you talk about your worries with your partner?

Do you think that your partner talks about his/her problems with someone else?

What do you think about that?

Do you have the same interests?

Do you think that this is important in a long term relationship?

Why?

## PERSONALITY

Which of your partners characteristics do you like most?

Which of your characteristics are most attractive to your partner?

## RELATION

What were your expectations when you started the relationship?

Has your relationship fulfilled those expectations?

How?

Do you demand anything of your partner?

What kind of things does your partner require from you?

It is difficult for you fulfill the demands of your partner?

Do you think that you fulfill the requirements of your partner?

How do you show that you love your partner?

Do you express your affection with words or with actions?

How does your partner show you his/her affection?

Are you satisfied with how your partner shows his/her affection?

How do you show that you change your mood?

How does your partner show that he/she changes his/her mood?

What do you do in such situations?

Have you learned anything about your partner? Give some examples.

Are any of these things important to you?

Has your partner learned anything from you? Give some examples.

Have you changed your opinion about anything because of the influence of your partner?

Has your partner changed his/her opinion about anything after a discussion with you?

There is anything that you would like your partner to give you that is difficult for him/her?

There is anything that your partner would like to receive from you that is difficult for you?

Are there any topics of conversation that you prefer to talk about with your friends but not with your partner?

Do you think that you can talk about everything with your partner?  
If you answer no to this would you like to be able to do it?  
Do you think that your partner prefers to talk about some topics with his/her friends?  
Do you think that your partner is willing to talk about any topic with you?

Do you think that your partner talks about your relationship with his/her friends?  
Do you do it?  
Do you share your feelings and thoughts with your partner?  
Does he /she do it with you?

Do you care for and show affection to your partner?  
Mention examples.  
Do you think that your partner notices your care and affection?  
Do you think that your partner takes care of you?  
Mention examples.  
Are you pleased about how your partner takes care of you?

Are you pleased when you listen to your partner?  
If you have a disagreement with your partner. How do you solve the problem?  
Is there anything about your partner that makes you feel annoyed?  
There is anything in your behavior that makes your partner feel annoyed?  
Do you think that one of you discusses problems in your relationship more frequently than the other?  
In such situation - do you have different points of view?  
Do you think that is important to talk about your relationship with your partner?  
Do you think that your partner can understand you?  
Can you understand your partners point of view?

Is sex an important part of your relationship?  
Has the importance of your sexual relations with your partner changed during this time?  
Are you satisfied with the sexual relations that you have with your partner?  
If the answer is negative - what would you like to change?  
Does one of you initiate sexual relations more frequently than the other?  
Is it difficult for you say "no" when you do not want to have sexual relations?  
How does your partner react in such situations?  
Have you discussed the use of contraceptives?

How do you see the future of your relationship?

## CULTURE

What does the word "culture" mean to you?  
Did you know anything about the country of your partner before meeting him/her?  
What did you know?  
Which similarities and differences can you observe between the cultural background of your partner and your own?  
In which language did you communicate with your partner when you met him/her?  
Are you still using the same language?



If you have changed the language. Why did you do that?

Do you think that you bring any of the characteristics defined as typical of your cultural background into the relationship?

Mention examples.

Which factors do you consider important to the stability of your relationship?

Are any of these factors connected with your cultural background?

Mention examples.