

# Dryer-Hanson 55+ DIVORCE ASSESSMENT

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_ M DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Your current age? \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's/Partner's current age? \_\_\_\_\_  
2) Current number years this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_ In previous marriage(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Current number marriage? E.g. 1<sup>st</sup>?... 2<sup>nd</sup>? ... 3<sup>rd</sup>? etc. \_\_\_\_\_  
3) Siblings: Names/ ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
4) Children/ Step: Names/ ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
5) Parents; Status: Married/ year \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced?!/ year \_\_\_\_\_ Where live? \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother : Remarried?!/ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Alive?!/ age \_\_\_\_\_ Died? / year \_\_\_\_\_  
Father : Remarried?!/ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Alive?!/ age \_\_\_\_\_ Died? / year \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 1 : Logistical information

- 6) What is your current living situation?  
a. Setting: \_\_\_single family home\_\_\_condo/townhouse  
b. Retirement community: \_\_\_yes\_\_\_no  
c. Who else lives in your residence? \_\_\_\_\_  
d. What concerns, if any, have you re: your living situation after you separate or divorce? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) What is your current level of health? (poor) (excellent)  
a. Physical health 1 2 3 4 5  
b. Emotional health 1 2 3 4 5  
Please explain your responses. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) What is your spouse's/partner's current level of health? (poor) (excellent)  
a. Physical health 1 2 3 4 5  
b. Emotional health 1 2 3 4 5  
Please explain your responses. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) How much do you know about the following areas of family finance: (little) (A lot)  
a. Monthly expenses 1 2 3 4 5  
b. Investments 1 2 3 4 5  
c. Income 1 2 3 4 5
- 10) How much does your spouse/partner know about the following areas of family finance:  
a. Monthly expenses 1 2 3 4 5  
b. Investments 1 2 3 4 5  
c. Income 1 2 3 4 5
- 11) Your current individual income: 12) Your spouse's/partner's current individual income:  
\$20 – 49,999 \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 – 49,999 \_\_\_\_\_  
50 – 99,999 \_\_\_\_\_ 50 – 99,999 \_\_\_\_\_  
100- 149,999 \_\_\_\_\_ 100- 149,999 \_\_\_\_\_  
150- 199,999 \_\_\_\_\_ 150- 199,999 \_\_\_\_\_  
200- 299,999 \_\_\_\_\_ 200- 299,999 \_\_\_\_\_  
300,000 plus \_\_\_\_\_ 300,000 plus \_\_\_\_\_  
Don't know \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) Describe your financial obligations to others:  
a. Children \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Stepchildren \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_

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- 13 con't) d. Former partner(s)/spouses(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 e. Parents \_\_\_\_\_  
 f. Other relatives (state who) \_\_\_\_\_  
 g. Other personal (not business) \_\_\_\_\_

14) What are your greatest financial concerns related to separating or divorcing? (1, 2, 3, etc. rank in order of concern)

- a. Health related expenses \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Monthly expenses \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Future income needs \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. Tax related concerns \_\_\_\_\_  
 e. Estate concerns \_\_\_\_\_  
 f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

15) Do you and/or your spouse/partner have a current legal documents or orders that impact you:

- a. Prenuptial agreement \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Other property agreement \_\_\_\_\_ (please briefly describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Court orders in effect \_\_\_\_\_ (please briefly describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. Other \_\_\_\_\_

- e. Do you have a health proxy signed? Y/ N Does your partner? Y/ N  
 f. Do you have a will? Y/ N Does your partner? Y/ N  
 g. Do you have a signed Power of Authority? Y/ N Does your partner? Y/ N

16) What is your current work status?

- a. Full time \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Part time \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Occupation/Profession: \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. Retired \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Retirement \_\_\_\_\_

17) Do you enjoy non-work activities e.g. hobbies, member organizations, etc [not much] 1 2 3 4 5 (a lot)  
 If applicable, note several: \_\_\_\_\_

18) Did you consider separating/divorcing before now? \_\_\_Y \_\_\_N

- If Yes: a. At what year of marriage? \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. What prevented you? (check all that apply)  
 Children too young \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not enough money \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thought would harm my career \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thought "this is what marriage is like" \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did not feel "entitled" to a better marriage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did not have emotional strength to separate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reconciled and reinvested in marriage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religious reasons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

19) Why separate/divorce now? (check all that apply)

- Children are grown \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have enough money \_\_\_\_\_  
 Can no longer harm my career \_\_\_\_\_  
 You and Partner have "grown apart" \_\_\_\_\_  
 Domestic abuse \_\_\_\_\_  
 Concerns about physical safety \_\_\_\_\_  
 Now have emotional strength to do so \_\_\_\_\_  
 Feel urgency to make different use of time that remains \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

20) How hopeful do you feel about your future:

- a. If you remain married (little) 1 2 3 4 5 (A lot)  
 b. If you separate or divorce 1 2 3 4 5

## PART 2 : Existential information

### RELATIONSHIPS

- 21) Describe your closest family relationships in the present. Explain.
- 22) Describe your most difficult family relationships in the present. Explain.
- 23) In terms of maintaining or building family relationships post separation/divorce, what are your greatest concern(s)?
- 24) How extensive is your network of close social relationships? (small) 1 2 3 4 5 (extensive)
- 25) Which relationships are the greatest sources of support to you? (little) (a lot)
- |                                     |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. Relationships with children      | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b. Relationships with stepchildren  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c. Relationship with spouse/partner | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d. Other family relationships       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e. Long term social network         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| f. New social network               | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| g. Work related social network      | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
- 26) How socially lonely do you feel? (Not at all) 1 2 3 4 5 (very)
- 27) When you have a free evening, you would prefer to [number in order of preference, or skip]: \_\_\_\_ do nothing  
 \_\_\_\_ have dinner with a friend \_\_\_\_ exercise [e.g. gym, go for run]; \_\_\_\_ read a book.
- 28) Do you depend on your child[ren] for self-esteem in your parenting role? (no) 1 2 3 4 5 [a lot]
- 29) How do you feel about your PARENTS' dependency on you? \_\_\_\_\_

### WORK

- 30) How satisfied are (were, if retired) you doing your work [career]? (not much) 1 2 3 4 5 (very satisfied)
- 31) Are you retired now? \_\_ Y \_\_ N . Do you think about retiring? \_\_Y \_\_N If Yes, when? In \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- 32) IF you are retired, or plan to retire, what do/ might you do?? \_\_\_\_\_
- 33) Being retired, or thinking about retirement, fills you with : (trepidation) 1 2 3 4 5 (eagerness, joy) N..A..
- 34) Do you mentor a younger person? Or, would you? (No, not interested) 1 2 3 4 5 (Yes, love it)
- 35) Do you feel creative in your work? (No) 1 2 3 4 5 (Yes, Very)

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**BODY**

36) Have you made? Or considering making any changes to your appearance ? e.g. Dye hair? \_\_\_ Surgery? [plastic?] \_\_\_ other surgery? \_\_\_ Loose weight? \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

37) How "old" do you feel ? \_\_\_ How "young"? \_\_\_\_\_

38) How "old" does your partner seem to you ? \_\_\_ How "young"? \_\_\_. This bothers you: (no) 1 2 3 4 5 ((a lot)

**TIME & DEATH & VALUES**

39) When, at what age \_\_\_? were you first aware of death? E.g. saw a dead bird? Attended a funeral? Do you recall your reaction? \_\_\_\_\_

40) Do you think about your life in terms of : \_\_\_\_\_ (time since birth) 1 2 3 4 5 (time left to live)

a) What [kind of] milestones in your life have/ or will/ prompt you to think about mortality, thoughts and/or feelings about dying? \_\_\_\_\_

d) Will? Did? your view of your own death will/ change[d] when your parents died/ will die? (never) 1 2 3 4 5 (all the time) If so, how? \_\_\_\_\_

41) When you die, a) do you believe you go to : \_\_\_\_\_ (nothingness) 1 2 3 4 5 (an after-life)

b) What do you believe happens w h e n you die? \_\_\_\_\_

c) After you die? \_\_\_\_\_

42) Is there anything that bothers? concerns ? even frightens? you about dying? \_\_\_\_\_

43) Do you feel like you are "creative" in your life? \_\_\_\_\_ (never) 1 2 3 4 5 (all the time)

44) Are you the person you want to be? \_\_\_\_\_ (No) 1 2 3 4 5 (Yes indeed)

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

45) How satisfied do feel in your life? \_\_\_\_\_ (not satisfied) 1 2 3 4 5 (very satisfied)

46) What's the one thing you would do differently if you could relive your life? \_\_\_\_\_

47) What other information would be helpful for me to know? \_\_\_\_\_