Relationship Skills Assessment John Gallagher, Ph.D.

Directions: Assign grades to yourself and your spouse in each

category (i.e., A, B, C, D or F).

I. Damage Control	Him	Her
Anger-control: Refraining from arguing, making		
hurtful or sarcastic comments, yelling, name		
calling or getting defensive.		
Anxiety: Freedom from jealousy, insecurity,		
feelings of inadequacy, excessive worry, phobias		
or obsessive-compulsive problems.		
Congeniality: Refraining from being controlling,		
bossy, domineering and manipulative.		
Depression: Little history of depressive episodes		
nor any tendency towards moodiness, sulking or		
sullen withdrawal. Isn't taking meds for it.		
Financial responsibility: Has a stable career path.		
Lives within one's means. Not subject to		
excessive impulsive spending or pathological		
gambling. Systematic about savings.		
Parent-child bonding: Is affectionate and actively		
involved with each of the children one on one.		
Child discipline: Maintains good discipline		
without displays of hostility or intimidation.		
Is effective, consistent and fair.		
Thankless chores of parenting: Proactive in		
taking initiative for the chores of childcare.		
Household chores: Proactive in taking initiative		
for the routine chores of keeping house.		
Sociability: Is personable, interested and		
successful in cultivating relationships with		
family, in-laws and friends.		
Freedom from substance abuse problems: The		
use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco		
or food does not cause problems personally,		
professionally, economically or medically.		
Fidelity: Freedom from problems related to		
marital infidelity (romantically or sexually).		
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II.	Pleasant times together	Him	Her
	Couple togetherness: The degree to which there is ample willingness, opportunity and initiative for time for togetherness and recreation as a couple.		
	Couple recreation: The degree to which there is a rich variety of interests, recreations and pastimes as a couple.		
	Family togetherness: The degree to which there is ample willingness, opportunity and initiative for time for togetherness and recreation as a family, (e.g., eating meals together w/o watching TV).		
	Family recreation: The degree to which there is a rich variety of interests, recreations and pastimes as a family.		
III	. Rituals of affection		
	Communicative intimacy: Are you good at making conversation? Willingness and availability for communicating. Interested in listening as well as talking. Open expressiveness, e.g., "Hi, Honey. How was your day?"		
	Emotional support: Is sensitive, sympathetic and supportive during difficult times. Doesn't get preoccupied with problem-solving too soon.		
	Body contact: Hugs, kisses, snuggling, petting, sitting together on the same piece of furniture and "public displays of affection."		
	Sex: Enthusiasm, frequency, playfulness and considerateness.		
IV	. Conflict resolution		
	Honesty and openness regarding conflicts: Willingness to address issues constructively in the interest of resolving conflicts.		
	Fairness regarding conflicts: Willingness to negotiate and compromise fairly.		