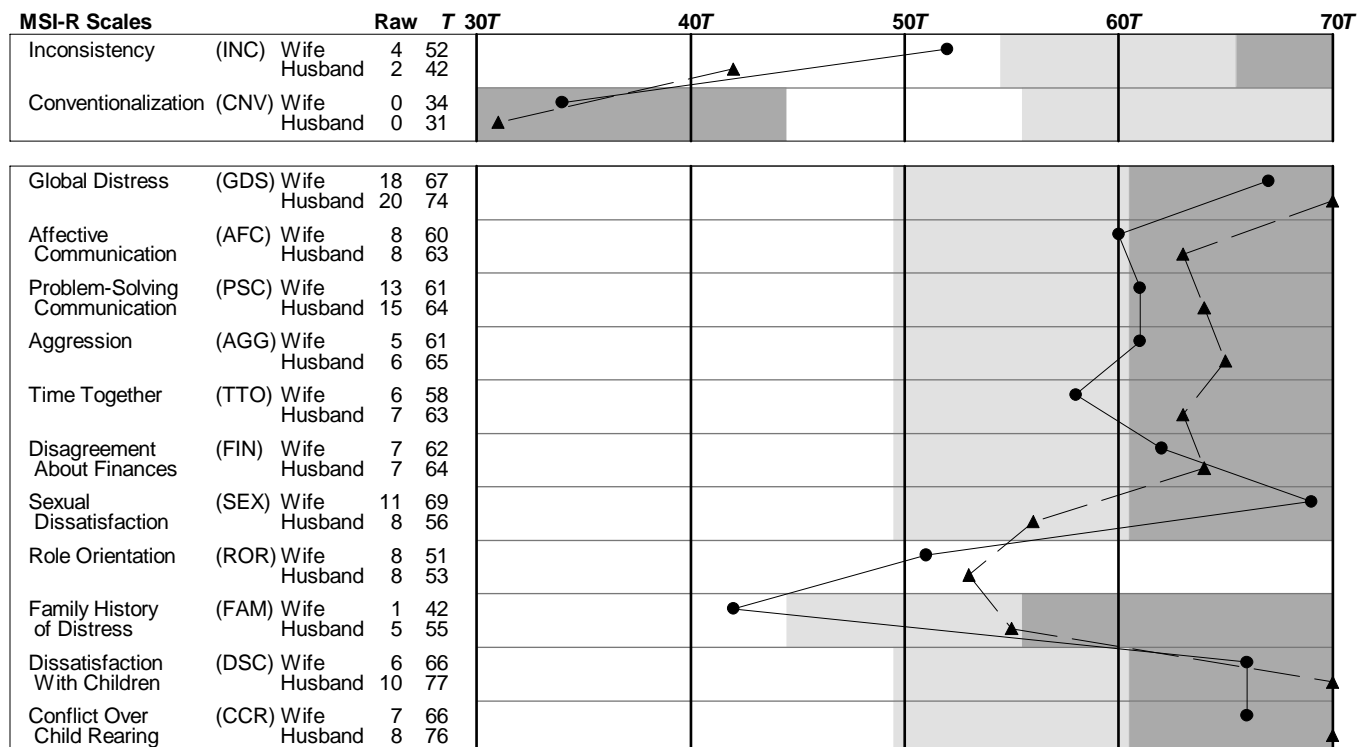


Marital Satisfaction Inventory, Revised (MSI-R)

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	Wife	Husband
Administration Date:	7/23/97	7/23/97
Processing Date:	7/23/97	7/23/97
Client ID Number:	00101001	00101002
Gender:	Female	Male
Age:	44 years	45 years
Education:	16 years	18 years
Length of Current Marriage:	23 years	23 years
Number of Previous Marriages:	0	0
Ethnicity:	Not Entered	Not Entered
Number of Children:	3	3
Age of Oldest (or Only) Child:	17 years	17 years
Age of Youngest Child:	11 years	11 years
Employed Outside the Home:	Yes	Yes
Hours Worked per Week:	50 hours	50 hours
Present Occupation:	Bus. Mgr./Lwr. Prof./Teacher	Bus. Mgr./Lwr. Prof./Teacher

This interpretive report for the MSI-R is an aid for relationship evaluation and treatment planning. The user should be familiar with the material presented in the MSI-R Manual (WPS Product No. W-328B). No evaluation or treatment decisions should be made solely on the basis of this report without confirming information from independent sources.



Interpretive Key
 (does not apply to ROR Scale)

	Good		Possible Problem		Problem
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Client Key

	●	—	●	Wife
	▲	—	▲	Husband

Test Interpretation

Response Adequacy and Consistency

Both partners have described their relationship in a consistent manner. They appear to have read each statement carefully in considering its meaning as applied to their relationship.

Global Relationship Affect

These two individuals have described their relationship in a highly similar manner. Both partners openly acknowledge serious difficulties in the relationship and dissatisfaction with one another; they may have a tendency to emphasize conflict and to ignore more positive aspects of the relationship. Overall, they indicate extensive distress in the relationship and feelings of alienation and anger toward one another. Relationship problems are likely to be of long duration and to have spread across different areas. Individuals with similar scores tend to describe their relationships as greatly disappointing; general inability to resolve even minor differences is characteristic. In response to difficulties in the relationship, both individuals may have withdrawn emotionally from the relationship and may be reluctant to confide in one another. They describe their relationship as having an uncertain future, and may express strong reservations regarding the potential for improving it. Determination of specific steps either partner has taken toward separation or divorce would be advisable.

Communication and Conflict Management

Both partners express dissatisfaction with the amount of affection shown by one another, although the wife reports somewhat less distress in this regard. Individuals with scores similar to those of the wife often feel emotionally distant from their mates, and may feel unappreciated or misunderstood. They may wish that their mates would be more open about expressing feelings, and they often describe themselves as being somewhat reluctant to confide in their mates. Depending on the amount of relationship distress in other areas, the wife may be motivated to

pursue ways in which she and her mate can improve intimacy and mutual self-disclosure.

In comparison, the husband describes extensive dissatisfaction with the quality of affection expressed in the relationship. Individuals with scores similar to those of the husband typically describe their mates as emotionally distant and uncaring. The husband may describe his mate as withdrawn and unsupportive. Like the wife, the husband is likely to feel unappreciated and misunderstood, and may be reluctant to confide in his mate. The husband's experience of emotional distance from his mate is likely to limit the couple's effectiveness in resolving their interpersonal differences.

Both partners describe extensive difficulties in resolving disagreements. Arguing is likely to be frequent; common patterns of nonconstructive communication may include exchange of angry feelings, failure to acknowledge each other's view, or attributing each other's behavior to hostile intentions. There may exist a long accumulation of unresolved differences, with the result being that even minor disagreements lead to major arguments. Both partners are likely to perceive each other as being overly sensitive or critical, with certain areas of the relationship being "off limits" for discussion. Each partner is likely to regard the other as stubbornly unyielding and unresponsive to legitimate concerns or complaints.

Both partners report extensive concern regarding intimidation and the potential for physical aggression by one another. Previous incidents involving loss of anger control, throwing, slamming, or destroying objects, or threats of violence by either partner toward the other are likely. Among individuals with similar scores, many report having been hit or kicked, or having been the target of an object thrown by their partners; some report having been physically beaten or choked. Careful inquiry should be made into both the circumstances of past aggression and steps taken by both partners to prevent its recurrence. In addition, both partners' preparedness to leave a situation when

confronted with threats of violence should be evaluated.

The willingness and ability of each partner to engage in specific anger-management and self-control techniques should be carefully assessed. Couples beginning therapy should be cautioned that therapy often brings to the surface strong negative feelings attached to previous events, and that special precautions must be taken to ensure that therapy can proceed without concern regarding increased risk for aggression.

Specific Areas of Interaction

Overall, the partners have evaluated specific dimensions of their interaction in a somewhat similar manner. This pattern is fairly common among couples from the general population, where both partners may experience relatively little distress across different areas of their relationship. Among couples in counseling, this pattern reflects moderate agreement in partners' views of distress and suggests that they may work together in rank-ordering relationship concerns and identifying initial common goals.

Both partners report dissatisfaction with the quality and quantity of leisure time spent together, although the wife describes somewhat less distress in this regard. They may have few common interests and may engage in few activities together either inside or outside the home. It is unlikely that the couple's distress in this area results entirely from insufficient time for leisure; rather, they may regard each other as being somewhat withdrawn or lacking a desire for closer involvement in mutual activities. The husband's level of distress in this area likely contributes to a sense of isolation and distance from his mate.

Both partners describe finances as an area of extensive disagreement. Arguments about money are likely to be common, and the couple may differ sharply regarding their financial priorities. Either partner may regard the other as a poor manager of their financial resources, and as either untrusting or untrustworthy. Disagreements are likely to extend beyond the adequacy of income to include complaints about

the partner's selfishness, irresponsibility, or lack of mutual commitment toward resolving the couple's financial difficulties.

Both individuals indicate dissatisfaction with their sexual relationship, although the husband reports somewhat less distress in this area. Disagreements regarding the frequency or variety of sexual behaviors may be frequent; it is somewhat unlikely that sexual difficulties arise entirely from more general distress, and specific interventions in this area may be warranted. Both partners may describe one another as uncaring or uncommitted to a satisfying sexual relationship, and may complain of dissatisfaction with nonsexual expressions of affection. The couple is likely to have difficulty in discussing sexual matters openly and effectively.

Concerns Regarding Children

The partners both describe extensive distress in interactions with each other regarding their children. Conflicts around division of child care responsibilities are common, and the partners are likely to experience significant disagreements regarding discipline and their children's privileges and responsibilities. The couple could likely benefit from interventions aimed at clarifying their respective expectations for their children's behavior and identifying each partner's responsibilities for various child rearing tasks.

Both individuals describe extensive distress in their own relationships with their children. They are likely to report disappointment with the children's behavior or dissatisfaction with the general demands of child rearing. They may regard themselves as ineffective parents, and may experience a lack of closeness to their children. One of the children may be described as having emotional or behavioral problems, and any distress in the relationship may be viewed as arising in part from child rearing difficulties. A careful assessment should be conducted to determine the extent to which the partners share similar views of their children; further assessment or counseling for the children may be indicated.

Role Orientation and Family History

Both partners describe themselves as having fairly moderate views toward household and parental roles, supporting neither highly traditional nor highly nontraditional orientations. Individuals who give similar responses generally believe that both partners ought to have equal influence in decisions regarding family matters. They may prefer a more flexible division of housekeeping and child rearing tasks, with both partners pursuing independent careers and sharing equally in housework and child care responsibilities. The couple's responses in this regard express their role values, and the extent to which these preferences are consistent with their actual role behaviors in the relationship should be carefully evaluated.

Finally, the partners differ somewhat in their descriptions of their relationships within the families in which they grew up. The wife describes a fairly happy childhood and positive feelings toward her siblings and parents. She describes her parents' relationship as being relatively free of distress. In comparison, the husband describes significant disruption in his relationships with other members of his family. His parents' relationship may have been characterized by difficulties in expressing affection or resolving differences. Nonconstructive ways of interacting in the husband's family of origin should be carefully examined to determine the extent to which they have led to similar problems in the couple's own relationship.

Listing of Responses

Wife's Responses

1. F	26. T	51. T	76. F	101. T	126. F
2. F	27. T	52. T	77. T	102. F	127. F
3. F	28. F	53. T	78. T	103. T	128. F
4. T	29. F	54. T	79. F	104. F	129. T
5. T	30. F	55. F	80. T	105. T	130. F
6. F	31. F	56. F	81. F	106. F	131. F
7. F	32. F	57. T	82. T	107. T	132. T
8. T	33. T	58. T	83. T	108. F	133. F
9. T	34. F	59. T	84. F	109. F	134. F
10. F	35. T	60. T	85. F	110. F	135. F
11. T	36. T	61. F	86. F	111. T	136. T
12. T	37. T	62. T	87. F	112. T	137. T
13. T	38. T	63. T	88. F	113. F	138. F
14. F	39. F	64. F	89. F	114. T	139. T
15. T	40. T	65. T	90. T	115. T	140. T
16. F	41. T	66. F	91. T	116. T	141. T
17. F	42. T	67. F	92. T	117. T	142. F
18. F	43. T	68. F	93. F	118. T	143. T
19. F	44. T	69. F	94. F	119. T	144. F
20. T	45. F	70. T	95. T	120. T	145. F
21. F	46. T	71. F	96. F	121. T	146. F
22. F	47. T	72. F	97. F	122. F	147. T
23. F	48. T	73. F	98. F	123. F	148. T
24. T	49. T	74. T	99. F	124. F	149. F
25. T	50. F	75. T	100. T	125. F	150. F

Notes: There were 0 missing or double-marked responses on the first 129 questions and 0 missing or double-marked responses on the last 21 (child-related) questions.

Husband's Responses

1. F	26. T	51. F	76. F	101. T	126. F
2. F	27. T	52. F	77. T	102. F	127. F
3. F	28. T	53. T	78. T	103. F	128. F
4. F	29. T	54. T	79. F	104. F	129. F
5. F	30. F	55. F	80. F	105. T	130. F
6. T	31. F	56. F	81. F	106. F	131. F
7. T	32. F	57. T	82. F	107. T	132. T
8. T	33. T	58. T	83. T	108. F	133. T
9. T	34. F	59. T	84. F	109. F	134. T
10. F	35. F	60. T	85. F	110. F	135. F
11. T	36. T	61. F	86. F	111. F	136. T
12. F	37. T	62. T	87. F	112. T	137. T
13. T	38. T	63. T	88. F	113. F	138. T
14. F	39. F	64. F	89. F	114. F	139. T
15. T	40. F	65. F	90. T	115. T	140. T
16. F	41. T	66. F	91. T	116. F	141. T
17. T	42. T	67. F	92. T	117. T	142. T
18. T	43. F	68. T	93. T	118. T	143. F
19. T	44. T	69. F	94. F	119. F	144. T
20. T	45. F	70. T	95. T	120. F	145. F
21. F	46. T	71. T	96. F	121. T	146. F
22. T	47. F	72. F	97. T	122. F	147. F
23. F	48. F	73. T	98. T	123. T	148. T
24. F	49. T	74. F	99. F	124. T	149. F
25. T	50. T	75. F	100. T	125. T	150. F

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Key to responses: T = true, F = false, - = missing.

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