

Multimodal Life History Questionnaire

(Adapted from A. Lazarus 1977)

PLEASE USE BLACK INK

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____
Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____
Age: _____ DOB: _____ Occupation: _____ Sex: _____
By whom were you referred? _____
Marital Status: _____ Remarried (how many times?) _____ Living with someone _____
Significant other's name _____ DOB _____ Occupation _____

Description of Presenting Problem

The nature of my main problem is:

Please estimate the severity of your problem(s):

0 _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____
Not upsetting Totally Incapacitating

Describe when your problem began and any significant events occurring at the time or since then, which may relate to the development /maintenance of your problem:

What solutions have been most helpful?

Personal Social History

Birthday _____ Place of Birth _____
Religion: As a child _____ As an adult _____
Education: Last grade completed _____ Degree _____
Siblings: Brothers: _____ Sisters: _____ Other _____

Father: Living? _____ Age: _____ Health status: _____ Occupation _____
Deceased? _____ Age at death: _____ How old were you? _____ Cause of death _____
Mother: Living? _____ Age: _____ Health Status: _____ Occupation _____
Deceased? _____ Age at death _____ How old were you? _____ Cause of death _____

Significant family, school, emotional, medical issues during childhood/adolescence

Underline any of the following that applied to you during your childhood/adolescence:

Happy childhood ____ Unhappy Childhood ____ Emotional/Behavioral Problems ____ Family Problems ____
Strong Religious Convictions ____ Drug Abuse ____ Legal Trouble ____ School Problems ____ Medical Problems ____

1. What sort of work are you doing now and does it satisfy you? _____
2. What kinds of jobs have you had in the past? _____
3. What is your annual family income? _____ What does it cost to live? _____
4. What were your past ambitions? _____
5. What are your current ambitions? _____
6. Have you ever been hospitalized for psychological reasons? _____. If yes, please elaborate.

7. Have you ever attempted suicide? _____ Has anyone in your family? _____

Behavior

Underline any of the following behaviors that apply to you now:

Overeat ____ Suicidal attempts ____ Can't keep a job ____ Insomnia ____ Odd behavior ____
Compulsions ____ Smoke ____ Nervous tics ____ Vomiting ____ Take drugs ____
Take too many risks ____ Phobias ____ Eating problems ____ Work too hard ____ Drink too much ____
Procrastination ____ Sleep disturbance ____ Crying ____ Concentration difficulties ____ Obsessions ____
Loss of control ____ Outbursts of temper ____ Aggressive behaviors ____ Impulsive reactions ____ Other _____

Are there any specific behaviors, actions or habits that you would like to change? _____

What are some special talents or skills you feel proud of? _____

Do you practice relaxation or meditation regularly? _____

How is your free time spent? _____

Feelings

Underline any of the following feelings that apply to you:

Angry ____	Guilty ____	Unhappy ____
Annoyed ____	Happy ____	Bored ____
Sad ____	Conflicted ____	Restless ____
Depressed ____	Regretful ____	Lonely ____
Anxious ____	Hopeless ____	Contented ____
Fearful ____	Hopeful ____	Excited ____
Panicky ____	Helpless ____	Optimistic ____
Energetic ____	Relaxed ____	Tense ____
Envy ____	Jealous ____	Others: ____

When are you most likely to lose control of your feelings? _____

Describe any situation or place where you feel calm or relaxed. _____

Do you have difficulty relaxing and enjoying weekends and vacations? (If “yes”, please explain) _____

Please complete the following:

If I told you what I’m feeling now _____

One of the things I feel proud of is _____

One of the things I feel guilty about is _____

I am happiest when _____

One of the things that saddens me the most is _____

If I weren’t afraid to be myself, I might _____

I get so angry when _____

If I get angry with you _____

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Physical Sensations

Underline any of the following that often apply to you:

Headaches ____	Stomach trouble ____	Skin problems ____
Dizziness ____	Tics ____	Burning or itchy skin ____
Muscle Spasms ____	Twitches ____	Chest pains ____
Tension ____	Back pain ____	Rapid heart beat ____
Sexual disturbance ____	Tremors ____	Don’t like being touched ____
Unable to relax ____	Fainting spells ____	Blackouts ____
Bowel disturbances ____	Hear things ____	Excessive sweating ____
Tingling ____	Watery eyes ____	Visual disturbances ____
Numbness ____	Flushes ____	Hearing problems ____

Thoughts

Underline each of the following thoughts or words that apply to you:

I am worthless__ a bad person__ not lovable__ a failure__ a disappointment__ permanently damaged__ insignificant__ powerless__ ugly__ stupid shameful__ have to be perfect__ am not in control__ I cannot trust anyone__ cannot protect myself__ cannot trust my judgment__ Intelligent__ confident__ worthwhile__ ambitious__ sensitive__ loyal__ trustworthy__ full of regrets__ worthless__ a nobody__ useless__ evil__ crazy__ morally degenerate__ considerate__ a deviant__ unattractive__ unlovable__ inadequate__ confused__ stupid, naïve__ honest__ incompetent__ horrible thoughts__ conflicted__ can't make decisions__ good sense of humor, __hard-working__ persevering__

Marriage and/or Living Together

How long have you know your partner_____ How long are you together? _____

In what ways are you compatible? _____

In what areas are you incompatible? _____

How do you get along with your in-laws? _____

Do you have children? _____ How many children do you have? _____ (Please include names, ages, sexes).

Do any of them have special needs? _____

Did you ever have a miscarriage or abortion? Please discuss _____

Expectations regarding therapy:

Have you been in therapy before? _____ With whom, where, and when? _____

In a few words, what do you think therapy is all about? _____

How long do you think your therapy should last? _____

What personal qualities do you think the ideal therapist should possess? _____

Friendships

1. Do you make friends easily? _____ 2. Do you keep them? _____ 3. Were you ever bullied or teased? _____

2. Rate the degree in which you feel comfortable and relaxed in social situations:

Very relaxed _____ Relatively comfortable _____ Relatively uncomfortable _____ Very anxious _____

Other Relationships

1. Are there any problems in your relationships with people at work? If so, please describe: _____

2. Please complete the following:

a) One of the ways people hurt me is _____

b) A mother should _____

c) A father should _____

d) A true friend should _____

Biological factors

Do you have any current concerns about your physical health? Please specify. _____

Please list medications you are currently taking. _____

Do you eat three well-balanced meals each day? ____ If not, please explain. _____

Do you get regular exercise? ____ If so, what type and how often? _____

What is your height _____ What is your weight _____

Any current, or past history, of substance abuse or overuse? Please explain. _____

Do any of the following that apply to you and /or your family:

Thyroid disease ____ kidney disease ____ asthma ____ neurological disease ____ infectious diseases ____ diabetes ____ cancer ____
gastrointestinal disease ____ prostate problems ____ glaucoma ____ epilepsy ____ fibromyalgia ____ Others: _____

Have you ever had any head injuries or loss of consciousness? Please give details. _____

Please describe any surgery you have had and/or complications. (Give dates) _____

Please describe any accidents or injuries you have suffered (give dates) _____

Sequential Trauma History

Please outline your most significant memories/traumas and experiences within the following ages:

Pre-natal

0-5

Elementary

years

Middle school

years

High school

years

Post High School,

College

Adulthood

Please type any symbol on the answer that most accurately reflects your opinions	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I should not make mistakes.					
I should be good at everything I do.					
I am not good enough					
I am a victim of circumstances.					
My life is controlled by outside forces.					
It is very important to please other people.					
I don't deserve to be happy.					
It's not OK to feel (show) my emotions					
It is my responsibility to make other people happy.					
I should strive for perfection.					
Basically, there are two ways of doing things, the right way in the wrong way.					
When I do not know, I should pretend I do.					
Other people are happier than I am.					
I cannot get what I want					