

Tekst 8



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- 1 LOVERS may soon find themselves carrying calculators while restaurants will be booming if a new do-it-yourself “compatibility indicator” devised at the Institute of Psychiatry works as well as its inventors claim. The questionnaire, which can be completed by prospective lovers in less than 10 minutes, is said to predict accurately their chances of finding lasting romance.
- 2 Glenn Wilson, a reader in personality at the Institute of Psychiatry, King’s College, London, led the team that devised the test and believes it will be widely used to predict the suitability of potential partnerships. “We hope it will be useful to marriage counsellors, relationship therapists and others, like the clergy, who run premarital support courses,” said Wilson. “Being a relatively rational measure of long-term prospects, it might also be used to sound a note of caution to courting couples gripped by rosy-spectacled adoration, highlighting domains where conflict is likely to arise after early passion has cooled,” his report adds.
- 3 The researchers sought to develop a questionnaire for determining compatibility among two or more respondents by assessing

overall similarity across certain key traits and attitudes, according to a report of the research in the journal *Sexual and Relationship Therapy*, published this week. They focused on 25 key factors including looks, intelligence and sociability that previous studies have shown are likely to give rise to conflict in relationships. A questionnaire was then drawn up and a scoring system calibrated through tests on a random sample of 2,159 adults.

- 4 The resulting Compatibility Indicator consists of 25 questions, each with five multiple-choice answers ranging from one extreme to another. Prospective couples fill out the same questionnaire separately. They then compare their answers – with each point of difference adding to their score. For example, if both parties respond to the question “What sort of sex drive do you have?” with the answer “about average”, they score nothing. However, if one responds “to be honest I’m absolutely insatiable” (choice 5) and the other ticks the box marked “my sex drive is pretty nonexistent” (choice 1), four points are scored.
- 5 The maximum possible score for all 25 questions is 100. Scores below 23 – the average for couples who have lived happily together – indicate strong compatibility, while scores above 23 suggest you may be heading for the rocks.
- 6 The background research for the questionnaire shines new light on the things that drive successful relationships. Men and women regard shared attitudes to sexual fidelity as paramount, but when it came down to it, men were found to regard a shared taste in foreign foods as more important than libido and previous sexual experience. “We found that the tests could predict those that were happy and those that were less happy. It puts paid to the myth that opposites attract. When it comes to the key things, it is very much better being the same.”

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■ Tekst 8 Love is a matter of taste

Kies bij de beantwoording van vraag 33 tot en met 36 steeds één van de onderstaande omschrijvingen.

- 1 gebruiksmogelijkheden van de “compatibility indicator”
- 2 interpretatie van de uitslag van de “compatibility indicator”
- 3 publieke belangstelling voor de “compatibility indicator”
- 4 reacties van de deskundigen op de “compatibility indicator”
- 5 vorm en inhoud van de “compatibility indicator”
- 6 werkwijze bij de ontwikkeling van de “compatibility indicator”

- 1p **33** Welk van de bovenstaande omschrijvingen geeft het beste weer waar alinea 2 hoofdzakelijk over gaat?
Noteer het nummer van deze omschrijving.
- 1p **34** Welk van de bovenstaande omschrijvingen geeft het beste weer waar alinea 3 hoofdzakelijk over gaat?
Noteer het nummer van deze omschrijving.
- 1p **35** Welk van de bovenstaande omschrijvingen geeft het beste weer waar alinea 4 hoofdzakelijk over gaat?
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- 1p **36** Welk van de bovenstaande omschrijvingen geeft het beste weer waar alinea 5 hoofdzakelijk over gaat?
Noteer het nummer van deze omschrijving.
- 1p **37** ■ Which of the following is the main condition for a stable relationship, according to this article?
The partners should
- A be of the same level of intelligence.
 - B have a lot in common.
 - C not give up their own identities.
 - D understand each other's wishes.
- 1p **38** ■ How can the overall tone of this article be characterised best?
- A As ironic.
 - B As matter-of-fact.
 - C As sceptical.
 - D As surprised.