What qualities are really important to you in looking for a partner or mate? Read the list below and make checks by those characteristics that you consider most important.

- flexible
- creative
- romantic
- good companion
- well educated
- wants children
- expresses feelings
- good health
- religious
- from a good family
- kind
- aggressive
- listens well
- decisive
- sensitive
- sure of own values
- tolerant
- no hereditary diseases
- intelligent
- neat and orderly
- honest
- loyal
- exciting personality
- athletic
- sexy
- possessive
- ambitious
- physically attractive
- interesting
- responsible
- sense of humor
- hard worker
- flirtatious
- fun-loving
- risk taker
- jealous
- nonsmoker
- careful
- affectionate
- friendly
- same religion
- avoids drugs/alcohol

From the qualities you checked, choose the four that you think are most important. List them below and explain why you chose them.

First choice: ______________________________________

Second choice: ____________________________________

Third choice: _____________________________________

Fourth choice: ____________________________________

Look at the characteristics of a successful marriage in Figure 6-15 on page 136 of your textbook. Which of your four choices most closely match those characteristics? Explain why.

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