

# 35 Questions Before Nikah

## Printable Cards & PDF

Five paced sections with 35 blank questions about deen, daily life, family, money, conflict, consent, and safety.

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### How to use this copy

Discuss the questions over several conversations. Write examples and follow-up notes in the blank space. Do not use the worksheet as a score or proof of character, identity, safety, or compatibility.

### Safety note

Preserve each adult's freedom to pause or decline. Stop and seek appropriate help if there is pressure, coercion, threats, secrecy, humiliation, isolation, money requests, or another safety concern. Do not share identity documents, passwords, account numbers, or exact private addresses through this worksheet.

### Important scope

This educational worksheet is not a religious ruling, legal or financial advice, counseling, identity verification, professional assessment, or safety guarantee. Consult qualified people when needed.

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### Canonical online edition

<https://yahalaly.com/resources/questions-before-nikah>

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# Intention, faith, and the meaning of marriage

Start with direction rather than biography. Listen for concrete habits, humility, and room for growth-not a perfectly packaged identity.

1. Why are you pursuing marriage now, and what would make you slow down or wait?

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2. What do you hope marriage will add to your life, faith, and responsibilities?

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3. Which parts of your religious practice are stable today, and where are you still trying to grow?

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4. How do you respond when a spouse's practice or scholarly view differs from your own?

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5. Which values are essential in your home, and which preferences are flexible?

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6. Who do you consult for important religious, family, or life decisions?

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7. What would honest marriage intention look like in your conduct during this process?

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## Daily life, responsibilities, and expectations

Turn attractive labels into an ordinary week. Compatibility often becomes clearer through schedules, workload, domestic expectations, and how each person handles pressure.

8. What does a normal weekday and weekend look like for you?

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9. How do work, study, worship, rest, friendships, and family commitments compete for your time?

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10. How should household tasks and mental load be noticed, discussed, and divided?

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11. What does quality time mean to you, and how much time alone do you need?

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12. How do you make decisions when two reasonable preferences cannot both happen?

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13. What ongoing commitments or accessibility needs should a spouse understand at the appropriate stage?

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14. Which expectations about marital roles come from faith, culture, family habit, or personal preference?

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## Family, children, culture, and boundaries

Discuss involvement without assuming that every family works the same way. Adult consent and respectful family participation should not be treated as opposites.

15. How involved would you like parents, a wali, relatives, or trusted people to be before and after marriage?

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16. What information may be shared with family, and what should remain between spouses?

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17. Do you want children, and what would you do if timing, fertility, or circumstances differ from the plan?

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18. What principles would guide parenting, religious education, discipline, schooling, and language?

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19. How would you handle pressure from either family when the couple has made a different lawful choice?

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20. Which cultural traditions matter to you, and which ones should remain optional?

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21. What boundaries would protect the marriage while keeping family relationships respectful?

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## Money, mahr, housing, work, and future plans

Financial transparency can develop in stages. Begin with attitudes and obligations, then verify material facts before commitment with appropriate professional advice where needed.

22. What does financial responsibility in marriage mean to you in practice?

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23. What are your expectations around mahr, and when should the details be discussed and documented?

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24. How should a couple budget, save, give, and make large purchases?

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25. When should income, debt, credit, assets, and financial obligations be disclosed and verified?

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26. Do you financially support parents, children, or other relatives, and how might that change?

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27. What housing arrangement do you expect at the beginning of marriage and later?

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28. How would career changes, parental leave, relocation, unemployment, or study affect the plan?

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## Communication, conflict, safety, and the next decision

A strong answer is not proof. Look for behavior over time, willingness to repair harm, respect for boundaries, and freedom to pause or leave the process.

29. What happens when you feel criticized, disappointed, jealous, angry, or overwhelmed?

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30. Describe a real disagreement you handled well and one you would handle differently now.

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31. What does a meaningful apology, repair, and changed behavior look like to you?

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32. When would you seek help from family, a counselor, mediator, scholar, lawyer, or another professional?

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33. Which behaviors would make you pause immediately-for example pressure, threats, secrecy, humiliation, money requests, or isolation?

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34. What should be verified before an in-person meeting or commitment, and how can that be done without surrendering private documents?

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35. After these conversations, what remains unresolved, who should help, and what is the respectful next step?

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