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As more singles log on for love, scientific net test vows to find your perfect partner..

MORE than 750,000 Irish singles are deserting pubs and clubs to search for their soulmate on the internet.

People now prefer to look for true love from the comfort of their own home, with 59 per cent admitting they would sign up to an online dating agency.

Ireland's first scientific online matchmaking service has just been launched, using psychometric testing to ensure you find your perfect match.

The test - which is derived from the theories of Jung and Freud - has already resulted in thousands of marriages across Europe.

Tony Blin-Stoyle, director of PARSHIP.ie, said: "While you can't change the virtual nature of internet dating, we take the pot luck out of looking for love online.

"Designed for singles looking for a more systematic approach to finding committed partners, we use psychometric testing to cut through cyber-dating's potential superficiality.

"The test developed by us is in some ways similar to the sort of personality profiles that many large companies now use to screen potential employees.

"However, in this case the idea is to look at those traits, attitudes, lifestyle habits and interests which are believed to determine compatibility in relationships.

"The test uses simple questions to gauge the ways people interact with others. It ensures members are only matched with people who are genuinely right for them."

The 83-question test was created by German psychologist Professor Hugo Schmale and a team of scientists and psychologists from Hamburg University.

It is based on 40 years of research into 80,000 personality profiles.

When an individual is matched with someone who has the right balance of similar characteristics, the outcome is more likely to lead to a lasting relationship.

People looking for love can also choose what they are looking for in a potential partner including age, height and where they live.

..try these questions from the quiz

Q. Which statement should be most applicable to your ideal partner?

I am pleased to show him/her off socially

We share the same interests

I find him/her adorable

Q. Which factor are most likely to interest you in a partner?

What he/she does for a living

Whether he/she is financially secure

Health and vitality

Warm-heartedness

His/her appearance

Q. How do you react to lovesickness?

I don't enjoy my food anymore

I eat more

Neither

Q. Which of the following statements about sexual fidelity is closest to your personal opinion on the subject?

Absolute sexual fidelity is a must

It's important to always make an effort to be faithful

Being true in your heart is much more important than physical fidelity

Especially in long-term relationships, flings occasionally happen

To demand total fidelity is possessive thinking

Q. Which of these things do people who know you well most probably think about you? (Please tick 2 answers)

Is up for good times

Always looks on the bright side of life

Thinks a lot - and seriously - about life

Is always cheerful and in a good mood

Is a bit of a dreamer

Deals with problems in an objective and thoughtful manner

Always finds a solution to a problem

Always remains calm and level-headed

Actively participates in everything

Q. Which two objectives do you associate most with a (new) relationship?

To give the other person plenty of space

To talk whenever problems arise

Not to examine everything in too much detail

To take my life down a more tranquil path

To be able to accept imperfections

To break new ground

To stick to the tried and tested

Q. Imagine you have slipped on a banana skin lying on the pavement. You are not injured but people have turned around. Someone obviously wants to lend a hand. What is your first reaction?

I am extremely annoyed because people who throw away banana skins endanger others

Pick up the banana skin and throw it in a bin so the same thing won't happen to someone else

"Ouch, that was a close call!"

I play the whole thing down because I am embarrassed about drawing attention to myself

While I am still on the ground, I look up at everyone and say something like "Pretty good show eh? I could charge for that!"

Say "It's no big deal!" and carry on walking

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