Living in a Material World

To the left of the following items, write numbers ranking their necessity for living a happy life, with 1 being “Most Important” and 21 being “Least Important.” To the right of each item, write whether that item is a luxury or a necessity.

\_\_\_ a top-of-the-line automobile \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ loving parents \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ good stereo equipment \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ my own bedroom \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ food \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ good friends \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ shelter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ clean air \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ happiness \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ health insurance \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ brand-name shoes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ extra spending money \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ a fashionable wardrobe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ a substantial amount of money in savings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ health \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ a ski vacation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ a spiritual life \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ money for college \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ emotional stability \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ jewelry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ contributions to the Church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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