Supervisor expectations of DPhil supervision

This worksheet may help you, as a supervisor, to clarify what you expect to gain from your supervisory relationships. By clarifying your own expectations, you will be able to communicate and work more effectively with your students.

1. My personal reasons for being a supervisor are to:
   - ___ Encourage and support a doctoral student in my field
   - ___ Establish close, professional relationships
   - ___ Challenge myself to achieve new goals and explore alternatives
   - ___ Pass on knowledge
   - ___ Create a network of talented people
   - ___ Other

2. I hope that the student and I will:
   - ___ Go to formal supervisory/mentoring events together
   - ___ Meet over coffee or meals
   - ___ Go to educational events e.g. lectures, conferences, talks, other university events together
   - ___ Go to local, regional, and national professional meetings together
   - ___ Other

3. The things I feel are off limits in a supervisory relationship include:
   - ___ Disclosing our conversations to others
   - ___ Using public places for meetings
   - ___ Sharing intimate aspects of our lives
   - ___ Meeting behind closed doors
   - ___ Other
4. Aside from the research project, I hope that the student and I will discuss:

   ____ Academic subjects that will most benefit his or her career
   ____ Career options and professional preparation
   ____ The realities of the workplace
   ____ My work
   ____ Technical and related issues
   ____ How to network
   ____ How to manage work and family life
   ____ Personal dreams and life circumstances
   ____ Other

5. I will help the student find job opportunities by:

   ____ Directing the student to appropriate university resources
   ____ Finding job or internship possibilities in my department, centre or lab
   ____ Introducing the student to people who might be interested in hiring him/her
   ____ Helping practice for job interviews
   ____ Suggesting potential work contacts to pursue
   ____ Critiquing his/ her resume or curriculum vitae
   ____ Other

6. The amount of time I can spend with each student will be, on average:

   1  2  3  4  hours weekly/every other week/per month (circle one)