

TCU SOCFORM – Social Functioning

Scales and Item Scoring Guide

Scoring Instructions. Items shown below from this assessment are *re-grouped by scales*, and response categories are 1=Strongly Disagree to 5=Strongly Agree. Scores for *each scale* are calculated as follows (and no more than half of the items for any scale can be missing).

1. Find and reverse the scoring for *reflected items* (i.e., those designated with ®) by –
 - a. subtracting the response value (1 to 5) for this item from “6”,
(e.g., if the response is “2”, the *revised* score is “4” [i.e., 6-2=4]),
2. Sum the response values of all non-missing items for each scale,
3. Divide the sum of item responses by the number of items included (yielding an average),
4. Multiply this average by 10 (in order to *rescale* the score so it ranges from 10 to 50)
(e.g., an average response of “2.6” for a scale therefore becomes a score of “26”).
5. **Special scoring for “D. Social Desirability”** (*used as an indicator of response bias*):
 - a. Items 2, 7, 14, 23 are scored 1=Agree Strongly or Agree, and 0=Uncertain, Disagree, or Strongly Disagree.
 - b. Items 4, 11, 19, 22, 27, 32, 35 are scored 1=Disagree Strongly or Disagree, and 0=Uncertain, Agree, or Strongly Agree.
 - c. These recoded responses are then summed for the Social Desirability score (high scores on this index may imply biased, “socially favorable” ratings are being given by the respondent that can affect interpretations of all survey results).
6. *Special item 29* provides for a *response accuracy check* and should be marked “Agree” (4) to indicate the respondent read and understood the question.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONING SCALES

A. Hostility (HS)

8. You have carried weapons, like knives or guns.
10. You feel a lot of anger inside you.
12. You have a hot temper.
13. You like others to feel afraid of you.
15. You feel mistreated by other people.
24. You get mad at other people easily.
28. You have urges to fight or hurt others.
36. Your temper gets you into fights or other trouble.

B. Risk Taking (RT)

3. You only do things that feel safe. ®
16. You avoid anything dangerous. ®
18. You are very careful and cautious. ®
26. You like to do things that are strange or exciting.
30. You like to take chances.
33. You like the “fast” life.
34. You like friends who are wild.

C. Social Support (SS)

1. You have people close to you who motivate and encourage your recovery.
5. You have close family members who want to help you stay away from drugs.
6. You have good friends who do not use drugs.
9. You have people close to you who can always be trusted.
17. You have people close to you who understand your situation and problems.
20. You work in situations where drug use is common. ®
21. You have people close to you who expect you to make positive changes in your life.
25. You have people close to you who help you develop confidence in yourself.
31. You have people close to you who respect you and your efforts.

D. Social Desirability Scale (SD)

2. You have never deliberately said something that hurt someone's feelings.
4. You are sometimes irritated by people who ask favors of you.
7. When you do not know something, you do not at all mind admitting it.
11. You sometimes try to get even rather than forgive and forget.
14. You are always willing to admit it when you make a mistake.
19. There have been occasions when you took advantage of someone.
22. You can remember "playing sick" to get out of something.
23. No matter who you are talking to, you are always a good listener.
27. You have felt like rebelling against people in authority even when they were right.
32. Occasionally, you gave up doing something because you thought too little of your ability.
35. You sometimes feel resentful when you do not get your way.

E. Accuracy (Attentiveness)

29. Please fill in the "Agree" box as your response for this question.

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