

ITEM-SCORING GUIDE FOR TCU/PMES SCALES ON FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND SELF

FAMILY SCALES

Part A -- WARMTH (11 items, alpha = .912)

- A-1. Is there a feeling of togetherness in your family? (.558)
- A-2. Are there times each day when your family is all together? (.550)
- A-8. How often do your parents try to understand what you need to be happy? (.619)
- A-10. How often does your family sit down to eat together at the same time? (.579)
- A-15. How often do your parents pay attention to what you say? (.655)
- A-19. How often do your family members try to cheer you up when you're sad? (.716)
- A-22. How often do your parents tell you they love and care about you? (.742)
- A-25. When you have a problem, does someone in your family help you out? (.571)
- A-27. How often do your parents really listen to your problems? (.719)
- A-31. How often do your parents make you feel they love you? (.671)
- A-32. How often does your family try to do things that are fun for everyone? (.557)

Part A -- CONTROL (7 items, alpha = .739)

- A-3. Are there exact rules that you have to follow in your family? (.572)
- A-7. How often do your parents punish you in some way when you do something wrong? (.659)
- A-12.* Do you make more decisions than your parents about things you do and places you go? (-.454)
- A-20.* Do your parents let you go any where you please without asking? (-.618)
- A-24. How often do your parents make decisions for you? (.476)
- A-26.* Do your parents let you off easy when you do something wrong? (-.653)
- A-30. Are there definite rules set in your family? (.608)

Note. Item numbers indicate location of items in questionnaire (Parts A, B, and C), and correlation coefficients of each item with the composite scale score is shown in parenthesis (at the end of each item). Coefficient alpha for each scale is shown, as discussed in D. D. Simpson and A. A. McBride, Family, friends, and Self (FFS) assessment scales for Mexican American youth, Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences, 1992; pp. 327-340.

Response scales for items in Part A are (0) never, (1) rarely, (2) sometimes, (3) often, and (4) almost always; for Part B (0) none, (1) a few, (2) some, (3) most, and (4) all; and for Part C, (0) very unhappy, (1) mostly unhappy, (2) neither happy nor unhappy, (3) mostly happy, and (4) very happy. "Reflected" items (i.e., with negative weights and marked with asterisks, "*") should have response scores reversed before scale scores are averaged for each scale.

Part A -- CONFLICT (4 items, alpha = .769)

- A-6. Do members of your family say bad things about each other? (.688)
- A-11. How often do members of your family really get mad at one another? (.734)
- A-14. How often do your family members hit or yell at each other? (.744)
- A-18. Are there many arguments or fights in your family? (.745)

FRIENDS SCALES

Part A -- PEER ACTIVITY LEVEL (5 items, alpha = .821)

- A-4. Do you spend time hanging out with your friends? (.811)
- A-9. Do you spend a lot of your free time with friends? (.848)
- A-16. How often do you and your friends spend time together after school or work? (.702)
- A-21. Do your best friends spend a lot of time hanging out? (.586)
- A-29. Do you spend time at your friends houses? (.763)

Part B -- TROUBLE (7 items, alpha = .858)

- B-7. How many of your friends do things that may get them into trouble with the law? (.643)
- B-8. How many of your friends have ever used a weapon (like a gun, knife, or club) in a serious fight? (.686)
- B-11. How many of your friends have been in trouble with the police because of alcohol or drugs? (.722)
- B-12. How many of your friends have quit or want to quit school? (.639)
- B-14. How many of your friends have damaged other peoples' property on purpose? (.693)
- B-17. How many of your friends have ever been stopped or picked up by the police? (.743)
- B-18. How many of your friends do things that might get them into trouble at school? (.728)

Part B -- FAMILIARITY with PARENTS (4 items, alpha = .774)

- B-2. How many of your friends know your parents? (.789)
- B-4. How many of your friends do your parents like? (.633)
- B-10. How of your friends like your parents? (.742)
- B-15. How many of your friends do your parents know? (.793)

Part B -- CONVENTIONAL INVOLVEMENT (7 items, alpha = .725)

- B-1. How many of your friends like to play sports? (.447)
- B-3. How many of your friends get all good grades at school? (.646)
- B-5. How many of your friends like school? (.675)
- B-6. How many of your friends do homework after school or at night? (.680)
- B-9. How many of your friends want to go to college? (.592)
- B-13. How many of your friends are in clubs or other organizations such as scouts? (.641)
- B-16. How many of your friends like to read books after school? (.599)

SELF-RATING SCALES

Part A -- SELF-ESTEEM (5 items, alpha = .751)

- A-5. Can you think of things that you like about yourself? (.652)
- A-13. Are you proud of how you act and the things you do? (.728)
- A-17. Do you think you have a lot to be proud of? (.749)
- A-23. Are you happy and satisfied with yourself? (.660)
- A-28. When you do something, do you think you do it well? (.632)

Part C -- ENVIRONMENT (6 items, alpha = .821)

- C-2. How do you feel about your family? (.731)
- C-3. How do you feel about the house or place where you live? (.757)
- C-4. How do you feel about the things your family have, like bicycles, cars, TVs, radios, and other things? (.668)
- C-6. How do you feel about the amount of money you and your family have? (.647)
- C-8. How do feel about the way you get along with your parents? (.723)
- C-10. How do you feel about your life in general? (.614)

Part C -- SCHOOL SATISFACTION (4 items, alpha = .794)

- C-1. How do you feel about your school? (.746)
- C-5. How do feel about your teachers at school? (.782)
- C-7. How do you feel about the courses you are taking at school? (.782)
- C-9. How do you feel about your school principal? (.711)