

TCU ADOL SOCFORM

Scales and Item Scoring Guide

Scoring Instructions. Numbers for each item indicate its location in the administration version with response categories 1=Disagree Strongly to 5=Agree Strongly; and reflected scoring designated by ®. Scores for each scale are obtained by summing responses to its set of items (after reversing scores on reflected items by subtracting the item response from “6”), dividing the sum by number of items included (yielding an average) and multiplying by 10 in order to rescale final scores so they range from 10 to 50 (e.g., an average response of 2.6 for a scale becomes a score of “26”).

Note. Special scoring for “D. Social Desirability”: Items 2, 7, 14, 23 are scored 1=Agree Strongly or Agree and 0=Uncertain, Disagree or Strongly Disagree. Items 4, 11, 19, 22, 27, 32, 35 are scored 1=Disagree Strongly or Disagree, and 0=Uncertain, Agree or Strongly Agree. All of the items in the scale are then summed to get the Social Desirability score. Higher scores on this index tend to indicate questionable results for the entire questionnaire. In addition, 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 (HSY)

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 (RTY)

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 (SSY)

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 are often 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 (SDY)*

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 times 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 give up doing something because you thought too little of your ability.
35. You sometimes get mad when you do not get your way.

E. Accuracy

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

*Revised "Marlowe-Crowne Social Desirability (MCSD)", taken from D. P. Crowne, & D. Marlowe (1960). A new scale of social desirability independent of psychopathology. *Journal of Consulting Psychology, 24*, 349-354.

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