

Personal Reactions Inventory (MCS)

Listed below are a number of statements concerning personal attitudes and traits. Read each item and decide whether the statement is true or false as it pertains to you.

- _____ 1. Before voting I thoroughly investigate the qualifications of all the candidates.
- _____ 2. I never hesitate to go out of my way to help someone in trouble.
- _____ 3. It is sometimes hard for me to go on with my work if I am not encouraged.
- _____ 4. I have never intensely disliked someone.
- _____ 5. On occasion I have had my doubts about my ability to succeed.
- _____ 6. I sometimes feels resentful when I don't get my way.
- _____ 7. I am always careful about my manner of dress.
- _____ 8. My table manners at home are as good as when I eat out in a restaurant.
- _____ 9. If I could get into a movie without paying and be sure I was not seen, I would probably do it.
- _____ 10. On a few occasions, I have given up doing something because I thought too little of my ability.
- _____ 11. I like to gossip at times.
- _____ 12. There have been times when I felt like rebelling against people in authority even though I knew they were right.
- _____ 13. No matter who I'm talking to, I'm always a good listener.
- _____ 14. I can remember "playing sick" to get out of something.
- _____ 15. There have been occasions when I took advantage of someone.
- _____ 16. I'm always willing to admit when I make a mistake.
- _____ 17. I always try to practice what I preach.
- _____ 18. I don't find it particularly difficult to get along with loud-mouthed, obnoxious people.
- _____ 19. I sometime try to get even, rather than forgive and forget.
- _____ 20. When I don't know something I don't at all mind admitting it.
- _____ 21. I am always courteous, even to people who are disagreeable.
- _____ 22. At times I have really insisted on having things my own way.
- _____ 23. There have been occasions when I felt like smashing things.
- _____ 24. I would never think of letting someone else be punished for my wrongdoings.
- _____ 25. I never resent being asked to return a favor.
- _____ 26. I have never been irked when people expressed ideas very different from my own.
- _____ 27. I never make a long trip without checking the safety of my car.
- _____ 28. There have been times when I was quite jealous of the good fortune of others.
- _____ 29. I have almost never felt the urge to tell someone off.
- _____ 30. I am sometimes irritated by people who ask favors of me.
- _____ 31. I have never felt that I was punished without cause.
- _____ 32. I sometimes think when people have a misfortune they only got what they deserved.
- _____ 33. I have never deliberately said something that hurt someone's feelings.

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Scoring:

1. Reverse score items 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 19, 22, 23, 28, 30, 32

If you answered “T,” change the answer to “F”

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2. Give yourself 1 point for each “T” answer. .

Scores range from 0 to 33. Higher scores indicate higher need for approval/avoidance of disapproval. Research has found that the average score for this scale is in the 13 – 16 range..

Source:

Crowne, D. P. and Marlowe, D. (1964). *The Approval Motive*. NY, NY: Wiley.