

Test-Taking Scale

Directions: Please *circle* the rating for each of these items according to the following scale:

0 = not typical of me at all

- 1 = only somewhat typical of me
- 2 = quite typical of me
- 3 = very typical of me

	Not	Somewhat	Quite	Very	Enter Score for			
	Typical	Typical	Typical	Typical	Each Question			on
					Т	W	ΤI	В
1. My mouth feels dry during a test.	0	1	2	3				
2. I feel jittery before tests.	0	1	2	3				
3. Thoughts of doing poorly interfere with my concentration during tests.	0	1	2	3				
4. I am anxious about tests.	0	1	2	3				
5. During tests, I find I am distracted by thoughts of upcoming events.	0	1	2	3				
6. During a difficult test, I worry whether I will pass it.	0	1	2	3				
 While taking tests, I find myself thinking how much brighter the other people are. 	0	1	2	3				
8. I get a headache before a test.	0	1	2	3				
9. While taking a test, I feel tense.	0	1	2	3				
10. During tests I think of how poorly I am doing.	0	1	2	3				
 During tests I find myself thinking of things unrelated to the material being tested. 	0	1	2	3				
12. I have fantasies a few times during a test.	0	1	2	3				
13. I sometimes find myself trembling before or during tests.	0	1	2	3				
14. While taking tests, I sometimes think about being somewhere else.	0	1	2	3				
15. I feel distressed and uneasy before important tests.	0	1	2	3				
16. I feel the need to go to the toilet more often than usual during a test.	0	1	2	3				
				Totals:				

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Scoring Directions: Copy the circled score for each item into the adjacent box in the scoring section. Add up the four columns to arrive at subscale totals. Higher scores indicate areas in which a student predominantly experiences anxiety during achievement situations. The four areas are as follows:

T = **Tension**: a high sense of distress or unease before or during tests.

W = **Worry**: engaging in multiple cognitive or thought-based symptoms of anxiety, such as fear of failing or negative self-talk.

TI = Test-Irrelevant Thinking: tendency to become distracted by thoughts or worries unrelated to the test itself.

B = **Bodily Symptoms**: experiencing many physical symptoms of anxiety, such as headaches, nausea, shaking, or sweating.