

Big 5 Inventory – Scoring Key

Instructions for scoring: Key items that are bold, italicized, and underlined (e.g., **E**) should be reverse scored. To reverse score an item, change 1 to 5, 2 to 4, 4 to 2, and 5 to 1. After reverse scoring, find the total score for E (Extroversion), A (Agreeableness), C (Conscientiousness), N (Neuroticism), and O (Openness). Important note: Please be sure to submit original responses on each item to the Psi Beta spreadsheet. So please do NOT report reverse-scored data, just original responses made by your participants.

__1	Is talkative	E	__23	Tends to be lazy	<u>C</u>
__2	Tends to find fault with others	<u>A</u>	__24	Is emotionally stable, not easily upset	<u>N</u>
__3	Does a thorough job	C	__25	Is inventive	O
__4	Is depressed, blue	N	__26	Has an assertive personality	E
__5	Is original, comes up with new ideas	O	__27	Can be cold and aloof	<u>A</u>
__6	Is reserved	<u>E</u>	__28	Perseveres until the task is finished	C
__7	Is helpful and unselfish with others	A	__29	Can be moody	N
__8	Can be somewhat careless	<u>C</u>	__30	Values artistic, aesthetic experiences	O
__9	Is relaxed, handles stress well	<u>N</u>	__31	Is sometimes shy, inhibited	<u>E</u>
__10	Is curious about many different things	O	__32	Is considerate and kind to almost everyone	A
__11	Is full of energy	E	__33	Does things efficiently	C
__12	Starts quarrels with others	<u>A</u>	__34	Remains calm in tense situations	<u>N</u>
__13	Is a reliable worker	C	__35	Prefers work that is routine	<u>O</u>
__14	Can be tense	N	__36	Is outgoing, sociable	E
__15	Is ingenious, a deep thinker	O	__37	Is sometimes rude to others	<u>A</u>
__16	Generates a lot of enthusiasm	E	__38	Makes plans and follows through with them	C
__17	Has a forgiving nature	A	__39	Gets nervous easily	N
__18	Tends to be disorganized	<u>C</u>	__40	Likes to reflect, play with ideas	O
__19	Worries a lot	N	__41	Has few artistic interests	<u>O</u>
__20	Has an active imagination	O	__42	Likes to cooperate with others	A
__21	Tends to be quiet	<u>E</u>	__43	Is easily distracted	<u>C</u>
__22	Is generally trusting	A	__44	Is sophisticated in art, music, or literature	O

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