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Sensation Seeking Scale - Children

AGE: \_\_\_

MALE: 1    FEMALE: 2

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### CHILD'S INTEREST AND PREFERENCE TEST

**DIRECTIONS:** Each of the items within this booklet contains two choices, 1 and 2. Please circle the number of the choice that best describes what you like or how you feel. In some cases you may find it difficult to decide between the two choices. Please circle the one that is most like you are. **Do not circle both choices or leave any items blank.**

**It is important that you answer all items with only one choice, 1 or 2.** We are interested only in what you like or how you feel, not in how others feel or how one is supposed to feel. **There are no right or wrong answers, so please be honest in your answers.**

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- 1)
  1. I'd like to try mountain climbing.
  2. I think people who do dangerous things like mountain climbing are foolish.
  
- 2)
  1. Too many movies show people falling in love and kissing.
  2. I enjoy watching movies which show people kissing each other.
  
- 3)
  1. I would like to try smoking marijuana.
  2. I would never smoke marijuana.
  
- 4)
  1. It's more exciting to be around kids older than myself.
  2. I like to be with kids my own age or younger.
  
- 5)
  1. I'd never do anything that's dangerous.
  2. I sometimes like to do things that are a little scary.
  
- 6)
  1. I think riding fast on a skateboard is fun.
  2. Some of the daring acts of skateboard riders seem scary to me.
  
- 7)
  1. I like to be with large groups of kids with something exciting happening.
  2. I like quiet times with only 1 or 2 friends.
  
- 8)
  1. I would not like to learn to fly an airplane.
  2. I think it would be fun to learn to fly an airplane.
  
- 9)
  1. I don't like to swim in water that is over my head.
  2. I like to swim in deep water.

- 10)
  1. I would like to try jumping from a plane with a parachute.
  2. I would never try jumping from a plane with a parachute.
  
- 11)
  1. People probably feel good after drinking alcoholic drinks.
  2. Something must be wrong with people who need a few drinks to feel good.
  
- 12)
  1. I like kids who make jokes even if they sometimes hurt other kids' feelings.
  2. I don't like kids who think it's fun to hurt other kids' feelings.
  
- 13)
  1. I don't like it when people get drunk, talk loud, and act silly.
  2. When people get drunk, it seems like they're having fun.
  
- 14)
  1. Sailing on the ocean in a small boat would be dangerous and foolish.
  2. I think it would be fun to sail on the ocean in a small boat.
  
- 15)
  1. I think skiing fast down a snowy mountain would be dangerous.
  2. I think skiing fast down a snowy mountain would be exciting and fun.
  
- 16)
  1. I'd never touch a bug or a snake.
  2. Bugs or snakes are fun to hold and play with.
  
- 17)
  1. I think it would be exciting to go on a date.
  2. I'm not interested in dating yet.
  
- 18)
  1. I enjoy the feeling of riding my bike fast down a big hill.
  2. Riding my bike fast down a big hill is too scary for me.

- 19) 1. I think it's too dangerous for people to take drugs.  
2. I sometimes wonder what it would feel like to be high on drugs, even though I know it would be dangerous.
- 20) 1. I don't like being around kids who act wild and crazy.  
2. I enjoy being around kids who sometimes act wild and crazy.
- 21) 1. I don't think I'd like the feeling of getting drunk.  
2. I think I might like to find out what it feels like to get drunk.
- 22) 1. I don't do anything I think I might get in trouble for.  
2. I like to do new and exciting things, even if I think I might get in trouble for doing them.
- 23) 1. Riding dirt-bikes or motorcycles seems like a lot of fun.  
2. It seems scary and dangerous to ride dirt bikes or motorcycles.
- 24) 1. I like to do "wheelies" on my bike.  
2. Kids who do "wheelies" on their bikes will probably get hurt sometime.
- 25) 1. The worst thing a kid can do is be rude to his/her friends.  
2. The worst think a kid can do is be boring around his/her friends.
- 26) 1. If I could, I'd see a movie with an "R" rating.  
2. I'm not interested in movies made for older people.

