Child PTSD Symptom Scale For DSM-V

Name: _____ Date: _____

Please write down the event that's distressing, scary, or bothering you the most when you think of it.

How long since the event? When did it happen?

Instructions (Part 1):

Read each question carefully. Then, select the number that best describes how often that problem has bothered you IN THE PAST MONTH.

0	1	2	3	4
Not at all	Once a week or less/a little	2 to 3 times a week/somewha t	4 to 5 times a week/a lot	6 or more times a week/almost always

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1. Having upsetting thoughts or pictures about it that came into your head when you didn't want them to					
2. Having bad dreams or nightmares					
3. Acting or feeling as if it was happening again (seeing or hearing something and feeling as if you are there again)					
4. Feeling upset when you remember what happened (for example, feeling scared, angry, sad, guilty, confused)					

5. Having feelings in your body when you remember what happened (for example, sweating, heart beating fast, stomach or head hurting)			
6. Trying not to think about it or have feelings about it			
7. Trying to stay away from anything that reminds you of what happened (for example, people, places, or conversations about it)			
8. Not being able to remember an important part of what happened			
9. Having bad thoughts about yourself, other people, or the world (for example, "I can't do anything right", "All people are bad", "The world is a scary place")			
10. Thinking that what happened is your fault (for example, "I should have known better", "I shouldn't have done that", "I deserved it")			
11. Having strong bad feelings (like fear, anger, guilt, or shame)			
12. Having much less interest in doing things you used to do			
13. Not feeling close to your friends or family or not wanting to be around them			
14. Trouble having good feelings (like happiness or love) or trouble having any feelings at all			
15. Getting angry easily (for example, yelling, hitting others, throwing things)			
16. Doing things that might hurt yourself (for example, taking drugs, drinking alcohol, running away, cutting yourself)			
17. Being very careful or on the lookout for danger (for example, checking to see who is around you and what is around you)			
18. Being jumpy or easily scared (for example, when someone walks up behind you, when you hear a loud noise)			
19. Having trouble paying attention (for example, losing track of a story on TV, forgetting what you read, unable to pay attention in class)			
20. Having trouble falling or staying asleep			

Instructions (Part 2):

Answer yes or no if the problems above have been getting in the way of the following parts of your life IN THE PAST MONTH.

Yes	No	
		21. Fun things you want to do
		22. Doing your chores
		23. Relationships with your friends
		24. Praying
		25. Schoolwork
		26. Relationships with your family
		27. Being happy with your life

Final Score: _____

Notes: