

# Marlow-Crowne Social Desirability Scale

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instruction:** Review each statement and determine whether it is true (T) or false (F) for you.

Question	T	F
1. Before voting I thoroughly investigate the qualifications of all the candidates.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. I never hesitate to go out of my way to help someone in trouble.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. It is sometimes hard for me to go on with my work if I am not encouraged.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. I have never intensely disliked anyone.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. On occasion I have had doubts about my ability to succeed in life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. I sometimes feel resentful when I don't get my way.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. I am always careful about my manner of dress.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. My table manners at home are as good as when I eat out in a restaurant.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. If I could get into a movie without paying and be sure I was not seen, I would probably do it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. On a few occasions, I have given up something because I thought too little of my ability.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. I like to gossip at times.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. There have been times when I felt like rebelling against people in authority even though I knew they were right.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13. No matter who I'm talking to, I'm always a good listener.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14. I can remember "playing sick" to get out of something.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15. There have been occasions when I have taken advantage of someone.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16. I'm always willing to admit it when I make a mistake.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Question****T****F**

17. I always try to practice what I preach.

18. I don't find it particularly difficult to get along with loudmouthed, obnoxious people.

19. I sometimes try to get even rather than forgive and forget.

20. When I don't know something I don't mind at all 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 wrong-doings.

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.

## For clinicians use only

Total score: \_\_\_\_\_

### Scoring and interpretation

To calculate the total score, only responses that match the socially desirable answers receive a score of 1, while all other responses receive a score of 0. The total score is then summed to assess the level of social desirability bias in the individual's responses.

### Scoring key

Correct answer	Correct answer	Correct answer	Correct answer
1. T	10. F	19. F	28. F
2. T	11. F	20. T	29. T
3. F	12. F	21. T	30. F
4. T	13. T	22. F	31. T
5. F	14. F	23. F	32. F
6. F	15. F	24. T	33. T
7. T	16. T	25. T	
8. T	17. T	26. T	
9. F	18. T	27. T	

**Low scorers (0 – 8):** About one respondent in six earns a score between 0 and 8. Such respondents often answered in a socially undesirable direction. They may be more willing than most people to respond to tests truthfully, even when their answers might meet with social disapproval.

**Averages scorers (9 – 19):** About two respondents in three earn a score from 9 through 19. They tend to show an average degree of concern for the social desirability of their responses, and it may be that their general behavior represents an average degree of conformity to social rules and conventions.

**High scorers (20 – 33):** About one respondent in six earns a score between 20 and 33. These respondents may be highly concerned about social approval and respond to test items in such a way as to avoid the disapproval of people who may read their responses. Their general behavior may show high conformity to social rules and conventions.

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