## **INSTRUCTIONS**

Below is a list of statements relating to various personality traits, behaviours, and characteristics. Using the five response options select the option that best describes you. For items of a social nature, think about situations that do not involve very close friends or family members. Try not to spend too much time thinking about each choice.

|    |  | Definitely<br>Disagree | Somewhat<br>Disagree | Neither Agree<br>nor Disagree | Somewhat<br>Agree | Definitely<br>Agree |
|----|--|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1  | I often find myself fiddling or playing repetitively with objects (e.g. clicking pens)                 |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 2  | I like to stick to certain routines for every-day tasks  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 3  | I expend a lot of mental energy trying to fit in with others   |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 4  | I am very sensitive to bright lighting   |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 5  | There are certain activities that I always choose to do the same way, every time                       |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 6  | Sometimes I watch people interacting and try to copy them when I need to socialise                     |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 7  | I often rock when sitting in a chair   |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 8  | I generally enjoy social events  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 9  | I look for strategies and ways to appear more sociable   |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 10 | In social situations, I try to avoid interactions with other people                                    |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 11 | There are times when I feel that my senses are overloaded  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 12 | There are certain objects that I fiddle or play with that can help me calm down or collect my thoughts |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 13 | Reading non-verbal cues (e.g. facial expressions, body language) is difficult for me                   |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 14 | I like my belongings to be sorted in certain ways and will spend time making sure they are that way    |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 15 | Social interaction is easy for me  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 16 | When interacting with other people, I spend a lot of effort monitoring how I am coming across          |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 17 | I find social interactions stressful   |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 18 | I am very sensitive to touch   |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
| 19 | I can tell how people feel from their facial expressions   |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |
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| 20                        | I have a to   | endency to pace   | h                 |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 21                        | I feel discomfort when prevented from completing a particular routine   |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 22                        | I rely on a set of scripts when I talk with people  |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 23                        | I find it easy to sense what someone else is feeling  |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 24                        | I am very sensitive to particular tastes (e.g. salty, sour, spicy, or sweet)                                    |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 25                        | I engage in certain repetitive actions when I feel stressed   |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 26                        | I rarely use non-verbal cues in my interactions with others   |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 27                        | I often insist on doing things in a certain way, or re-doing things until they are 'just right'                 |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 28                        | I feel confident or capable when meeting new people   |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 29                        | Before engaging in a social situation, I will create a script to follow where possible                          |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 30                        | Social occasions are often challenging for me   |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 31                        | Sometimes the presence of a smell makes it hard for me to focus on anything else                                |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 32                        | There are certain repetitive actions that others consider to be  'characteristic' of me (e.g. stroking my hair) |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 33                        | Metaphors or 'figures of speech' often confuse me   |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 34                        | It annoys me when plans I have made are changed   |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 35                        | I find it difficult to make new friends   |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 36                        | I react strongly to unexpected loud noises  |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 37                        | I have difficulty understanding someone else's point-of-view  |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 38                        | I like to arrange items in rows or patterns   |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 39                        | I try to follow certain 'rules' in order to get by in social situations   |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 40                        | I am sensitive to flickering lights   |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 41                        | I have certain habits that I find difficult to stop (e.g. biting/tearing nails, pulling strands of hair)        |                   |                   |                     |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
| 42                        |   | ficulty understan | ding the 'unspoke | en rules' of social |  |                        |                      |                               |                   |                     |  |
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