CATI SCORING KEY

All items are scored 1 to 5 ('Definitely Disagree' to 'Definitely Agree') except items 8, 15, 19, 23, and 28 (highlighted below), which are reversed. Total scale score ranges from 42 - 210, whilst subscales range 7 - 35.

The six subscales are each made up of seven items. The subscale for each item is listed in the second column.

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