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TEMPERAMENT & CHARACTER INVENTORY
TCI-R 140

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In this booklet you will find statements people might use to describe their attitudes, opinions, interests, and other personal feelings.

For each of the following questions, please circle the number that best describes the way you usually or generally act or feel. (Circle only one number for each question)

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Read each statement carefully, but don't spend too much time deciding on the answer.

Please answer every statement, even if you are not completely sure of the answer.

Try to describe yourself the way you usually or generally act and feel, not just how you are feeling right now.

Remember there are no right or wrong answers -- just describe your own personal opinions and feelings.

Print your Name: _____

Age: _____

D.O.B: ___/___/___

Black White Hispanic Other

Sex: M F

Occupation: _____

Date: ___/___/___

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1	I often try new things just for fun or thrills, even if most people think it is a waste of time.	1	2	3	4	5
2	I usually am confident that everything will go well, even in situations that worry most people.	1	2	3	4	5
3	I often feel that I am the victim of circumstances.	1	2	3	4	5
4	I can usually accept other people as they are, even when they are very different from me.	1	2	3	4	5
5	I like a challenge better than easy jobs.	1	2	3	4	5
6	Often I feel that my life has little purpose or meaning	1	2	3	4	5
7	I like to help find a solution to problems so that everyone comes out ahead.	1	2	3	4	5
8	I am usually eager to get going on any job I have to do.	1	2	3	4	5
9	I often feel tense and worried in unfamiliar situations, even when others feel there is little to worry about.	1	2	3	4	5
10	I often do things based on how I feel at the moment without thinking about how they were done in the past.	1	2	3	4	5
11	I usually do things my own way -- rather than giving in to the wishes of other people.	1	2	3	4	5
12	I often feel a strong sense of unity with all the things around me.	1	2	3	4	5
13	I would do almost anything legal in order to become rich and famous, even if I would lose the trust of many old friends.	1	2	3	4	5
14	I am much more reserved and controlled than most people.	1	2	3	4	5
15	I like to discuss my experiences and feelings openly with friends instead of keeping them to myself.	1	2	3	4	5

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16	I have less energy and get tired more quickly than most people.	1	2	3	4	5
17	I seldom feel free to choose what I want to do.	1	2	3	4	5
18	I don't seem to understand most people very well.	1	2	3	4	5
19	I often avoid meeting strangers because I lack confidence with people I do not know.	1	2	3	4	5
20	I like to please other people as much as I can.	1	2	3	4	5
21	I often wish that I was smarter than everyone else.	1	2	3	4	5
22	No job is too hard for me to do my best.	1	2	3	4	5
23	I often wait for someone else to provide a solution to my problems.	1	2	3	4	5
24	I often spend money until I run out of cash or get into debt from using too much credit.	1	2	3	4	5
25	Often I have unexpected flashes of insight or understanding while relaxing.	1	2	3	4	5
26	I don't care very much whether other people like me or the way I do things.	1	2	3	4	5
27	I usually try to get just what I want for myself because it is not possible to satisfy everyone anyway.	1	2	3	4	5
28	I have no patience with people who don't accept my views.	1	2	3	4	5
29	I sometimes feel so connected to nature that everything seems to be part of one living process.	1	2	3	4	5
30	When I have to meet a group of strangers, I am more shy than most people.	1	2	3	4	5

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31	I am more sentimental than most people.	1	2	3	4	5
32	I think that most things that are called miracles are just chance	1	2	3	4	5
33	When someone hurts me in any way, I usually try to get even.	1	2	3	4	5
34	My actions are determined largely by influences outside my control.	1	2	3	4	5
35	Each day I try to take another step toward my goals.	1	2	3	4	5
36	Please circle the number four; this is a validity item.	1	2	3	4	5
37	I am a very ambitious person.	1	2	3	4	5
38	I usually stay calm and secure in situations that most people would find physically dangerous.	1	2	3	4	5
39	I do not think it is smart to help weak people who cannot help themselves.	1	2	3	4	5
40	I cannot have any peace of mind if I treat other people unfairly, even if they are unfair to me.	1	2	3	4	5
41	People will usually tell me how they feel.	1	2	3	4	5
42	Sometimes I have felt like I was part of something with no limits or boundaries in time and space.	1	2	3	4	5
43	I sometimes feel a spiritual connection to other people that I cannot explain in words.	1	2	3	4	5
44	I like it when people can do whatever they want without strict rules and regulations.	1	2	3	4	5
45	When I fail at something, I become even more determined to do a better job.	1	2	3	4	5

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46	Usually I am more worried than most people that something might go wrong in the future.	1	2	3	4	5
47	I usually think about all the facts in detail before I make a decision.	1	2	3	4	5
48	I have many bad habits that I wish I could break.	1	2	3	4	5
49	Other people control me too much.	1	2	3	4	5
50	I like to be of service to others.	1	2	3	4	5
51	I am usually able to get other people to believe me, even when I know that what I am saying is exaggerated or untrue.	1	2	3	4	5
52	Sometimes I have felt my life was being directed by a spiritual force greater than any human being.	1	2	3	4	5
53	I have a reputation as someone who is very practical and does not act on emotion.	1	2	3	4	5
54	I am strongly moved by sentimental appeals (like when asked to help crippled children).	1	2	3	4	5
55	I am usually so determined that I continued to work long after other people have given up.	1	2	3	4	5
56	I have had moments of great joy in which I suddenly had a clear, deep feeling of oneness with all that exists.	1	2	3	4	5
57	I know what I want to do in my life.	1	2	3	4	5
58	I often cannot deal with problems because I just don't know what to do.	1	2	3	4	5
59	I prefer spending money rather than saving it.	1	2	3	4	5
60	I have often been called an "eager beaver" because of my enthusiasm for hard work.	1	2	3	4	5

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61	If I am embarrassed or humiliated, I get over it very quickly.	1	2	3	4	5
62	I like to strive for bigger and better things.	1	2	3	4	5
63	I usually demand very good practical reasons before I am willing to change my old ways of doing things.	1	2	3	4	5
64	I nearly always stay relaxed and carefree, even when nearly everyone else is fearful.	1	2	3	4	5
65	I find sad songs and movies pretty boring.	1	2	3	4	5
66	Circumstances often force me to do things against my will.	1	2	3	4	5
67	I usually enjoy being mean to anyone who has been mean to me.	1	2	3	4	5
68	I often become so fascinated with what I'm doing that I get lost in the moment - like I'm detached from time and place	1	2	3	4	5
69	I do not think I have a real sense of purpose for my life.	1	2	3	4	5
70	I often feel tense and worried in unfamiliar situations, even when others feel there is no danger at all.	1	2	3	4	5
71	I often follow my instincts, hunches or intuition without thinking through all the details.	1	2	3	4	5
72	I love to excel at everything I do.	1	2	3	4	5
73	I often feel a strong spiritual or emotional connection with all the people around me.	1	2	3	4	5
74	I usually try to imagine myself "in other people's shoes", so I can really understand them.	1	2	3	4	5
75	Principles like fairness and honesty have little role in some aspects of my life.	1	2	3	4	5

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76	I am more hard-working than most people.	1	2	3	4	5
77	Even when most people feel it is not important, I often insist on things being done in a strict and orderly way.	1	2	3	4	5
78	I feel very confident and sure of myself in almost all social situations.	1	2	3	4	5
79	My friends find it hard to know my feelings because I seldom tell them about my private thoughts.	1	2	3	4	5
80	I am good at communicating my feelings to others.	1	2	3	4	5
81	I am more energetic and tire less quickly than most people.	1	2	3	4	5
82	I often stop what I am doing because I get worried, even when my friends tell me everything will go well.	1	2	3	4	5
83	I often wish I was more powerful than everyone else.	1	2	3	4	5
84	Members of a team rarely get their fair share.	1	2	3	4	5
85	I don't go out of my way to please other people.	1	2	3	4	5
86	I am not shy with strangers at all.	1	2	3	4	5
87	I spend most of my time doing things that seem necessary but not really important to me.	1	2	3	4	5
88	I don't think that religious or ethical principles about what is right and wrong should have much influence in business decisions.	1	2	3	4	5
89	I often try to put aside my own judgments so that I can better understand what other people are experiencing.	1	2	3	4	5
90	Many of my habits make it hard for me to accomplish worthwhile goals.	1	2	3	4	5

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91	I have made real personal sacrifices in order to make the world a better place – like trying to prevent war, poverty and injustice.	1	2	3	4	5
92	It takes me a long time to warm up to other people.	1	2	3	4	5
93	It gives me pleasure to see my enemies suffer.	1	2	3	4	5
94	No matter how hard a job is, I like to get started quickly.	1	2	3	4	5
95	It often seems to other people like I am in another world because I am so completely unaware of things going on around me.	1	2	3	4	5
96	I usually like to stay cool and detached from other people.	1	2	3	4	5
97	I am more likely to cry at a sad movie than most people.	1	2	3	4	5
98	I recover more quickly than most people from minor illnesses or stress.	1	2	3	4	5
99	I often feel like I am a part of the spiritual force on which all life depends.	1	2	3	4	5
100	I need much more practice in developing good habits before I will be able to trust myself in many tempting situations.	1	2	3	4	5
101	Please circle the number one; this is a validity item.	1	2	3	4	5
102	I like to make quick decisions so I can get on with what has to be done.	1	2	3	4	5
103	I am usually confident that I can easily do things that most people would consider dangerous (such as driving an automobile fast on a wet or icy road).	1	2	3	4	5
104	I like to explore new ways to do things.	1	2	3	4	5
105	I enjoy saving money more than spending it on entertainment or thrills.	1	2	3	4	5

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106	I have had personal experiences in which I felt in contact with a divine and wonderful spiritual power.	1	2	3	4	5
107	I have so many faults that I don't like myself very much.	1	2	3	4	5
108	Most people seem more resourceful than I am.	1	2	3	4	5
109	I often break rules and regulations when I think I can get away with it.	1	2	3	4	5
110	Even when I am with friends, I prefer not to "open up" very much.	1	2	3	4	5
111	The harder a job is the more I like it.	1	2	3	4	5
112	Often when I look at an ordinary thing, something wonderful happens – I get the feeling that I am seeing it fresh for the first time.	1	2	3	4	5
113	I usually feel tense and worried when I have to do something new and unfamiliar.	1	2	3	4	5
114	I am eager to start work on any assigned duty.	1	2	3	4	5
115	My will power is too weak to overcome very strong temptations, even if I know I will suffer as a consequence.	1	2	3	4	5
116	If I am feeling upset, I usually feel better around friends than when left alone.	1	2	3	4	5
117	I often accomplish more than people expect of me.	1	2	3	4	5
118	Religious experiences have helped me understand the real purpose of my life.	1	2	3	4	5
119	I usually push myself harder than most people do because I want to do as well as I possibly can.	1	2	3	4	5
120	Please circle five; this is a validity item.	1	2	3	4	5

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121	I usually feel much more confident and energetic than most people, even after minor illnesses or stress.	1	2	3	4	5
122	When nothing new is happening, I usually start looking for something that is thrilling or exciting.	1	2	3	4	5
123	I like to think about things for a long time before I make a decision.	1	2	3	4	5
124	People involved with me have to learn how to do things my way.	1	2	3	4	5
125	I make a warm personal connection with most people.	1	2	3	4	5
126	I am often described as an overachiever.	1	2	3	4	5
127	I would rather read a book than talk about my feelings with another person.	1	2	3	4	5
128	I enjoy getting revenge on people who hurt me.	1	2	3	4	5
129	If something doesn't work as I expected, I am more likely to quit than to keep going for a long time.	1	2	3	4	5
130	It is easy for other people to get close to me emotionally.	1	2	3	4	5
131	I would probably stay relaxed and outgoing when meeting a group of strangers, even if I were told they are unfriendly.	1	2	3	4	5
132	Please circle then number two; this is a validity item.	1	2	3	4	5
133	I generally don't like people who have different ideas from mine.	1	2	3	4	5
134	I often drag my heels a while before starting any project.	1	2	3	4	5
135	I can usually do a good job of stretching the truth to tell a funnier story or to play a joke on someone.	1	2	3	4	5

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136	It is extremely difficult for me to adjust to changes in my usual way of doing things because I get so tense, tired, or worried.	1	2	3	4	5
137	I am more of a perfectionist than most people.	1	2	3	4	5
138	Other people often think that I am too independent because I won't do what they want.	1	2	3	4	5
139	I am better at saving money than most people.	1	2	3	4	5
140	I often give up on a job if it takes much longer than I thought it would.	1	2	3	4	5

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