

Tolerance of Ambiguity Scale

Please respond to the following statements by indicating the extent to which you agree or disagree with them. Fill in the blanks with the number from the rating scale that best represents your evaluation of the item.

Rating Scale

- 1 Strongly disagree
- 2 Moderately disagree
- 3 Slightly disagree
- 4 Neither agree nor disagree
- 5 Slightly agree
- 6 Moderately agree
- 7 Strongly agree

- 1. ____ An expert who doesn't come up with a definite answer probably doesn't know much
- 2. ____ I would like to live in a foreign country for a while
- 3. ____ There is really no such thing as a problem that can't be solved.
- 4. ____ People who fit their lives to a schedule probably miss most of the joy of living
- 5. ____ A good job is one where what is to be done and how it is to be done are always clear
- 6. ____ It is more fun to tackle a complicated problem than to solve a simple one
- 7. ____ In the long run it is possible to get more done by tackling small, simple problems rather than large and complicated ones
- 8. ____ Often the most interesting and stimulating people are those who don't mind being different and original
- 9. ____ What we are used to is always preferable to what is unfamiliar.
- 10. ____ People who insist upon a yes or no answer just don't know how complicated things really are.
- 11. ____ A person who leads an even, regular life in which few surprises or unexpected happenings arise really has a lot to be grateful for.
- 12. ____ Many of our most important decisions are based upon insufficient information.
- 13. ____ I like parties where I know most of the people more than ones where all or most of the people are complete strangers.
- 14. ____ Teachers and supervisors who hand out vague assignments give one a chance to show initiative and originality
- 15. ____ The sooner we all acquire similar values and ideals the better
- 16. ____ A good teacher is one who makes you wonder about your way of looking at things

Source: Budner, 1962.