APPENDIX - VI

THE PROBABILISTIC ORIENTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

INSTRUCTIONS

Below are given a series of statements reflecting the common ideas and opinions. Read each statement carefully. Decide whether you agree or disagree with the opinions and ideas expressed in the statements. If you agree with the given statement underline the answer "Yes". If you disagree with it underline the answer "No". Give your first reaction and not your long drawn thought-out answers. This is not a test of your intelligence or aptitude. There is no right or wrong answer. Answer all the statements.

1. It is probable that in course of time the solutions for the current puzzles may become self-evident  
   Answer: Yes/No

2. Nobody can certainly predict anything  
   Answer: Yes/No

3. Any person may change in course of time  
   Answer: Yes/No

4. It is probable that the predictions made by any person may go wrong  
   Answer: Yes/No

5. The accidental happenings in life should be accepted without any prejudice  
   Answer: Yes/No

6. Status of a person will not always be the same  
   Answer: Yes/No

7. Chance is the pure determinant of success in horse race  
   Answer: Yes/No

8. Ability is the major determinant of success in the game of dice  
   Answer: Yes/No
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<td>Anything can happen at any time</td>
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<td>Good luck is accidental</td>
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<td>It is possible that there is more than one solution for any problem</td>
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<td>Fate is superstition</td>
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<td>All things that happen accidentally need not be bad</td>
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<td>14.</td>
<td>Since all plans of the past met with failures, it is not necessary that the future plan should also be ended up with failures</td>
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<td>Since all plans of the past met with successes, it is not necessary that the future plan should also be met with success</td>
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<td>Even the best effort in practice may fail</td>
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<td>The law of nature is inherent in raffle</td>
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<td>All thoughts, good or bad, need not be materialized</td>
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<td>Natural events are unbiased</td>
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<td>Some diseases may get cured spontaneously</td>
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<td>Chance should favour any effort to make it a success</td>
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<td>It is good to expect any unforeseen thing to happen at any time</td>
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<td>Whether we understand or not Nature operates on the basis of a definite principle.</td>
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<td>Since supersitious beliefs incidentally come true they need not themselves be accepted as true</td>
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<td>Even the best judge may err in his judgement</td>
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<td>Solutions to problems may become clear incidentally on their own</td>
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<td>It is possible to bet on the basis of knowledge</td>
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<td>Chance has crucial role in the game of cards</td>
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<td>Even things heard and seen may become false</td>
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<td>It is possible that any activity may meet with success or failure</td>
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<td>Whether forecasts are made on best guess-work</td>
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<td>Any scientific invention may go wrong</td>
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<td>In man's life, ups and downs are cyclic in nature</td>
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<td>Anything may happen to anyone in course of time</td>
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<td>Today's success may be a failure tomorrow and failure tomorrow may be a success some other day</td>
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<td>Natural events by themselves are neither good nor bad</td>
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<td>Events by themselves are just natural ones; we only name it good-luck or ill-luck</td>
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<td>It is certainly possible to predict the outcome of a coin flipped i.e., whether it will fall head or tail</td>
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39. Any piece of research work can predict only the probability of an occurrence of an event but not in all its certainty

40. All scientific conclusions are only best guesses and not definite conclusions

Please check to see that you have answered all the items.