INSTRUCTIONS

This is a questionnaire to find out the way in which certain important events in our Society affect different people. Each item consists of a pair of alternatives lettered a and b. Please select one statement of each pair (and only one) which you more strongly believe to be the case, as far as you are concerned. Be sure to select the one you actually believe to be more true rather than the one you think you should choose or the one you would like to be true. This is a measure of personal belief: obviously there are no right or wrong answers.

Please refer to the items carefully but do not spend too much time on any one item. Be sure to find an answer for every choice.

In some instances you may discover that you believe both statements or neither one. In such cases, be sure to select the one you more strongly believe to be the true as far as you are concerned. Also try to respond to each item independently. When making choice, do not be influenced by your previous choices. Select any one statement and make circle around it.

Information given by you will be kept STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL and will be used only for RESEARCH PURPOSES.
1. a. Children get into trouble because their parents punish them too much.

b. The trouble with most children nowadays is that their parents are too easy with them.

c. Many of the unhappy things in people’s lives are partly due to bad luck.

d. People’s misfortunes result from the mistake they make.

2. a. One of the major reasons why we have wars is because people don’t take enough interest in politics.

b. There will always be wars, no matter how hard people try to prevent them.

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7. a. No matter how hard you try some people just don't like you.
   b. People who are not liked by others do not understand how to get along with others.
   c. All situations are not favorable and every situation is not favorable.

8. a. Horidity plays the major role in determining one's personality.
   b. It is one's experiences in life which determine what they're like.

9. a. I have often found that what is going to happen will happen.
   b. Making a decision to make a definite course of action has turned out better for me than trusting on luck.

10. a. In the case of the well prepared student there is rarely if ever such a thing as an unfair test.
    b. Many times exam questions tend to be so unrelated to course work that studying is really useless.

11. a. Becoming a success is a matter of hard work, luck has little or nothing to do with it.
    b. Getting a good job depends mainly on being in the right place at the right time.

12. a. The average citizen can have an influence in government decisions.
    b. This world is run by the few people in power, and there is not much the little guy can do about it.
13. a. When I make plans, I am almost certain that I can make them successful.
   b. It is not always wise to plan too much in advance because many things turn out to be a matter of good or bad fortune.

14. a. There are certain people who are just no good.
   b. There is some good in everybody.

15. a. In my case getting what I want has little or nothing to do with luck.
   b. Many times we might just as well decide what to do by flipping a coin.

16. a. Who gets to be the boss often depends on who has lucky enough to be in the right place first.
   b. Getting people to do the right thing depends upon ability, luck has little or nothing to do with it.

17. a. As far as world affairs are concerned most of us are the victims of forces we can neither understand, nor control.
   b. By taking an active part in political and social affairs the people can control world events.

18. a. Most people don't realize the extent to which their lives are controlled by accidental happenings.
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19. a. One should always be willing to admit mistakes.
   b. It is usually best to cover up one's mistakes.

20. a. People often think that they have control over their lives, but they are often wrong.
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20. a. It is hard to know whether or not a person really likes you.
b. How many friends you have depends upon how nice a person you are.

21. a. In the long run the good things and bad things are balanced.
b. Most misfortunes are the result of lack of ability, ignorance, laziness, or all three.

22. a. With enough effort we can completely remove political corruption.
b. People cannot have much control over the things politicians do in office.

23. a. Sometimes I can't understand how teachers arrive at the grades they give.
b. There is a direct connection between how hard I study and the grades I get.

24. a. A good leader expects people to decide for themselves what they should do.
b. A good leader makes it clear to everybody what their jobs are.

25. a. Many times I feel that I have little influence over the things that happen to me.
b. I do not believe that chance or luck plays an important role in my life.

26. a. People are lonely because they don't try to be friendly.
b. It is useless to try too hard to please people, if they like you, they like you.
27. a. There is too much emphasis on athletics in high school.
   b. Team sports are an excellent way to build character.

28. a. What happens to me is my own doing.
   b. Sometimes I feel that I don't have enough control over the direction my life is taking.

29. a. Most of the time I can't understand why politicians behave the way they do.
   b. In the long run the people are responsible for bad government on a national as well as on a local level.