Appendix 1

Personal Performances Questionnaire

Your Name: ________________________   Sex: ____________
Caste: ____________________________   Mother tongue: ____________
Father's occupation: ________________________   Socio-economic status: ____________
School: ________________________   Class: ____________   Date: ____________

Below are given 50 incomplete sentences. To complete the sentence you can use one of the three choices given (a, b, or c). Read each sentence and complete it by only marking a tick (✓) on a, b, or c to indicate how you would like to complete the sentence.

1. I like
   - a) to be faithful to my friends and colleagues
   - b) to be very systematic in my work.
   - c) to do my best in whatever work I undertake.

2. In accomplishing a task I like
   - a) to be neat and clean.
   - b) to do it much better than others.
   - c) to finish it before time.

3. I wish I could have always been
   - a) successful in doing difficult things.
   - b) generous with my friends.
   - c) sympathetic to the sick and poor.

4. When working in groups I desire
   - a) to take the lead.
   - b) to excel others in similar tasks.
   - c) to do every thing in an orderly fashion.

5. My aim of life is
   - a) to make a long record of successful achievements.
   - b) to serve my nation.
   - c) to attain high status in the society.

5. I often desire to be
   - a) a silent worker in uplifting the poor.
   - b) successful in doing something very significant.
   - c) a true devotee of God.
7. I am of the opinion that for pleasure and happiness one must
   a) support charities.
   b) get the basic amenities of life.
   c) enrich the record of one's achievements.

8. I want to know
   a) the easiest path to achieve salvation.
   b) how I can be successful in whatever I undertake.
   c) the honest means of accumulating wealth.

9. I like
   a) reading fiction, adventure, travel, etc.
   b) visiting different places in the world.
   c) to think of my future career.

10. I believe that it is possible for me
    a) to be a recognised authority.
    b) to achieve social status.
    c) to get sufficient power in my hands.

11. I frequently desire
    a) to be a popular social reformer.
    b) to be a great political leader.
    c) to do something of great significance.

12. I am very serious
    a) about being truthful.
    b) about helping those who really deserve help.
    c) about being a great man in my own profession.

13. I consider myself better than those
    a) who do not have aim in life.
    b) who are unsociable in nature.
    c) who are irresponsible.

14. I will be very happy if
    a) I can do something very valuable.
    b) I can earn a lot.
    c) I can be my own boss.

15. I like to praise those who
    a) have devoted their life to social service.
    b) have earned a reputation in their own field.
    c) have some principles of life.
16. In whatever work I undertake
   a) I like to make advance plans.
   b) I like to do my very best.
   c) I like to assume full responsibility for it.

17. It is my nature
   a) to keep things neat and orderly.
   b) to do things for my friend.
   c) to undertake tasks which require great skill.

18. I like to be
   a) friendly and sympathetic with those in trouble.
   b) a great authority in some job or profession.
   c) very systematic in all my activities.

19. I like to be
   a) to fight for a noble cause.
   b) to remove untouchability and other social evils.
   c) to develop my qualifications.

20. I feel best when
   a) I tell others about my personal experience.
   b) I am assigned a difficult job.
   c) I am requested to give advice to others.

21. I frequently aspire to be
   a) a man with wonderful achievements
   b) a very rich man.
   c) the centre of others' attention.

22. I am happiest when
   a) making others happy.
   b) successful in my work.
   c) I become the centre of others' attention.

23. I often think of
   a) accomplishing something great.
   b) helping those who are hurt or sick.
   c) being respected as a leader.

24. I like to be able
   a) to forgive those who have hurt me.
   b) to use words that others do not know the meaning of.
   c) to do things better than others.
25. I feel
__ a) unhappy when I fail to do my best in the examination.
__ b) depressed when I hear about somebody's death.
__ c) angry when I see injustice done to my friends.

26. My secret ambition in life is
__ a) to enjoy a happy married life.
__ b) to obtain a highly paid job.
__ c) to establish a glorious record of achievements.

27. I like to do something which
__ a) others can hardly do.
__ b) will make me wealthy.
__ c) others regard as a manifestation of leadership.

28. It gives me great satisfaction
__ a) to supervise and direct others.
__ b) to be in the company of distinguished persons.
__ c) to undertake very difficult tasks.

29. In most social situations
__ a) I try to follow the customs.
__ b) I do not always accept and follow the usual religious practices.
__ c) I try to impress others.

30. What I want most in my life is
__ a) to get an ideal home life.
__ b) to do something requiring effort.
__ c) to be a popular man in society.

31. I like others to think of me as
__ a) very intelligent.
__ b) very industrious.
__ c) very popular.

32. In judging my merit, I believe that
__ a) my grades were justified.
__ b) my grades were not a fair index of my work.
__ c) my teachers were partial to others.

33. I wish the atmosphere
__ a) in my home were more congenial to study.
__ b) in my school would really help me to achieve something.
__ c) in my city were more peaceful and healthy.
34. I am
   a) quite punctual and I am never late for work, school, appointment, etc.
   b) quite neat and organised in what I do.
   c) courageous, but avoid unnecessary danger and risk.

35. I am always careful
   a) to please everybody with my manners.
   b) to do my best in whatever I undertake.
   c) to perform my activities in my own way

36. I have a general tendency
   a) to continue a work till it is finished.
   b) to analyse others judgement critically.
   c) to be polished in my manners.

37. Before starting a difficult task
   a) I would take other's suggestion.
   b) I would plan its details so as to lead to success.
   c) I would imagine the difficult that might arise.

38. I am anxious
   a) to know my own defects so as to overcome them.
   b) to do something of great significance.
   c) to be the object of attraction in the group.

39. In general, I might be described as
   a) optimistic (believing that we shall achieve our goals).
   b) tolerant.
   c) polite.

40. I take pains
   a) not to hurt other's feelings.
   b) to overcome obstacles and attain a high standard.
   c) to avoid blame from others.

41. I am often tempted
   a) to undertake very difficult tasks.
   b) to see new places, new people and new things.
   c) to be sympathetic with those who are unhappy.
42. I am sure that after ten years
   a) I will be achieving true freedom.
   b) I will be earning a lot.
   c) I will be a recognised authority in my field.

43. I am
   a) tolerant about people who hurt me.
   b) morally an upright person.
   c) determined to work towards a high goal.

44. I enjoy
   a) a long spell of continuous activity to solve a difficult problem
   b) the company of fun-loving people.
   c) the company of children.

45. I feel happy
   a) if I got an opportunity to do someone a favour.
   b) if I got an opportunity to entertain others with some jokes.
   c) when I have finished successfully a difficult task.

46. I avoid
   a) gay and irresponsible pleasure seekers.
   b) mental confusion and disorder.
   c) those situations which are not competitive.

47. I prefer
   a) getting encouragement from my friends and elders.
   b) difficult tasks to easy ones.
   c) the company of elders and experienced persons.

48. I feel upset whenever
   a) I am blamed.
   b) I fail to reach my desired goal.
   c) I am neglected or not loved.

49. I believe that
   a) it is better to be faithful than famous.
   b) love is more just than justice.
   c) my future depends upon my doing some notable work.

50. I would like to solve
   a) the socio-economic problems of my country.
   b) very difficult puzzles and quizzes.
   c) those problems which will give me novel experiments.