ATTITUDE TOWARDS WOMEN SCALE (ATWS)

Instructions: A series of statements concerning some important social issues is listed below. Read each statement carefully; then express your feeling about each by indicating whether you strongly agree (SA), agree (A), disagree (D), or strongly disagree (SD). There are no right or wrong answers, only opinions. Please do not leave any statement unanswered. Your honest opinions about the issues mentioned in the statements would be highly appreciated. YOUR RESPONSES WILL BE USED ONLY FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES AND SHALL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

1. The birth of a child should be greeted in the same way whether it is a son or a daughter. SA A D SD
2. It is more important for sons than daughters to be raised as strong and independent. SA A D SD
3. It is more important for boys than girls to do well in studies. SA A D SD
4. It is all right for a woman to take initiative to start a relationship with a man. SA A D SD
5. It is all right if a woman stays with a man without getting married to him. SA A D SD
6. In a dual career family, the husband should share the household chores with the wife. SA A D SD
7. Most charges of wife beating are fabricated by women. SA A D SD
8. Men have more to offer than women do in the world of business and industry. SA A D SD
9. Most women who are molested or raped invite it in some way. SA A D SD
10. A girl should be a virgin when she marries. SA A D SD
11. A career by women has an adverse effect on the family life. SA A D SD
12. Women are too emotional to be suitable for the rough and tumble of political life where one has to be ruthless. SA A D SD
13. In order to be worthy of her family a woman should produce at least one son. SA A D SD
14. Investment on a girl’s education and career is a waste of money and resources. SA A D SD
15. Women should avoid staying out or returning late at night. SA A D SD
16. A girl should be free to choose her life partner herself. SA A D SD
17. The wife should do most of the domestic work. SA A D SD
18. A man is many a time justified in hitting his wife. SA A D SD
19. It is as important to steer a daughter towards a good job as it is with a son.
20. Women provoke eve teasing by their appearance and behaviour.
21. Some premarital sexual experience by a man is to be expected.
22. Most women use their sexuality as a way of getting ahead in their career.
23. Women's participation in politics should be discouraged, as it would have adverse effect on the family life.
24. It is all right for a man to bring in a second wife if his first wife has failed to bear a son.
25. More encouragement should be given to sons than daughters to go for higher studies.
26. Obscene and abusive words sound worse when uttered by a woman.
27. It is the duty of the bride's parents to extend financial help in setting up of her home.
28. All financial decisions of the family should be taken jointly by both the spouses.
29. A woman should not tolerate beating from her husband under any circumstances.
30. The primary responsibility for taking care of the children should be that of the mother.
31. Some unwanted male advances are expected and best ignored by women.
32. Men can not help having a few flings and the wife should best ignore them.
33. In today's world, all occupations should be equally accessible to both men and women.
34. The political and intellectual leadership of the community is best in the hands of men.
35. While a male child is the security for parents in their old age, a female child is a liability.
36. It is heartening to see girls choosing to study male dominated professional courses like law, engineering, etc.
37. It is worse to see a woman smoking or drinking than a man.
38. It is all right for the groom's family to receive some gifts from the bride's family.
39. The primary responsibility for earning bread for the family should be that of the husband.

40. In most cases of wife beating, the woman is just as much at fault as the man is.

41. A daughter more than a son should be trained to be homely and obedient.

42. Sexual harassment at workplace should be reprimanded.

43. Infidelity in marriage by a woman is unpardonable.

44. Men and women should be paid the same wage if they do the same job.

45. There should be equal representation of men and women in top political offices.

46. It is all right to terminate the pregnancy if scanning reveals a female foetus.

47. Some demands of the groom’s family should be accepted if it is a good match for the girl.

48. The success of a marriage lies largely in the hands of the wife.

49. Both the parents should equally share childcare responsibility.

50. For a woman, domestic duties must have priority over her employment prospects.

51. Women should worry less about their rights and more about becoming good wives and mothers.

52. Dowry seekers should be condemned by the society.

53. It is a woman’s duty to keep the marriage going even if she is unhappy.

54. Parents should discourage their daughters from playing rough sports like football, wrestling, etc.

55. It does not seem right to have a woman supervising men on the job.

56. Women should exercise their right to property rather than accept dowry.

57. It is all right if a divorced or a widowed woman remarries.

58. Daughters need to be reared in a stricter discipline than the sons.

59. Working women are creating unemployment for men.

60. A working woman can not establish warm and secure relationship with her children.