

The Moral Character Questionnaire

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This document presents the Moral Character Questionnaire (MCQ), including scoring instructions.

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Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each statement

Item	SD	D	N	A	SA
<u>Global Morality</u>					
1 I would say that I am a good person.					
2 I am not a particularly virtuous person. (R)					
3 I am a person of strong moral character.					
4 I consistently want to do the moral thing.					
5 I tend to act morally.					
6 I believe that being moral is important.					
<u>Honesty</u>					
1 I don't believe that honesty is that important. (R)					
2 I consistently tell the truth.					
3 I am an honest person.					
4 I want to be honest even when it's hard.					
<u>Compassion</u>					
1 I am a compassionate person.					
2 I care a lot about helping other people.					
3 I often do things that help other people.					
4 It's not important to me to be compassionate. (R)					
<u>Fairness</u>					
1 I am a fair person.					
2 I treat people fairly.					
3 I don't believe it is important to treat others fairly. (R)					
4 I want to treat everyone as fairly as possible.					
<u>Loyalty</u>					
1 I am a loyal person.					
2 I shift my loyalties easily. (R)					
3 I believe it is important not to betray people.					
4 I want to be loyal even when it's hard.					
<u>Purity</u>					
1 I would say that I'm a wholesome person, relatively "pure."					
2 I think it is important to be wholesome and decent.					
3 I will admit that some things I do are indecent. (R)					
4 I want to think and act without vulgarity or filth.					
<u>Respect</u>					
1 I am a respectful person.					
2 It is not important to show respect to tradition and authority. (R)					
3 I treat others with respect.					
4 I do not want to be rude or irreverent toward others.					

(R) = Negatively-keyed item to be reverse-scored.

Scoring:

1. Reverse-score the negatively-keyed items.
2. To obtain a score for each subscale, average an individual's responses across all items within each subscale
3. If you desire an "aggregated attribute" score for Global Morality, then average an individual's responses across all items from the subscales that you deem constitutive of global morality.