

# PRELIMS LEVEL PSYCHOMETRIC TEST

# **MODEL PAPERS**

Class: V-X



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### PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT TEST -

Max. Marks: 75 Duration: 75 Mins.

#### How self-confident are you?

Answer each question or statement by choosing which one of the three alternative responses given is most applicable to you.

- 1. How much do you depend on the approval of others in order to feel good about yourself?
  - Very much, as it makes me feel I am doing right not just by myself but also by others.
  - b) Not very much, as generally I trust my own abilities.
  - c) Generally it does make me feel better when I have the approval of others.
- 2. How comfortable would you feel if invited to attend a social gathering such as a Buckingham Palace Garden Party?
  - a) Not very comfortable, in fact extremely nervous.
  - b) Very comfortable, and welcoming of the opportunity to meet many interesting and possibly famous people.
  - Fairly pleased about the prospect of attending, but also a little nervous.
- 3. How often do you worry about your appearance?
  - a) Frequently
  - b) Rarely or never.
  - c) Occasionally
- 4. In general, do you feel good about yourself?
  - a) I often feel frustrated and that I could do better and achieve more.
  - b) Yes.
  - It is not something to which I have particularly given much thought.

### 5. How much would you welcome the opportunity to take part in a current affairs radio discussion?

- a) I would be very nervous and prefer not to take part.
- b) Very much.
- c) I wouldn't mind taking part, but would not be overly excited at the prospect.

#### 6. How would you describe your expectations in life?

- a) I live more in hope than anticipation
- b) Realistic
- c) Quite high

#### 7. How good are you at selling yourself?

- a) Not very good
- b) Very good
- c) I have some strengths that I am able to emphasize.

# 8. Do you feel there is a need to conform in order to be accepted by others?

- a) Yes to a great extent
- b) I am not interested in conforming, merely to be accepted.
- c) To a certain extent.

# 9. How important is it to live up to the standards of others, such as parents?

- a) I believe it is important to have role models.
- b) Not that important, as it is more important to become your own person
- c) It is more important to live up to the standards expected by society in general, rather than the standards of individuals.

# 10. Do you generally strive for approval from every significant person in your life?

- a) Yes, generally
- b) No, as this would seem to be an unattainable goal.
- c) Sometimes.

### 11. Do you believe you have the courage of your own convictions?

- a) Not particularly
- b) Yes.
- c) Perhaps not as much as I would like.

### 12. Do you set yourself very high standards in everything you do?

- a) Yes, I believe everyone should set themselves high standards.
- b) I believe it is more important to set myself realistic standards.
- c) Perhaps in some things I do set myself high standards.

#### 13. How optimistic an outlook have you on life?

- a) I am more of a pessimist than an optimist
- b) Very optimistic
- c) Fairly optimistic

#### 14. What are your feelings about trying but failing?

- a) Disappointment
- b) At least I tried, now is there anything positive I can gain from the experience?
- c) Try, try and try again.

#### 15. How easy is it for you to bounce back after adversity?

- a) Quite difficult, and there are some adversities from which you can never totally bounce back.
- It is easier to bounce back after some adversities than others, but generally I feel I can bounce back pretty quickly.
- c) It is never easy, but hopefully given time I am able to bounce back from most things.

#### 16. How self-reliant are you in your own abilities?

- a) We all need to rely on others to some extent
- b) Very much
- c) Fairly self-reliant.

### 17. How desirable is it for you to develop personal standards in life?

- a) It is important to me that my values and standards have the approval of others.
- b) Very desirable
- c) Fairly desirable

#### 18. Do you believe you are in control of your own life?

- Not particularly, and none of us are ever completely in control of our own lives.
- b) In general I am in control of my own life
- I am in control to a certain extent, but not perhaps as much as I would wish.

#### 19. How assured are you in your own abilities?

- a) Not particularly assured
- b) Very assured
- c) Fairly assured

#### 20. Do you accept yourself for what you are?

- a) No, there is always room for improvement
- b) Yes, in general I do
- c) To some extent; however, there are certain things I would perhaps prefer to change for the better.

### 21. How afraid are you of taking risks?

- a) I worry greatly about taking risks and the possible consequence of failure.
- b) I am not afraid of taking risks as this is sometimes necessary in order to be successful.
- c) It depends how great the risk.

#### 22. Do you feel independent of the goodwill of others?

- a) No
- b) Yes
- c) Sometimes, but not always

#### 23. How do you view new experiences?

- a) With a certain amount of trepidation as not all new experiences are good ones.
- b) As opportunities to learn and open up new possibilities.
- c) As occasions where it is possible to either win or lose

#### 24. Do you carry out self-evaluation?

- a) Rarely or never
- b) Yes, I often evaluate myself independently
- c) Sometimes

#### 25. How often do you put yourself down?

- a) I am often very self-critical
- b) Very rarely or never
- Sometimes; however, I am also very mindful of the criticisms of others.

#### Success

Answer each question or statement by choosing which one of the three alternative responses given is most applicable to you.

### 26. Which of the following motivates you the most?

- a) Life's rewards
- b) My beliefs
- c) My own personal desires.

### 27. Which of the following words best describes you?

- a) Busy
- b) Popular
- c) Tenacious

#### 28. What do you believe is the secret of success?

- a) To do something you are good at.
- b) To do something you enjoy.
- c) There is no one specific secret of success.

#### 29. Do you believe that some people are born lucky?

- a) Not really, as luck tends to even itself out.
- Yes, the finger of fate deals some a much better hand than others.
- c) No, as I believe you make your own luck.

#### 30. How easy is it for you to abandon good intentions?

- a) It is not easy, but sometimes it is necessary to move on.
- b) It is not difficult as sometimes good intentions can be misguided.
- I do not believe you should ever totally abandon good intentions.

#### 31. Do you go out of your way to impress the right people?

- a) Perhaps I have done on occasions and may do so again in the future.
- b) I hope I never would, as to do so is somewhat demeaning.
- c) Yes.

#### 32. Which of the following do you agree with the most?

- a) No one is perfect
- b) Imperfection creates new experiences
- c) Practice makes perfect.

### 33. Do you find it easy to keep focus on one thing at a time?

- a) Not particularly
- b) I find it difficult as I like to diversify and have several things and interests on the go at the same time.
- c) Yes.

# 34. Do you know where you want to be in five, or even ten, years' time?

- a) I have certain hopes and aspirations but tend to live for today rather than forever planning for the future.
- b) Not particularly
- c) Yes.

### 35. Which of the following words appeals to you the most?

- a) Steadfast
- b) Sophisticated
- c) Charismatic

#### 36. Are you doing a job, or in a career, that you really enjoy?

- a) I enjoy it sometimes but not always.
- b) No
- c) Yes.

#### 37. Are you a good loser?

- Losing does not particularly upset me, though I prefer to be a winner.
- Yes, as I accept there have always got to be winners and losers.
- c) There is no such thing as a good loser, it is just that some people show it more than others.

#### 38. How easy is it for you to always finish what you start?

- a) I find it difficult to always finish every job that I start.
- b) I do not always finish every job that I start.
- c) Some jobs are easier to complete than other; however, I do always try to see every job through to completion.

# 39. Which of the following most represents your philosophy regarding hard work?

- a) It doesn't always bring all the rewards that it deserves.
- b) It is sometimes a necessary evil.
- c) Hard work is a means to an end.

#### 40. Do you consider yourself as something of an opportunist?

- Not particularly, although if an opportunity does present itself it would probably be welcome.
- b) No
- c) Yes, I am constantly looking out to grasp any opportunity that might present itself.

#### 41. Do you ever long for the good old days?

- Nor really, although certain things were better in what are termed the 'good old days', and it cannot be said that things always change for the better.
- b) I have many fond memories, and am often quite nostalgic, for times past.
- No, there is no such thing as the good old days and I always look to the future.

# 42. How confident are you that you can turn your dreams into reality?

- a) Perhaps more hopeful than confident.
- b) Whatever will be will be
- c) Very confident.

### 43. Which of the following do you believe is the most important road to success?

- a) Possessing a high degree of skill
- b) Knowing the right people and being in the right place at the right time
- c) Hard work and commitment.

# 44. Do you have problems expressing your views and feelings to others?

- a) Sometimes.
- b) Yes
- c) No.

# 45. How easy is it for you to change your job, or even your career, in order to achieve your goals?

- Not easy, especially if you are in a steady job that provides a steady income.
- b) It is difficult, as sometimes change is a courageous gamble and things might not work out for the best.
- c) I am sufficiently flexible to change what I am doing, therefore it is not at all difficult.

#### 46. How important is the power of hindsight?

- a) It is not a total waste of time
- b) It is of little or no importance
- c) It can be useful

# 47. How do you feel about having regular six-month appraisals with your boss?

- a) It is not something I would lose sleep over, though I would avoid it if I had the choice.
- b) It can be a distasteful process.
- It is something I welcome, as it provides an opportunity for career advancement.

### 48. Would you be prepared to give up your favourite hobby if it meant success in your chosen career?

- a) Perhaps
- b) No
- c) Yes

#### 49. Which of the following words best describes you?

- a) Wise
- b) Generous
- c) Ruthless

#### 50. Do you every think you are in something of a rut?

- a) Sometimes
- b) Often
- c) Never.

### How content are you?

In each of the following choose from a scale of 1-5 (where 5 is 'most agree/most applicable' and I is 'least agree/least applicable') which of these statements you most agree with, or is most applicable to you. Choose just one of the numbers 1-5 for each of the 35 statements.

### 51. I have a loving and stable family life.

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56. I do not have an inferiority complex.

5 4 3 2 1

57. If I have a problem I tend to analyse it and talk about it in order to find a solution, rather than complain about it.

5 4 3 2

58. I am willing to adjust and change if circumstances dictate it.

5 4 3 2 1

59. I have a positive outlook on life.

. 5 4 3 2 1

60. I tend to take things one step at a time.

5 4 3 2 1

61. I find it easy to let things go.

5 4 3 2 1

62. I usually get a good night's sleep.

5 4 3 2 1

63. I rarely or never feel that I am stuck in a rut.

5 4 3 2 1

64. I enjoy relaxing on my own for at least a few minutes each day.

5 4 3 2 1

 65.	I never let things weigh on my conscience.								
	5	4	3	2	1				
66.	I tend to define my own success path in life.								
	5	4	3	2	1				
67.	I am not envious of other people's possessions.								
	5	4	3	2	1				
68.	I must have been born under a lucky star.								
	5	4	3	2	1				
69.	I have realized many of my ambitions in life.								
	5	4	3	2	1				
70.	I never feel ashamed of things I have done								
	5	4	3	2	1				
71.	Other people's criticisms do not worry me.								
	5	4	3	2	1				
72.	I feel relaxed and happy with my lot in life.								
	5	4	3	2	1				
73.	I have a great deal of confidence in my own decisions.								
	5	4	3	2	1				
74.	I rarely feel restless and wanting to do other things.								
	5	4	3	2	1				
75.	I find it very easy to sit back and relax.								
	5	4	3	2	1				