



INDIAN SCALE FOR ASSESSMENT OF AUTISM

Name of the child:..... Gender:..... Date:.....

D.O.B:..... Age: Examiner:

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Directions:

Below are given 40 statements which are divided under six domains, please tick (✓) mark the appropriate rating for each item of the scale by observing the child and by interviewing the parents in order to assess Autism

Items		Rarely Upto 20% Score 1	Sometimes 21 – 40 % Score 2	Frequently 41 – 60% Score 3	Mostly 61- 80 % Score 4	Always 81-100% Score 5
I. SOCIAL RELATIONSHIP AND RECIPROCITY						
1	Has poor eye contact					
2	Lacks social smile					
3	Remains aloof					
4	Does not reach out to others					
5	Unable to relate to people					
6	Unable to respond to social/ environmental cues					
7	Engages in solitary and repetitive play activities					
8	Unable to take turns in social interaction					
9	Does not maintain peer relationships					
II. EMOTIONAL RESPONSIVENESS						
10	Shows inappropriate emotional response					
11	Shows exaggerated emotions					
12	Engages in self-stimulating emotions					
13	Lacks fear of danger					
14	Excited or agitated for no apparent reason					
III. SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION						
15	Acquired speech and lost it					
16	Has difficulty in using non-verbal language or gestures to communicate					
17	Engages in stereotyped and repetitive use of language					
18	Engages in echolalic speech					
19	Produces infantile squeals/ unusual noises					
20	Unable to initiate or sustain conversation with others					

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21	Uses jargon or meaningless words					
22	Uses pronoun reversals					
23	Unable to grasp pragmatics of communication (real meaning)					
IV. BEHAVIOUR PATTERNS						
24	Engages in stereotyped and repetitive motor mannerisms					
25	Shows attachment to inanimate objects					
26	Shows hyperactivity/ restlessness					
27	Exhibits aggressive behavior					
28	Throws temper tantrums					
29	Engages in self-injurious behavior					
30	Insists on sameness					
V. SENSORY ASPECTS						
31	Unusually sensitive to sensory stimuli					
32	Stares into space for long periods of time					
33	Has difficulty in tracking objects					
34	Has unusual vision					
35	Insensitive to pain					
36	Responds to objects/people unusually by smelling, touching or tasting					
VI. COGNITIVE COMPONENT						
37	Inconsistent attention and concentration					
38	Shows delay in responding					
39	Has unusual memory of some kind					
40	Has 'savant' ability					

Classification	No Autism < 70	Mild Autism 70 to 106	Moderate Autism 107 to 153	Severe Autism > 153
Total score				