Seminar 1 Assumptions about people instrument

- 1. Carefully consider each of the statements then tick the appropriate box in the table below
- 2. Calculate your total score, using the weightings
- 3. Plot your position on the leadership style continuum on p. 2

| | | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly agree |
|-------------|---|-------------------|----------|-------|----------------|
| 1 | Almost everyone can improve their job | | 1 | | |
| | performance a lot if they want to | | ' | | |
| 2 | People always show more enthusiasm for their | | 1 | | |
| | leisure activities than for work | | | | |
| 3 | Few people show desire to improve their work | 1 | | | |
| | even when the boss encourages them | | | | |
| 4 | If you give people more pay they will not want | 1 | | | |
| | status or recognition | | | | |
| 5 | When people talk about wanting more | 1 | | | |
| | responsibility they really want more money | | | | |
| 6 | People don't like to take on responsibility | | | 1 | |
| | Being tough with people will usually get them to do | | | | |
| 7 | what you want | | 1 | | |
| | A good way to get people to do more work is to be | | | | |
| 8 | tough with them | | 1 | | |
| 9 | A boss should not admit he/she is wrong & a | | | | |
| | worker is right | 1 | | | |
| 10 | The best manager is the one who gets the best | | | | |
| | results by any method he/she can | | 1 | | |
| 11 | People won't do a good job unless the boss is | | | | |
| | checking them | | 1 | | |
| 12 | Workers will never set high standards for | 1 | | | |
| 12 | themselves | ' | | | |
| 13 | If workers aren't creative at work it's because | | _ | | |
| | they're not creative people | | 1 | | |
| 14 | Workers rarely have good suggestions – they | 1 | | | |
| | don't know enough | l | | | |
| 15 | It's natural for people to try & do as little work as | | 1 | | |
| 13 | they can | | | | |
| | Sub-totals | 6 | 8 | 1 | |
| | Weighting | X 1 | X 2 | X 3 | X 4 |
| Total score | | | | | |

Leadership style continuum

Plot your score below

| Style | D 15 Developmental | | M 30-33 | A Autocratic 60 |
|----------------|-----------------------|------|------------|--------------------|
| | | | | |
| Often called | Leader | here | | Boss |
| Motivates by | Inspiration | | | Fear |
| Supervision is | General | | | Close |

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