

The Perceived Stress Questionnaire

Instructions for the General questionnaire

For each sentence, circle the number that describes how often it applies to you in general, *during the last year or two*. Work quickly, without bothering to check your answers, and be careful to describe your life *in the long run*.

	Almost 1	Sometimes 2	Often 3	Usually 4
1. You feel rested	1	2	3	4
2. You feel that too many demands are being made on you	1	2	3	4
3. You are irritable or grouchy	1	2	3	4
4. You have too many things to do	1	2	3	4
5. You feel lonely or isolated	1	2	3	4
6. You find yourself in situations of conflict	1	2	3	4
7. You feel you're doing things you really like	1	2	3	4
8. You feel tired	1	2	3	4
9. You fear you may not manage to attain your goals	1	2	3	4
10. You feel calm	1	2	3	4
11. You have too many decisions to make	1	2	3	4
12. You feel frustrated	1	2	3	4
13. You are full of energy	1	2	3	4
14. You feel tense	1	2	3	4
15. Your problems seem to be piling up	1	2	3	4
16. You feel you're in a hurry	1	2	3	4
17. You feel safe and protected	1	2	3	4
18. You have many worries	1	2	3	4
19. You are under pressure from other people	1	2	3	4
20. You feel discouraged	1	2	3	4
21. You enjoy yourself	1	2	3	4
22. You are afraid for the future	1	2	3	4
23. You feel you're doing things because you have to not because you want to	1	2	3	4
24. You feel criticized or judged	1	2	3	4
25. You are lighthearted	1	2	3	4
26. You feel mentally exhausted	1	2	3	4
27. You have trouble relaxing	1	2	3	4
28. You feel loaded down with responsibility	1	2	3	4
29. You have enough time for yourself	1	2	3	4
30. You feel under pressure from deadlines	1	2	3	4

Instructions for the Recent questionnaire

For each sentence, circle the number that describes how often it applied to you *during the last month*.

Work quickly, without bothering to check your answers, and be careful to consider only *the last month*.

Score 5-circled number for items 1, 7, 10, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29

Score circled number for all other items

PSQ Index = (raw score-30)/90.

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Note: The 8 items listed above are inverted, i.e., 4=1, 3=2, 2=3, and 1=4.

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