World Assumptions Questionnaire

Please rate the following statements on how much you agree or disagree with them

using the following scale:

1 = Strongly Agree

2 = Agree

3 = Slightly Agree

4 = Slightly Disagree

5 = Disagree

6 = Strongly Disagree

1. Most people can be trusted. \*TGP

2. I don’t feel in control of the events that happen to me. CE

3. You usually can know what is going to happen in your life. \*CE

4. It is difficult for me to take most of what people say at face-value. TGP

5. It is very difficult to know what others are thinking. CPP

6. Anyone can experience a very bad event. SV

7. People often behave in unpredictable ways. CPP

8. People are less safe than they usually realize. SV

9. For the most part, I believe people are good. \*TGP

10. I have a great deal of control over what will happen to me in my life. \*CE 115

11. You never know what’s going to happen tomorrow. SV

12. Other people are usually trustworthy. \*TGP

13. People’s lives are very fragile. SV

14. It is hard to know exactly what motivates another person.CPP

15. Most people cannot be trusted. TGP

16. People fool themselves into feeling safe. SV

17. It is hard to understand why people do what they do. CPP

18. Most of what happens to me happens because I choose it. \*CE

19. Terrible things might happen to me. SV

20. It is ultimately up to me to determine how events in my life will happen. \*CE

21. It can be very difficult to predict other people’s behavior. CPP

22. What people say and what they do are often very different things. TGP

\* denotes reverse-scoring

CE = item on the Controllability of Events subscale

CPP = item on the Comprehensibility and Predictability of People subscale

TGP = item on the Trustworthiness and Goodness of People subscale

SV = item on the Safety and Vulnerability subscale