**Attitudes Towards Marriage**

**Participant Number: 14**

**Please read the following paragraph carefully**.

You are invited to complete the following attitude scale which is being used to assess the attitudes people have towards marriage. This study is being carried out by a group of second year Psychology students at De Montfort University for a piece of coursework under the supervision of an experienced psychologist.

The following materials include two psychological measurements. The attitude scale that you are being asked to complete has been designed specifically for this study and appropriately piloted. The second measurement is an established scale devised by other researchers and has been used in several previous studies. You may wish to have a read through the items or ask the researcher questions before you agree to participate and start completing the items.

Please be aware that you are under NO obligation to take part and may withdraw your participation at any point until you have handed back the completed materials. There will be a further opportunity to withdraw your data within 48 hours of participation. Details will be provided at the end of this scale. If you agree to participate your data will be kept anonymous (i.e. no one other than the researcher who collects your responses will know your identity) and added to a large pool of data. There is no time limit attached to this activity but it is unlikely to take longer than 15 minutes.

The scale is divided into three sections. The first section comprises the attitude scale, the second assesses optimism and in the third you will be asked to give an indication of your sex and age.

**Section 1:**

The first part of the scale consists of 12 statements about attitudes towards marriage.

You are asked to consider your response to each item. You have the following choices:

**Strongly Disagree**

**Disagree**

**Undecided**

**Agree**

**Strongly Agree**

For each item indicate which of these options best describes your attitude by circling the appropriate choice underneath the statement. There is no time limit for this activity.

1. . I would like to get married in the future.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

2. I would only get into a romantic relationship with someone I can see myself marrying.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

3. I would be disappointed if I did not get married.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

4. If I got married I would be a good spouse

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

5. The lifestyle of a married couple appeals to me

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

6. Marriage would complete me.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

7. It is important for people to try their best to make marriage work.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

8. I do not feel I would enjoy being a spouse.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

9. Marriage is not necessity in today’s society.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

10. I’m not interested in commitment.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

11. It is not desirable to remain unmarried in one’s entire life

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

12. I don’t see marriage as a necessity if I am in a strong committed relationship

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

**You have completed the first section.**

**Section 2:**

This section of the scale consists of 11 items about optimism. You are asked to consider your response to each item. For each item you are asked to indicate your level of agreement using the following list of options.

You are asked to consider your response to each item. You have the following choices:

**Strongly Disagree**

**Disagree**

**Undecided**

**Agree**

**Strongly Agree**

1. In uncertain times, I usually expect the best.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

1. It's easy for me to relax.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

3.If something can go wrong for me, it will.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |  | **Strongly Agree** |

4. I'm always optimistic about my future.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

5. I enjoy my friends a lot.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

6. It's important for me to keep busy.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

8.I hardly ever expect things to go my way.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

9.I don't get upset too easily.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

10. I rarely count on good things happening to me

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

11. Overall, I expect more good things to happen to me than bad.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Strongly Disagree** | **Disagree** | **Undecided** | **Agree** | **Strongly Agree** |

**You have completed the second section.**

**Section 3:**

Finally, you are also requested to include an indication of your age and sex Please tick the appropriate box below.

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| --- | --- |
| **female** |  |
| **male** | **Tick** |

**sex**

**age: \_\_\_\_\_\_21\_\_\_\_\_(years)**

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**Please read the following paragraph carefully**.

Thank you for your contribution to this study. Your data will be added to those of approximately 30 to 50 other individuals. You are participant number 14. If you wish to withdraw your data you need to contact the researcher at the following e-mail address quoting this number within the next 48 hours. No other information is required and you are not obliged to provide a reason for data withdrawal. Additionally, if you are interested in being provided with a summary of the results of the study or have any other questions or comments about this piece of research you are welcome to contact the researcher via e-mail between 22nd February 2016 and 29th April 2016.

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