

CRITICAL THINKING (AGES 12-18)

Directions: The following statements describe how you might think about certain things in your daily life. Select the answer that corresponds to how often you have done what is described in the last 30 days. For example, if you select 5 under “Always” for an item that means you regularly do what is described in the statement. You always do it.

#	Item	1	2	3	4	5
		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
1.	I think of possible results before I take action.					
2.	I get ideas from other people when having a task to do.					
3.	I develop my ideas by gathering information.					
4.	When facing a problem, I identify options.					
5.	I can easily express my thoughts on a problem.					
6.	I am able to give reasons for my opinions.					
7.	It is important for me to get information to support my opinions.					
8.	I usually have more than one source of information before making a decision.					
9.	I plan where to get information on a topic.					
10.	I plan how to get information on a topic.					
11.	I put my ideas in order by importance.					
12.	I back my decisions by the information I got.					
13.	I listen to the ideas of others even if I disagree with them.					
14.	I compare ideas when thinking about a topic.					

#	Item	1 Never	2 Rarely	3 Sometimes	4 Often	5 Always
15.	I keep my mind open to different ideas when planning to make a decision.					
16.	I am aware that sometimes there are no right or wrong answers to a question.					
17.	I develop a checklist to help me think about an issue.					
18.	I can easily tell what I did was right or wrong.					
19.	I am able to tell the best way of handling a problem.					
20.	I make sure the information I use is correct.					

Replicates the Critical Thinking in Everyday Life Scale
(Mincemoyer, C., Perkins, D.F., & Munyua, C., 2001).