

APPENDIX - F

TEST ON INTEREST IN INQUIRY (Tryout Form)

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Following is a list of thirty situations followed by three choices. These choices reflect your interest in these situations. Please read them carefully and express your interest by choosing one of the three choices by encircling it. If your choice is 'a', you encircle the choice like this (a).

This is not an examination. There are no right or wrong choices to these situations. This is simply a study of your interest in inquiry. People differ in their interest in inquiry. Therefore, please indicate your own interest. You may begin now. There is no time limit.

1. Your father comes back from his office regularly at 5.00 p.m. but one day he does not reach home on time. Would you then like to :
 - (a) wait till your father comes back from the Office?
 - b) think that something might have happened to him but you can not do anything about it?
 - c) think that something might have happened to your father and that you must do something to find out your father?

2. Your teacher punishes one of your close friends regularly because he does not come to school in uniform. You feel very bad about it. In this case:
 - a) you are sure that he comes to school without uniform because he has no money to buy uniform.

- b) you think that there might be some possible reasons which are responsible for his not coming to school in uniform.
 - c) you think that he probably does not have money as a result he is unable to buy uniform.
3. One day, one of your favourite play materials is found to be broken by somebody in your family. You think that the culprit could be your younger brother. To prove this would you like to:
- a) ask your younger brother about the event?
 - b) ask your parent as well as other family members of your house whether they have seen the younger brother breaking your play material?
 - c) ask your parents whether they have seen your younger brother breaking your play material?
4. One of your villagers dies of a mysterious disease. You are shocked by it. In this case:
- a) you believe that taking tobacco may be a cause for his death or that the death may be due to his poor health.
 - b) You are certain that his bad habit of taking tobacco has caused the disease.
 - c) you believe that the disease might be due to bad effect of tobacco taking.
5. Once you are going through a jungle road with your friends. At one place, all of you decide to take food and one of your friends goes to fetch water. After waiting for sometime you find that your friend does not come with water. In this case:
- a) you would send another friend to fetch the water.
 - b) you would think that something has happened to your friend and you should go yourself to look for your friend.
 - c) you would think that something has happened to your friend and hope for his safe return.

6. One evening you find that your pet dog is lying dead at the back of your house and there are injuries on its head. You think that it could be Raghu, your next neighbour who had a rivalry with you might have killed the dog. In this case:
- a) you would ask the neighbour if they have seen the dog being beaten by Raghu.
 - b) you would ask Raghu about the killing of the dog.
 - c) you would ask everybody in the village whether they have seen the dog being beaten by Raghu.
7. Suppose, somebody has taken away your pen from your school bag when you are away from the classroom. You are thinking of catching the culprit. Would you then like to:
- a) be sure that the boy sitting next to you has taken the pen?
 - b) believe that there is possibility of everyone present in your absence taking the pen?
 - c) believe that the boy sitting next to you might have taken the pen?
8. Suppose, your house catches fire. When the incident is over, would you like to:
- a) think that fire has destroyed many things in your house and that you should find out the reasons for the fire?
 - b) think that the fire is occurring regularly in the locality and you should not bother about your house being destroyed by fire,
 - c) take it as a curse of God?
9. One morning you find that the flower plant you like the most is missing from your garden. In this event:

- a) you would believe that the next neighbour might have taken the plant.
 - b) you conclude that the next neighbour has taken the plant
 - c) though you believe that the next neighbour might have taken the plant, you also believe that plant might have been taken by others also.
10. When you come back to your classroom after lunch and search your bag, you find that your science book is missing from your bag, you believe that it could be Madhu who sits just behind you might have taken the book.
- In this case:
- a) you would ask all your classmates whether they have seen Madhu stealing your book.
 - b) you would ask your intimate friends whether they have seen Madhu stealing your book.
 - c) you would ask Madhu whether he has taken the book.
11. One evening you, your brother and sisters sit for a word competition. But you find that one of your sisters does not take interest in the contest. In this situation:
- a) you would think that something wrong has happened to her and that must be found out.
 - b) you would ask her to participate in the competition as you cannot do anything beyond that.
 - c) you are not bothered whether your sister participates in the competition or not.
12. You keep your cycle in the cycle stand of your school. Once you find that your cycle is missing from the cycle stand. You believe that Ram who was in need of money, might have stolen and sold it. Would you then like to:
- a) ask Ram whether he has stolen the bicycle?

- b) ask the school peon whether he had seen Ram stealing the cycle?
 - c) ask everyone in the school whether they have seen Ram stealing the cycle?
13. You see your friend crying on his way to school. You are moved by his crying. What do you do in this case?
- a) you believe that he might have not done his homework or something might have hurt him very badly.
 - b) you know that he has not done the homework.
 - c) you believe that he might have not done the homework.
14. Suppose, your umbrella is missing from your house. You think that the servant of the house might have taken the umbrella. In this case:
- a) you would ask your brother whether he had seen the servant stealing the umbrella.
 - b) you would ask everyone in the family whether they had seen the servant stealing the umbrella.
 - c) you would ask the servant whether he had stolen the umbrella.
15. Once you with your classmate and teacher went on a picnic party. When the picnic was over, it is found that one of your classmates is not present in the group. In this case:
- a) Would you like to think that your friend would come after sometime?
 - b) would you like to think that your friend might have come across problems but the group should not be worried?
 - c) would you like to think that your friend must have faced some problem and you should quicken up your action to find out your friend?

16. Arun, who is your close friend, has not been coming to school for the past few days. What do you like to do then?
- you believe that he may be suffering from fever.
 - even if you believe that fever may be a cause for his not coming to school, you believe in other possible causes too.
 - you are sure that he is suffering from fever.
17. Suppose, thieves come to your house and take away many articles. In this case:
- you take it as a problem for you in your house and you think about different ways to trace out the thieves.
 - you take it seriously, but you cannot stop it unless the neighbours do something for it.
 - you prefer to remain silent lest thieves may come again.
18. Suppose, the necklace of your mother is missing from the cup board of your house. You are very much disturbed by it. What do you like to do then?
- you believe that the maid servant of your house might have taken the necklace.
 - you believe that either the maid servant of your house or outsider who had come to your house might have taken the necklace.
 - you are sure that the maid servant has taken the necklace.
19. Suppose, your cricket bat has been broken by somebody in the team. You think that Ravi who has enmity with you might have broken the bat. Would you then like to:
- ask Ravi whether he has broken your cricket bat?
 - ask the wicket keeper who is your intimate friend whether he has seen Ravi breaking the bat?

- c. ask all the members of the cricket team whether they have seen Ravi breaking the cricket bat?
20. You find that your friend is not taking interest in studies. What do you like to do then?
- you think that something wrong has happened to him and you should try to identify that.
 - you ask him to take some steps to develop interest in studies as you can not force him to study.
 - It is not your business to look after whether your friend is interested in studies or not.
21. Suppose, you have taken a very beautiful picture drawn by you for the picture competition being held at Delhi. At the competition place, you discover that the picture is missing from your bag. You think Ajay, another participant in the competition who was asking you for the picture might have taken it. How do you verify your doubt?
- you would ask Ajay whether he has taken the picture from your bag.
 - you would ask your friends if they have seen Ajay taking out the picture from your bag.
 - you would ask every participant in the competition whether they have seen Ajay taking out the picture from your bag.
22. Suppose, you are a member of your school cricket team. Once your school loses the match with another school team. In this event:
- you would find out the different factors which led to your team's defeat and rectify them in order to win the match.
 - you would scold the players for not being the winner in the match.
 - you would look at your team's drawbacks but you feel that your team should not think about the past.

23. Your father has brought a fine wrist watch for you. You keep the watch in your guest room. One day when you come back from your school you discover that your watch is missing. You believe Vinod, son of the maid servant, might have taken the watch. In this event:
- you would ask your family members whether they have seen Vinod with wrist watch.
 - you would ask everybody who comes to your house whether they have seen Vinod with the wrist watch.
 - you would ask Vinod whether he has taken the wrist watch.
24. Suppose you find that at the back of your shirt someone has written 'Donkey'. What do you do then?
- you think that somebody in the class would have done it but it is of no use to ask anybody.
 - You take it as a joke.
 - You find out the culprit by yourself instead of remaining silent over it.
25. You have gone to Railway Station to receive your uncle who is supposed to come from Bombay. When the train reaches the station you do not find your uncle. Would you then:
- think that uncle might have cancelled the programme?
 - be sure that uncle has cancelled the programme?
 - think that cancellation may be one cause of uncle's not coming but there might be some other reasons for it also?
26. Once you discover the rose plant which you like very much is missing from your garden. You doubt Sanjeeb who was once asking you for a rose plant, might have stolen it. In this case you would like to:
- ask Sanjeeb whether he has taken the rose plant.

- b. ask the neighbour whether they have seen Sanjeeb taking the rose plant.
 - c. ask everybody in the colony whether they have seen Sanjeeb taking the rose plant.
27. Suppose, your Geometry box is stolen by somebody while you are away from the classroom. In this event:
- a. you would find the boy who has taken the Geometry box.
 - b. you would purchase a new Geometry box.
 - c. you would be cautious about your other articles lest they also be stolen like the Geometry box.
28. On your birth day, your intimate friend does not come to participate in the function. You are very much worried about it. What do you like to do then?
- a. You think that he might have gone somewhere with his parents or his parents might have not allowed him to attend birthday.
 - b. You are certain that he has gone somewhere with his parents.
 - c. You think that he might have gone somewhere with his parents.
29. You have hung a very good collection of stamps on the hostel wall. Once when you come back after attending classes you discover that your collection of stamps are not there on the wall.
- You believe that it could be Rahul who was asking you for some stamps might have taken it. Would you then like to:
- a. ask your room partners whether they have seen Rahul with your collection of stamps?
 - b. ask everybody in the hostel whether they have seen Rahul with your collection of stamps?
 - c. ask Rahul whether he has taken your collection of stamps?

30. One day you find that the window panes of your house have been broken by somebody. What do you like to do then?
- a. You are sure that Naresh who does not talk to you has broken the window panes.
 - b. You believe that Naresh who does not talk to you might have broken the window panes.
 - c. You believe that Naresh who does not talk to you might have broken the window panes or Mohan who is a wicked boy in your village might have done it.