

Loyola Generativity Scale

Name: _____ Date: _____

Instructions: For each of the following statements, indicate how often the statement applies to you by marking the appropriate number in the space in front of each statement.

- Mark “0” if the statement **never** applies to you.
- Mark “1” if the statement **only occasionally or seldom** applies to you.
- Mark “2” if the statement applies to you **fairly often**.
- Mark “3” if the statement applies to you **very often or nearly always**.

Statement	Never (0)	Only occasionally or seldom (1)	Fairly often (2)	Very often or nearly always (3)
1. Try to pass along the knowledge I have gained through my experiences.				
2. I feel that other people need me.				
3. I think I would like the work of a teacher.				
4. I feel as though I have made a difference to many people.				
5. I volunteer to work for a charity.				
6. I have made and created things that have had an impact on other people.				
7. I try to be creative in most things that I do.				
8. I think that I will be remembered for a long time after I die.				
9. I believe that society should be responsible for providing food and shelter for all homeless people.				
10. Others would say that I have made unique contributions to society.				
11. If I were unable to have children of my own, I would like to adopt children.				
12. I have important skills that I try to teach others.				

Statement	Never (0)	Only occasionally or seldom (1)	Fairly often (2)	Very often or nearly always (3)
13. I feel that things I have done in my life will survive after I die.				
14. I feel as though I have done a lot to contribute to others.				
15. I have made many commitments to many different kinds of people, groups, and activities in my life.				
16. Other people say that I am a very productive person.				
17. I have a responsibility to improve the neighborhood in which I live.				
18. People come to me for advice.				
19. I feel as though my contributions will exist after I die.				
20. I feel as though my contributions will exist after I die.				
Total score:				

Scoring and interpretation

Add the scores for the 20 items. A higher score indicates a strong sense of responsibility to help others, often reflected in positive contributions such as creative actions, teaching, or fostering community connections. Lower scores may suggest limited generative behavior or decreased involvement in society.

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