Making Decisions in Everyday Life

| Name | Date | | | |
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| ABOUT ME | | | | |
| 1. I am years old. | 4. Birthdate (MM/DD/YY) | | | |
| 2. I have been in 4-H for years. | 5. How do you describe yourself? (check one) | | | |
| | ☐ African – American, not of Hispanic origin | | | |
| 3. Check one: | American Indian or Alaskan Native | | | |
| I am girl. | Asian/Pacific Islander | | | |
| I am boy. | Hispanic | | | |
| | □ White, not of Hispanic origin | | | |
| | Other- please specify | | | |

Instructions: The following statements describe how you might make a decision in every day life. Circle the number that best corresponds to how often you did what is described in the <u>last 30 days</u>. For example, if you circle 5 for a statement, that means you **always** do what is described in the statement.

WHEN I HAVE A DECISION TO MAKE . . .

| I easily identify my problem. | Never 1 | Rarely 2 | Sometimes 3 | Often 4 | Always 5 |
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| 2. I think about the problem before I take action. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. I look for information to help me understand the problem. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. I ask others to help me identify my problem. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. I think about ways of dealing with my problem. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. I think before making a choice. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. I discuss choices with my friends before making a decision. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8. I discuss choices with my parents before making a decision. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9. I look for positive points of possible choices. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10. I look for negative points of possible choices. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 11. I consider the risks of a choice before making a decision. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

| Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Always |
|-------|--------|------------------|-------|--------|
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| 12. I consider the benefits of a choice before making a decision. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| 13. I make decisions based on what my parents tell me. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 14. When faced with a decision, I realize that some choices are better than others. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 15. I make a decision by thinking about all the information I have about the different choices. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 16. I prioritize my choices before making a decision. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 17. Before making another decision, I think about how the last one turned out. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 18. I do think of past choices when making new decisions. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 19. If I experience negative consequences, I change my decision the next time. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 20. Decision-making is easy for me. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

WHAT FACTORS INFLUENCE YOUR DECSIONS?

Rate how often the following factors influence your decisions.

| rate now often the following factors | Never | Rarely | Sometimes | Often | Always |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|
| 1. Personal experience | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. Close friends | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. Feelings or emotions | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. Parents | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. Brothers and sisters | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. Personal values | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. Advertising | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8 Television or movies | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9. Peer pressure | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10. Other adults | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |