

Ambition Scale

Directions for taking the Ambition Scale: Please respond to the following 5 items. Be honest – there are no right or wrong answers!

1. I aim to be the best in the world at what I do.
 - Very much like me
 - Mostly like me
 - Somewhat like me
 - Not much like me
 - Not like me at all

 2. I am ambitious.
 - Very much like me
 - Mostly like me
 - Somewhat like me
 - Not much like me
 - Not like me at all

 3. Achieving something of lasting importance is the highest goal in life.
 - Very much like me
 - Mostly like me
 - Somewhat like me
 - Not much like me
 - Not like me at all

 4. I think achievement is overrated.
 - Very much like me
 - Mostly like me
 - Somewhat like me
 - Not much like me
 - Not like me at all

 5. I am driven to succeed.
 - Very much like me
 - Mostly like me
 - Somewhat like me
 - Not much like me
 - Not like me at all
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Scoring:

1. For questions 1, 2, 3 and 5 assign the following points:
 - 5 = Very much like me
 - 4 = Mostly like me
 - 3 = Somewhat like me

2 = Not much like me
1 = Not like me at all

2. For question 4 assign the following points:
- 1 = Very much like me
 - 2 = Mostly like me
 - 3 = Somewhat like me
 - 4 = Not much like me
 - 5 = Not like me at all

Add up all the points and divide by 5. The maximum score on this scale is 5 (extremely ambitious), and the lowest score on this scale is 1 (not at all ambitious).

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