

8- Item Grit Scale

Directions for taking the Grit Scale: Please respond to the following 8 items. Be honest – there are no right or wrong answers!

1. New ideas and projects sometimes distract me from previous ones.*
 - Very much like me
 - Mostly like me
 - Somewhat like me
 - Not much like me
 - Not like me at all

2. Setbacks (delays and obstacles) don't discourage me.
 - Very much like me
 - Mostly like me
 - Somewhat like me
 - Not much like me
 - Not like me at all

3. I have been obsessed with a certain idea or project for a short time but later lost interest.*
 - Very much like me
 - Mostly like me
 - Somewhat like me
 - Not much like me
 - Not like me at all

4. I am a hard worker.
 - Very much like me
 - Mostly like me
 - Somewhat like me
 - Not much like me
 - Not like me at all

5. I often set a goal but later choose to pursue (follow) a different one. *
 - Very much like me
 - Mostly like me
 - Somewhat like me
 - Not much like me
 - Not like me at all

6. I have difficulty maintaining (keeping) my focus on projects that take more than a few months to complete. *
 - Very much like me
 - Mostly like me
 - Somewhat like me
 - Not much like me
 - Not like me at all

7. I finish whatever I begin.
- Very much like me
 - Mostly like me
 - Somewhat like me
 - Not much like me
 - Not like me at all
8. I am diligent (hard working and careful).
- 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 2, 4, 7 and 8 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 questions 1, 3, 5 and 6 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 8. The maximum score on this scale is 5 (extremely gritty), and the lowest score on this scale is 1 (not at all gritty).

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