Career Interest Survey

NAME ______________________________________ DATE ______________________________

An interest assessment helps identify careers you would enjoy

What activities interest you? Where do your career interests fall? Take the following career interest survey to help you target some general types of careers that interest you from the hundreds of possibilities.

1. Assess how well you’d like to do each work-related activity on pages 2-3 by circling a rating for the activity. Use the rating scale provided on each page.

2. Remove the answer sheet on page 4 to score your assessment. Follow the instructions on the answer sheet.

3. Once you’ve determined your primary, secondary and third highest interest areas using your answer sheet, find the corresponding interest areas below. Since people work better in occupations that match their interests and personality, these occupations are grouped to reflect what people with these interest areas like to do.

- **Artistic "Creators"** These individuals are artistic and like change. They enjoy using their imagination, creativity, feelings and intuition. They like working in jobs where they are free to set their own schedule.
- **Conventional "Organizer"** These individuals are detail oriented and organized. They like to analyze data, keep financial records and do research. They can be counted on to be accurate and enjoy structure and closure.
- **Enterprising "Persuader"** These individuals like to influence, persuades or leads people and manages others. They enjoy working on a team toward goals, competition and business-like activities.
- **Investigative "Thinker"** These individuals are interested in science and logic. They like to analyze, evaluate and solve problems, and enjoy learning and understanding the causes of events.
- **Realistic "Doer"** These individuals prefer to work with objects, things, machines, tools, plants, or animals. They have mechanical ability, enjoy being outdoors, and working with their hands.
- **Social "Helper"** These individuals like to work with other people. They enjoy teaching, helping and curing people. They are good with words.

4. To expand your career interest research, use the results of this survey to look into specific jobs that you would like to do.
1. Design an office building. 1 2 3 4 5
2. Broadcast the evening news. 1 2 3 4 5
3. Inspect buildings to detect fire hazards. 1 2 3 4 5
4. Control air traffic at an airport. 1 2 3 4 5
5. Plan and oversee the construction of a school. 1 2 3 4 5
6. Welcome and seat people in a restaurant. 1 2 3 4 5
7. Evaluate the results of a new program. 1 2 3 4 5
8. Develop or make changes in computer systems. 1 2 3 4 5
9. Read X-rays and ultrasound recordings. 1 2 3 4 5
10. Fight fires. 1 2 3 4 5
11. Treat people who have hearing disorders. 1 2 3 4 5
12. Help people develop financial plans. 1 2 3 4 5
13. Photograph people or nature scenes. 1 2 3 4 5
14. Prepare materials for museum collections and exhibits. 1 2 3 4 5
15. Estimate damage to motor vehicles. 1 2 3 4 5
16. Read meters and record the use of electricity or water. 1 2 3 4 5
17. Manage a farm or ranch for another owner. 1 2 3 4 5
18. Help a customer choose clothes. 1 2 3 4 5
19. Treat diseases in animals. 1 2 3 4 5
20. Solve problems by applying mathematical formulas or models. 1 2 3 4 5
21. Drive a large tractor-trailer truck. 1 2 3 4 5
22. Keep a building clean and orderly. 1 2 3 4 5
23. Help individuals prevent mental health problems. 1 2 3 4 5
24. Teach in an elementary or high school. 1 2 3 4 5
25. Work in a library. 1 2 3 4 5
26. Teach art, drama or music at a college. 1 2 3 4 5
27. Help people when they have problems using their computer. 1 2 3 4 5
28. Compute and record numbers correctly. 1 2 3 4 5
29. Coordinate the activities of a bank. 1 2 3 4 5
30. Sell goods or services to others. 1 2 3 4 5

Use this Scale
1–Dislike very much 2–Dislike
3–Not sure 4–Like
5–Like very much

31. Test computer equipment. 1 2 3 4 5
32. Perform medical laboratory tests. 1 2 3 4 5
33. Trim trees. 1 2 3 4 5
34. Care for animals in a kennel. 1 2 3 4 5
35. Assist a dentist. 1 2 3 4 5
36. Help patients feed or dress themselves. 1 2 3 4 5
37. Create handmade objects for sale. 1 2 3 4 5
38. Select and take care of costumes for theater casts or entertainers. 1 2 3 4 5
39. Sort mail for delivery. 1 2 3 4 5
40. Prepare tax returns for individuals or small businesses. 1 2 3 4 5
41. Plan and coordinate activities for a convention. 1 2 3 4 5
42. Be responsible for the operation of a motel. 1 2 3 4 5
43. Study the needs of communities for housing and schools. 1 2 3 4 5
44. Analyze physical evidence related to crimes. 1 2 3 4 5
45. Paint the inside of a house. 1 2 3 4 5
46. Service aircraft engines. 1 2 3 4 5
47. Lead worship services. 1 2 3 4 5
48. Help a patient relearn to walk. 1 2 3 4 5
49. Play a musical instrument. 1 2 3 4 5
50. Arrange flowers. 1 2 3 4 5
51. Keep records for a company on incoming and outgoing materials. 1 2 3 4 5
52. Prepare and file correspondence. 1 2 3 4 5
53. Buy merchandise or materials for resale. 1 2 3 4 5
54. Defend someone in a trial. 1 2 3 4 5
55. Diagnose and treat illnesses. 1 2 3 4 5
56. Treat dental problems. 1 2 3 4 5
57. Build a garage. 1 2 3 4 5
58. Operate a combine. 1 2 3 4 5
59. Guard important property. 1 2 3 4 5
60. Teach a trade or skill in a vocational-technical school. 1 2 3 4 5
61. Perform in a play. 1 2 3 4 5
62. Write a novel. 1 2 3 4 5
63. Answer questions and obtain information needed by customers. 1 2 3 4 5
64. Register and assign rooms to motel guests. 1 2 3 4 5
65. Interpret laws. 1 2 3 4 5
66. Help prepare legal documents. 1 2 3 4 5
67. Research problems related to farm crops or farm animals. 1 2 3 4 5
68. Teach biology in a college. 1 2 3 4 5
69. Repair VCR and CD players. 1 2 3 4 5
70. Assemble or rebuild machines. 1 2 3 4 5
71. Keep order in a court of law. 1 2 3 4 5
72. Serve food to others. 1 2 3 4 5
73. Direct a motion picture. 1 2 3 4 5
74. Decorate the interior of an office building or home. 1 2 3 4 5
75. Make travel reservations for others. 1 2 3 4 5
76. Dispatch work crews to work sites. 1 2 3 4 5
77. Investigate crimes. 1 2 3 4 5
78. Supervise people who prepare and serve food. 1 2 3 4 5
79. Treat eye diseases and injuries. 1 2 3 4 5
80. Study human behavior. 1 2 3 4 5
81. Process photographs. 1 2 3 4 5
82. Lay pipe for a water main. 1 2 3 4 5
83. Care for children in your home. 1 2 3 4 5
84. Help people choose a career path. 1 2 3 4 5
85. Teach dance. 1 2 3 4 5
86. Be a reporter for a newspaper. 1 2 3 4 5
87. Interview people for bank loans. 1 2 3 4 5
88. Receive and pay out money in a bank. 1 2 3 4 5
89. Administer the activities of a hospital. 1 2 3 4 5
90. Help passengers on a flight. 1 2 3 4 5
91. Make exact measurements and determine property boundaries. 1 2 3 4 5
92. Study the weather. 1 2 3 4 5
93. Enforce laws. 1 2 3 4 5
94. Monitor ventilation in a building. 1 2 3 4 5
95. Conduct tours. 1 2 3 4 5
96. Help clients get available benefits and services. 1 2 3 4 5
97. Design a set for a play. 1 2 3 4 5
98. Model clothes at a fashion show. 1 2 3 4 5
99. Process and maintain medical records of patients. 1 2 3 4 5
100. Help a pharmacist prepare medications. 1 2 3 4 5
101. Help people buy or sell a house. 1 2 3 4 5
102. Cut and style peoples’ hair. 1 2 3 4 5
103. Develop computer equipment for commercial use. 1 2 3 4 5
104. Study the physical aspects of the earth. 1 2 3 4 5
105. Pilot a passenger airplane. 1 2 3 4 5
106. Trim, cut or prepare meat for customers. 1 2 3 4 5
107. Be a principal in a school. 1 2 3 4 5
108. Give nursing care to ill or injured patients. 1 2 3 4 5

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Interest Survey Answer Sheet

Use this answer sheet to score the results of your interest survey. Transfer your responses for each of the numbered items on pages 2 and 3 to the blanks provided. Add your responses for each of the six interest areas and circle the three groups with the highest total scores. Refer back to the instructions on page 1 for suggestions on using your results.

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My primary interest area (area with the highest total score)

My secondary interest area (area with the second highest total score)

My third interest area (area with the third highest total score)