

I-E-1. WHAT'S MY EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE SCORE?

ANALYSIS

Scoring Key

This score was calculated by adding your responses to the ten items, with items 2 and 3 reverse-scored (i.e., 5 points for a 1 and 1 point for a 5).

Your score is:

45

Analysis and Interpretation

Emotional intelligence (EI) is an assortment of skills and competencies that have shown to influence a person's ability to succeed in coping with environmental demands and pressures. People with high EI have the ability to accurately perceive, evaluate, express, and regulate emotions and feelings.

This questionnaire taps the five basic dimensions in EI: self-awareness (items 1 and 9), self-management (2, 4), self-motivation (3,7), empathy (5,8), and social skills (6,10).

Your score will fall between 10 and 50. While no definite cutoff scores are available, scores of 40 or higher indicate a high EI. Scores of 20 or less suggest a relatively low EI.

EI may be most predictive of performance in jobs such as sales or management where success is as dependent on interpersonal skills as technical ability. EI should also be relevant in selecting members to teams. People with low EI are likely to have difficulty managing others, making effective sales presentations, and working on teams.

Can EI be learned? A large part of an individual's EI is genetically based. However, you can improve on your EI. See, for instance, J. Segal, Raising Your Emotional Intelligence (Holt, 1997) and A. Simmons and J.C. Simmons, Measuring Emotional Intelligence: The Groundbreaking Guide to Applying the Principles of Emotional Intelligence (Summit, 1998).

My Answers

1. I am usually aware—from moment to moment—of my feelings as they change.	Agree
2. I act before I think.	Strongly disagree
3. When I want something, I want it NOW!	Agree
4. I bounce back quickly from life's setbacks.	Strongly agree
5. I can pick up subtle social cues that indicate others' needs or wants.	Agree
6. I'm very good at handling myself in social situations.	Strongly agree

7. I'm persistent in going after the things I want.

Strongly agree

8. When people share their problems with me, I'm good at putting myself in their shoes.

Strongly agree

9. When I'm in a bad mood, I make a strong effort to get out of it.

Strongly agree

10. I can find common ground and build rapport with people from all walks of life.

Strongly agree

Source: Based on D. Goleman, Emotional Intelligence: Why It Can Matter More Than IQ (New York: Bantam Book, 1995).