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### Measurement Scale Fact Sheet

#### **Sexual Attitude Scale (SAS)**

The Sexual Attitude Scale, or SAS, is designed to measure the liberal versus conservative attitudes towards human sexual expression. Unlike most other WAS scales, the SAS reflects a value position and is not designed to measure a personal or social problem per se. Thus, no score on this instrument should be considered indicative of a clinical disorder. Although it has a cutting score is not a “clinical” cutting score. That is, scores above 50 on the SAS indicate an increasingly conservative orientation towards human sexual expression while scores below 50 indicate an increasingly liberal orientation towards human sexual expression.

Stated differently, those who score 0 or close to 0 are reflecting the most liberal orientation towards human sexual expression the scale is capable of measuring. On the other hand, those who score 100 or close to 100 are reflecting the most conservative orientation towards sexual expression the scale is capable of measuring. The SAS is likely to be of greatest value when attitudes and comfort (or lack thereof) in the domain of human sexuality are at issue for the client.

#### **Score Interpretation**

The scale produces scores that range from 0 to 100. For all practical purposes the scores can be regarded as true ratio scale values.

#### **Cutting Scores**

This scale has a cutting score of 50. Clients who score below 50, assuming candid and accurate responses, and be presumed to be liberal in their orientations to the expression of human sexuality. Those who score above 50 are conservative in their orientation towards humans sexual expression.

#### **Reliability**

The scale consistently achieves an Alpha coefficient of .90 or larger.

#### **Validity**

The scale has been investigated with respect to content, construct, factorial, and known groups validity. It nearly always achieves validity coefficients of .60 or greater.

#### **Readability Statistics**

Flesch reading ease: 63; Gunning's Fog Index: 10; Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level: 7.

#### **References**

The following references provide the currently available research evidence concerning the psychometric characteristics for this measure.

Hudson, Murphy, & Nurius, 1983.



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SEXUAL ATTITUDE SCALE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

This questionnaire is designed to measure the way you feel about sexual behavior. It is not a test, so there is no right or wrong answers. Answer each item as carefully and as accurately as you can by marking a number beside each one as follows:

**SAMPLE**

- 1 = Strongly disagree
- 2 = Disagree
- 3 = Neither agree nor disagree
- 4 = Agree
- 5 = Strongly agree

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ I think there is too much sexual freedom given to adults these days.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ I think that increased sexual freedom undermines the American family.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_
  5. \_\_\_\_\_
  6. \_\_\_\_\_ Sex education should be given only when people are ready for marriage.
  7. \_\_\_\_\_
  8. \_\_\_\_\_
  9. \_\_\_\_\_ I think there is too much sexual freedom given to teenagers these days.
  10. \_\_\_\_\_ I think there is not enough sexual restraint among young people.
  11. \_\_\_\_\_
  12. \_\_\_\_\_
  13. \_\_\_\_\_ I think sex should be reserved for marriage.
  14. \_\_\_\_\_ Sex should be only for the young.
  15. \_\_\_\_\_
  16. \_\_\_\_\_
  17. \_\_\_\_\_ People should not masturbate.
  18. \_\_\_\_\_
  19. \_\_\_\_\_
  20. \_\_\_\_\_
  21. \_\_\_\_\_ There should be no laws prohibiting sexual acts between consenting adults.
  22. \_\_\_\_\_ What two consenting adults do together sexually is their own business.
  23. \_\_\_\_\_
  24. \_\_\_\_\_
  25. \_\_\_\_\_ Pornography should be totally banned from our bookstores.