

Approach to Life B

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INSTRUCTIONS: People often experience events that are unpleasant or stressful. We are interested in how you TYPICALLY HANDLE OR COPE with stress. The items below represent thoughts or behaviors that people use to cope with stress. Circle a number next to each item to show how often you cope with stress in that way. If a number is circled incorrectly, mark through it with an "X" and circle the correct response.

		Never	Seldom	Some- Times	Often	Almost Always
1.	I make a plan of action and follow it	1	2	3	4	5
2.	I look for the silver lining or try to look on the bright side of things	1	2	3	4	5
3.	I try to spend time alone	1	2	3	4	5

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4.	I hope the problem will take care of itself	1	2	3	4	5
5.	I try to let my emotions out	1	2	3	4	5
6.	I try to talk about it with a friend or family	1	2	3	4	5
7.	I try to put the problem out of my mind	1	2	3	4	5
8.	I tackle the problem head-on	1	2	3	4	5
9.	I step back from the situation and try to put things into perspective	1	2	3	4	5
10.	I tend to blame myself	1	2	3	4	5

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11. I let my feelings out to reduce the stress	1	2	3	4	5
12. I hope for a miracle	1	2	3	4	5
13. I ask a close friend or relative that I respect for help or advice	1	2	3	4	5
14. I try not to think about the problem:	1	2	3	4	5
15. I tend to criticize myself	1	2	3	4	5
16. I keep my thoughts and feelings to myself	1	2	3	4	5

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