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VINELAND-SOCIAL MATURITY SCALE PROFILE

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The Vineland Social Maturity Scale (VSMS), despite its limitations, is an excellent clinical technique (Pedrini & Pedrini, 1966). It is more clinical than psychometric in nature, even though the VSMS results in a quantitative score. It is more than a questionnaire and more than a rating scale. The interview technique is helpful in obtaining data relevant for counseling and remediation. The behavior-observation technique is helpful in assessing interview-validity and social-interaction. The VSMS is a good single measure of adaptive intelligence or adaptive behavior, especially for youngsters.

The VSMS appears to have inspired other scales. Some of them are included in various mental measurements yearbooks (e.g., Buros, 1972). Many studies have been generated by this Scale.

Profiles for the Vineland are not new. In his book, the author of the VSMS, Doll (1953, p. 577) included a profile that was developed by Myer. Profiles were also developed by Iscoe (1960) and Holroyd (1966). Pedrini and Pedrini (1966) re-grouped the VSMS items using logic and reasonableness. The Profile presented in this paper uses the newer content areas. It is different in other respects also, e.g., in inclusion of scoring criterion, and in format. The ability levels of youngsters in various areas of personal-social functioning can be readily noted. Pre-school, early-school, and special-education students could profit from this kind of analysis. The VSMS Profile is recommended and should be helpful to school counselors, school psychologists, and teachers.

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VINELAND SOCIAL MATURITY SCALE PROFILE

Name	School	Address	
S.B.	L.A.	Informant	Relationship to Client
YEARS: 0-1 1-2 2-3 3-4 4-5 5-6 6-7 7-8 8-9 9-10 10-11 11-12 12-15 15-18 18-20 20-25 25+			
I. Drinking,	11	20	38
Eating	16	25	39
	28		
	30		
	33		
II. Dressing,	21	35	47
Clothing	37	50	52
	40	54	65
	42		
III. Moving,	2	13	41
Walking	3	23	45
	5	26	
	6	29	
	8	32	
	9		
	12		
	13		
	15		
IV. Communicating:	1	31	44
Understanding, Speaking,	10	34	58
Reading, Writing	17	43	55
V. Playing,	7	19	36
Working	22	43	57
	24		71
			72
VI. Relating,	4	27	46
Socializing	14	49	56
			59
			68
VII. Self-Directing,	53	60	68
Buying	61		76
			77
			83
			87
			92
			95
			103
			104
			105
			100
			101

Scoring for the Vineland Social Maturity Scale Profile:

- + items are those tasks the client does perform regularly; such items receive full credit.
- 0 items are those tasks the client does not perform but could perform regularly if presented with the occasion; such items receive half credit.
- ± items are those tasks which the client is developing and are sometimes performed correctly; such items receive half credit.
- 0 items are those tasks the client does not perform because of some special restraint and could not perform regularly if presented with the occasion; such items receive no credit.
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	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8
	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12
	12-15	15-18	18-20	20-25
	25+			
I. Drinking,	11	20	38	62
Eating	16	25	39	75
	28			
	30			
	33			
II. Dressing,	21	35	47	51
Cleansing	37	50	52	65
	40			
	42			
				86
III. Moving,	2	18	41	45
Walking	3	23		
	5			
	6			
	8			
	9			
	12			
	13			
	15			

0-1 1-2 2-3 3-4 4-5 5-6 6-7 7-8 8-9 9-10 10-11 11-12 12-15 15-18 18-20 20-25 25+

IV. Communicating:	1	31	44	58	63	66	73	78	84	90
Understanding, Speaking,	10	34						79		91
Reading, Writing	17							81		
V. Playing,	7	19	36	48	55	57	71	80	82	89
Working	22	43					72			108
	24								111	
									113	
									114	
									116	
VI. Relating,	4	27	46	56	59	68			65	109
Socializing	14	49		69				88		104 110
									115	
									117	
VII. Self-Directing,	53	60		76			83	87	92	96 102 112
Buying	61			77				93	97	105
								94	99	
								95	100	
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