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ABSTRACT

The Vocational Interest Survey (VIS) is a set of six questionnaire scales for measuring vocational interest. It is designed for Australian users and is consistent with Holland's theory that there are six basic career categories. This paper discusses the development of the VIS and presents some technical data on the questionnaires. Items were provided by the users (in the form of free-association responses) rather than by psychologists. Based on those items, a pilot questionnaire was prepared, which contained three separate lists of 138 occupations, 105 study courses, and 152 activities. Complete-link clustering was used to develop six temporary groups of occupational items. The 105 items relating to study courses were then correlated with the six experimental scales. Further item-analyses were conducted to produce six combined jobs/study courses scales with maximum internal consistency. Finally, activity items were selected and added to the combined jobs/study courses. Reliability of VIS scales was assessed using measures of internal consistency, split-half reliability, and test-retest coefficients. In addition, the intercorrelations of the six VIS scales, the construct validity of the VIS, and the relationship between vocational interests on the VIS and career related characteristics were measured. The appendix provides a listing which summarizes the overall responses to each item. (JAZ)

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The Vocational Interest survey (VIS) provides counsellors and careers advisers with information at low cost and with brief testing time. It provides one more way in which people may learn about occupational options.

The VIS was developed for Australian users, and is consistent with Holland's (1973) theory that there are six basic career categories. However, the questions and categories were developed on a different rationale from Holland's own Vocational Preference Inventory or Self-Directed Search. The format is also different.

The present report provides information on the development of the Vocational Interest Survey and summarises some initial technical data on the six questionnaire scales which make up the VIS.

1. DEVELOPMENT OF THE VOCATIONAL INTEREST SCALES

There were five steps in the development of the Vocational Interest Survey. The initial emphasis was that items should be provided by the users, rather than by psychologists, in order to ensure that the items included were familiar to a majority of subjects. As well, this ensured that items were novel, interesting and culturally relevant.

High school subjects (N=148) were asked in a written free-association task to list as many jobs as they could remember in one minute. The rationale for this procedure was that subjects should be able to recognise items which they had recalled from memory and which they had committed to writing. Simialr free-association tasks in relation to leisure, activities and study courses were also administered to the same subjects, who produced 714 jobs, 999 courses and 1006 activities. Some examples of these responses are provided below:

EXAMPLES OF FREE-ASSOCIATION RESPONSES

Female 15 years

Male 15 years

(A) JOBS

Air hostess
Air steward
Mechanic
Travel Agent
Bank Teller
Typist
Teacher
Shop assistant
Housewife
Navy Officer

Accountant
Ambulance driver
Chief
Cook
Plumber
Builder
Bricklayer
Policeman
Solicitor
Mechanic
Secretary
Lawyer

(B) STUDY COURSES

Maths
English
Science
Geography
History

Law
Police work
Botanist
Marine biologist
Bird watcher

Law
Teaching
Cooking
New Methods
Books - fiction
non - fiction

(C) ACTIVITIES

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Reading | Playing various sports |
| Writing novels | Go hunting |
| Swimming | Watch T.V. |
| Hockey | Go to cinema, driven-in |
| Tennis | Stay at home |
| Surfing | Spend time outdoors |
| Roller skating | |
| Ice skating | |
| Studying | |

In the second stage, only those items which occurred 2 or more times were included in a pilot questionnaire. This reduced the number of idiosyncratic responses, and only generally familiar responses were retained. The pilot questionnaire contained three separate lists of 138 occupations, 105 study courses and 152 activities arranged in homogeneous interest groups (outdoor, mechanical, computational, scientific, persuasive, artistic, literary, musical, social service and clerical). Subjects were asked to indicate those items liked, and responses were scored like = 1 dislike = 0. This pilot questionnaire was then administered to 571 vocational guidance clients (311 females; 260 males) in rural and metropolitan vocational guidance branches throughout the state.

In the third stage, complete link clustering (Johnson, 1967) was used to develop six temporary groups of occupational items, which were of homogeneous content (e.g. all scientific occupations) and broadly consistent with the Holland typology. Items comprising

each scale were then selected to correlate higher with their total score, than any other scale. Five subsequent item-analyses correlated each item with the scale totals, until such time as the six experimental scales had maximal internal-consistency. Statistical and technical details of those scales have been reported previously (Athanasou, 1982).

In the fourth stage, the 105 items relating to study courses were correlated with the six experimental scales. Further item-analyses were conducted along the same lines as above to produce six combined jobs/study courses scales with maximal internal consistency. The final stage involved adding and selecting from the 152 activity items to the combined jobs/study - courses. The final number of items, mean scale scores standard deviations and item correlations are listed in Table 1. The appendix provides a listing which summarises the overall response rate to each item.

The uneven number of items in each scale may deserve some comment as it departs from established practice. To a very large extent it reflects the uneven distribution of occupations and activity preferences in the workforce (i.e. the large number of non-professional, semi-skilled and trades). For example, a random sample of 250 occupations listed in the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO) showed that some 58% of first letter codes were

Realistic or Practical (Athanasou, 1984). Furthermore, there are relatively few opportunities for practising enterprising activities in school environments (Funder et al. 1983). Results of a study by Funder et al. (1983), suggest that in Australia, different kinds of vocational interest show different developmental trends.

TABLE 1: VOCATIONAL INTEREST SURVEY SCALES - TECHNICAL DATA

| SCALE | No. OF ITEMS | SCALE MEAN | SCORES(N=571) STD. DEVN | WOMEN (N=311) MEAN STD. DEVN | MEN(N=260) MEAN STD. DVN | STANDARD ERROR OF MEASUREMENT | AVGE ITEM-TOTAL CORRELATION | AVGE INTER-ITEM CORRELATION |
|------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| PRACTICAL | 65 | 10.93 | 12.27 | 7.56 10.76 | 14.98 12.77 | 2.51 | 0.78 | 0.276 |
| SCIENTIFIC | 35 | 7.49 | 6.58 | 6.04 5.84 | 6.55 6.29 | 2.08 | 0.67 | 0.209 |
| ARTISTIC | 40 | 9.44 | 8.30 | 10.61 9.07 | 8.75 7.58 | 2.27 | 0.69 | 0.234 |
| SOCIAL | 39 | 12.98 | 9.07 | 16.23 8.88 | 9.09 7.69 | 2.43 | 0.67 | 0.246 |
| BUSINESS | 19 | 3.12 | 3.55 | 3.12 3.46 | 3.13 3.68 | 1.39 | 0.74 | 0.228 |
| CLERICAL | 24 | 4.43 | 5.28 | 5.27 5.94 | 3.45 4.18 | 1.56 | 0.82 | 0.309 |

Some items in the VIS appear in more than one section (i.e. jobs, courses, activities) of a category and this may lead to the impression that there is considerable overlap in items. However, it seems to be the case that jobs, courses and activities do not constitute a single domain (Holland, 1973). Correlations between these items in the three sections are generally low, and some examples are provided below:

| | Job | Course | Activity | Item-Total Correlation | Proportion answering "like" |
|----------------------------|-----|--------|----------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| A. Hairdresser-Job | - | .17 | .25 | .686 | .254 |
| Hairdressing-course | | - | .34 | .542 | .271 |
| Hairdressing-activity | | | - | .808 | .454 |
| B. Carpenter-Job | - | .28 | .17 | .906 | .201 |
| Carpenter-course | | - | .27 | .832 | .228 |
| Carpenter-activity | | | - | .713 | .075 |
| C. Builder-Job | - | .23 | .53 | .999 | .161 |
| Builder-course | | - | .35 | .789 | .186 |
| Builder-activity | | | - | .956 | .105 |
| D. Computer programmer-Job | - | .19 | .32 | .691 | .299 |
| Computer operator-Job | | .22 | .30 | .682 | .273 |
| Computers-course | | - | .16 | .942 | .180 |
| Working computers-activity | | | - | .479 | .247 |

Thus, it is argued that there are different perceptions of the "same" item when it is listed as a job, a course of study or an activity. Finally, no item was included in more than one scale.

2. PRELIMINARY TECHNICAL DATA

The preliminary technical data provided in this paper relate to the reliability and consistency of each of the six interest categories or scales of the VIS. Additional data is outlined on the relationships among the six interest categories, and between the VIS and other variables such as ability or personality

Reliability

Reliability of the VIS scales was assessed using measures of internal consistency, split-half reliability and test-retest coefficients. Thus, both the stability and consistency of vocational interest responses were examined.

Coefficient of Internal Consistency

The internal consistency estimates of reliability based on the Kuder-Richardson 20 formula are shown in Table 2. Essentially, these measures indicate the degree to which the items in each scale are measuring the same thing. Results for the original test-development sample indicate that the contents of each scale are relatively homogeneous (0.84 to 0.95). Separate data was collected on 1420 high school students and the internal consistency reliability estimates for each scale were as follows: 0.92, Practical; 0.84,



Scientific; 0.89, Artistic; 0.91, Social; 0.83, Business 0.84, Clerical.

Spilt-half Split-half reliability coefficients from the original sample (N=571) range from 0.86 to 0.96.

Test-Retest The stability of the scales is indicated by the correlation between test scores and scores on retest after a time lapse. For interests, this is an important measure, since the likes and dislikes of adolescents for particular items may vary in the short-term. Data on 96 high school students (44 female and 52 male) tested one-week apart showed the following test-retest coefficients, which range from 0.72 to 0.91:-

| <u>Scale</u> | <u>Test Retest Coefficient (N=96)</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| Practical | 0.81 |
| Scientific | 0.83 |
| Artistic | 0.84 |
| Social | 0.91 |
| Business | 0.72 |
| Clerical | 0.83 |

Coefficients of internal consistency, split-half and test-retest stability, together with the Hoyt's analysis of variance index indicate that the VIS scales have extremely high reliability. In part, these high

reilabilities are due to the large number of items per scale, the methods of item selection and scale construction procedures.

TABLE 2: RELIABILITY OF VIS SCALES

| Scale | Kuder-Richardson 20 Reliability | Rulon Split-Half Reliability | Hoyts Analysis of Variance Reliability |
|------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Practical | 0.95 | 0.96 | 0.98 |
| Scientific | 0.90 | 0.92 | 1.00 |
| Artistic | 0.92 | 0.94 | 1.00 |
| Social | 0.92 | 0.94 | 0.99 |
| Business | 0.84 | 0.86 | 0.95 |
| Clerical | 0.91 | 0.87 | 0.97 |

Scale Relationships

The intercorrelations of the six VIS scales are presented in Table 3. Generally, the hexagonal arrangement of interests proposed by Holland was confirmed. The mean correlation for adjacent scales (RI, IA, AS, SE, EC, CR) was 0.37, for alternate scales on the hexagon (RA, IS, AE, SC, ER, CI) it was 0.31, and for opposite scales on the hexagon (RS, IE, AC) it was 0.21. These results are in accordance with earlier findings, that the relationships between the categories are inversely proportional to the size of the correlations between them. However, it was also

observed that the data are not in the perfect hexagonal order and this point was noted by Holland: "At best, the hexagonal resulting from real world data are misshapen polygons, but this arrangement is superior to the use of unrelated or unordered categories, (1974, p. 43).

TABLE 3: CORRELATION MATRIX-UPPER TRIANGULAR ELEMENTS (N=2459)*

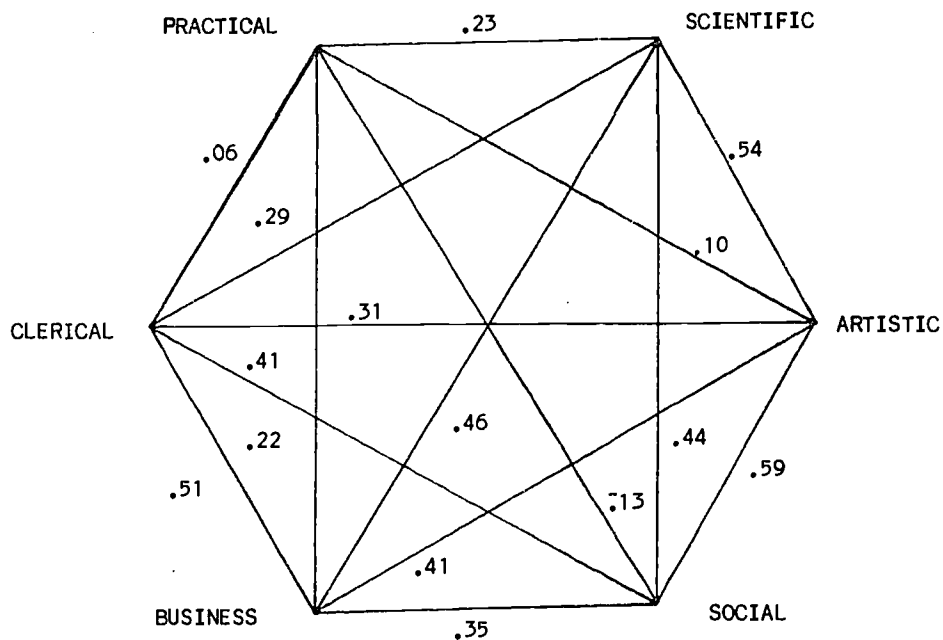
| | PRACT | SCI | ART | SOC | BUS | CLER |
|-------------|-------|------|------|------|-----|------|
| Practical | - | 233* | 101 | -137 | 223 | 067 |
| Scientific | | - | 514 | 441 | 467 | 296 |
| Artistic | | | - | 590 | 410 | 310 |
| Business | | | | - | 351 | 414 |
| Clerical | | | | | - | 514 |
| | | | | | | - |
| Mean | 11.4 | 8.1 | 10.2 | 12.7 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| Stand. Dev. | 10.3 | 5.9 | 7.7 | 8.9 | 4.1 | 5.0 |

Principal components analysis with rotation to the varimax criterion (Kaiser, 1958) produced results comparable with earlier studies, namely, a general factor probably related to method and a bipolar Things (practical) VS People (Social) component (cf Athanasou et al 1981). Loading for components with eigen values > 1.0 are listed in Table 4.

TABLE 4: PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS SOLUTION (n=2459)*

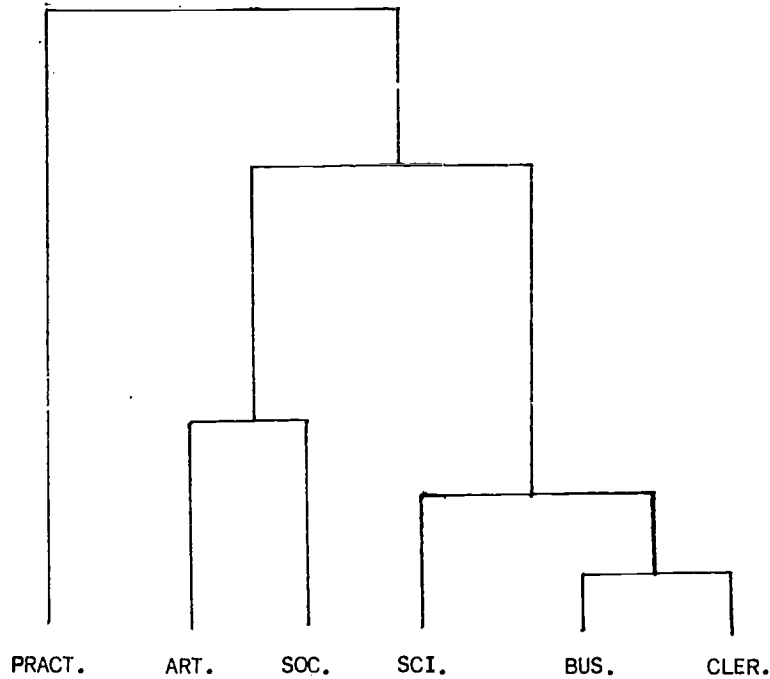
| Scales | UNROTATED | | ROTATED | | h ₂ |
|------------|-----------|-------|------------------|-----|----------------|
| | I | II | I | II | |
| Practical | 20 | 90 | 05 | 93 | 87 |
| Scientific | 75 | 17 | 71 | 29 | 59 |
| Artistic | 77 | -13 | 78 | -00 | 61 |
| Social | 73 | -47 | 80 | -34 | 76 |
| Business | 74 | 22 | 70 | 35 | 61 |
| Clerical | 66 | -05 | 66 | 06 | 44 |
| Eigenvalue | 2.75 | 1.15 | | | |
| | 45.8% | 19.1% | % Total Variance | | |

* Decimal point omitted from Tables 9 and 10.



HEXAGONAL ARRANGEMENT OF VIS SCALES AND INTER-CORRELATIONS (N=2459)

Complete-link clustering using the hierarchical procedure of Johnston (1967) produced a partial match to the Holland (1973) model, in terms of the ordering of interest categories. The independence of all scales especially the Practical scale was also confirmed by these results.



Complete-link clusters of VIS Scales.

Correlation with other measures of Holland's types

Correlations between the Occupations section in each scale of the VIS and six scores from the Occupations section of the Self-Directed Search were available from a pilot study of guidance clients (n=79). In all six instances correlations between the related Self-Directed Search and VIS scales (i.e. Practical with Realistic; Scientific with Investigative; Artistic with Artistic; Social with Social; Business with Enterprising; Clerical with Conventional) were highest

(see Table 3). Some perspective on these results was provided by correlations between Holland's Vocational Preference Inventory and the Self-Directed Search, also developed by Holland. The median correlation was 0.43 for males and 0.55 for females (Holland, 1979). For the six UNIACT (Lamb & Prediger, 1981) and VPI scales, the median was 0.46 for males and 0.52 for females. For the VIS, the median correlation was 0.64 and indicated the close relationship in format and style of these two measure of Holland types.

Other measures of interests, ability, and personality

Additional data relevant to the construct validity of the VIS are provided in this section. an understanding of what the VIS scales are measuring and the pertinence of these scales is gained by examining their relationships to cognitive measures, personality ratings, and vocational constructs.

Correlations with self-estimates of Kuder interests from the Kuder Interest Survey - KIS (Athanasou, 1980) are shown in Table 5 the KIS was administered the same time as the pilot questionnaire to 571 guidance clients. Both inventories were designed to measure basic interests, and the highest correlations for related scales support the expected results.

Relationships between the VIS Occupations items in each scale and the Eysenck Personality Questionnaire (Eysenck & Eysenck, 1976) are indicated in Table 5. Data were based on the responses of 30 guidance clients and support previous findings of low correlations between personality and vocational interests (c.f. Athanasou et al. 1982). The New England Personality Questionnaire (Fitzgerald & Cole 1976) which measures extraversion, anxiety and flexibility was administered with the VIS to 77 senior high school students. Results (see Table 5) again confirm the pattern of low correlations with career interests. The VIS and the Marlow - Crowne Social Desirability scale (Greenwald & Satow, 1970) were also administered to another separate sample of 82 high school students. Results indicate the responses to the VIS are not correlated with social desirability response set (see Table 5).

The VIS was correlated with a variety of cognitive measures. Linguistic and quantitative reasoning were assessed by the Wesman Personnel Classification Test with 134 high school students. A general reasoning factor was assessed by using the B Scale of the IPAT Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire with 92 high school students. General knowledge was assessed by the information sub-test of the Naylor-Harwood Adult Intelligence Scale (an Australian adaptation of the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale). This was administered to 124 high school students in order to

measure an aspect of verbal IQ and breadth of interests. Results indicated low correlations between interests and abilities (Table 5). The highest correlation of 0.35 was between the NHAIS Information and Scientific interests.

Correlations with vocational characteristics

Tables 5 also provides an outline of the relationship between vocational interests on the VIS and career-related characteristics. These results were based on separate studies of high school students. The total score on the Job Knowledge Survey (Loesch, 1978) was not significantly related ($\alpha = 0.05$) to any of the six VIS scales. The level of career decidedness was assessed by the Career Decision Scale (Holland & Holland, 1977). Again, this variable was relatively independent from interests. When subjects were divided into decided or undecided based on the Occupations Alternative Questionnaire (Slaney, 1980) it was apparent that being decided or undecided about a career was not significantly correlated with career interests. The extent of career exploration was assessed using a checklist - Finding out facts about jobs (Athanasou, 1986). Except for the Practical and Clerical scales, there was a significant ($p < 0.05$) positive correlation between the extent of career exploration and the level of some career interests.

Finally, high school students' (N=946) self-ratings of their vocational interests on a 7 - point Likert scale (Very high to very low) correlated significantly and positively with measured interests from the six scales of the VIS.

TABLE 5 CORRELATIONS OF SCALES WITH OTHER MEASURES*

| SCALES | | PRACTICAL | SCIENTIFIC | ARTISTIC | SOCIAL | BUSINESS | CLERICAL |
|---|-----|-----------|------------|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| <u>Self-Directed Search (N=79)¹</u> | | | | | | | |
| Realistic | 64 | 32 | -01 | -22 | 24 | 80 | |
| Investigative | 18 | 69 | 29 | 17 | 26 | 19 | |
| Artistic | -00 | 33 | 73 | 44 | 47 | 09 | |
| Social | 06 | 46 | 43 | 60 | 42 | 21 | |
| Enterprising | 28 | 32 | 37 | 24 | 63 | 37 | |
| Conventional | 13 | 20 | 07 | 10 | 34 | 52 | |
| <u>Self-estimates (N=946)</u> | | | | | | | |
| Practical | 48 | 09 | -03 | -18 | 02 | -04 | |
| Scientific | 06 | 51 | 12 | 04 | 22 | 06 | |
| Artistic | -14 | 10 | 50 | 22 | 07 | 01 | |
| Social | -20 | 17 | 26 | 57 | 10 | 11 | |
| Business | -05 | 07 | 12 | 18 | 40 | 20 | |
| Clerical | -08 | -03 | -04 | 07 | 22 | 60 | |
| <u>Kuder Interest Survey (N=571)²</u> | | | | | | | |
| Outdoor | 29 | 27 | | | | | |
| Mechanical | 60 | | | -32 | | 52 | |
| Computational | | | | | 23 | | |
| Scientific | | 50 | | | | | |
| Persuasive | | | | 25 | 34 | | |
| Artistic | | | 54 | 20 | | | |
| Literary | | | 25 | 24 | | | |
| Musical | | | 23 | | | | |
| Social Service | -23 | | | 51 | | | |
| Clerical | | | | 20 | | 58 | |
| <u>Eysenck Personality Questionnaire (N=30)^{1,2}</u> | | | | | | | |
| Psychoticism | 10 | | | | | | |
| Extraversion | | | 31 | | | | |
| Neuroticism | | | | | 37 | 38 | |
| Lie | | 24 | | | | | |

* Decimals omitted

¹Correlation with VIS-Occupations section

²Highest Correlations only

| SCALES | PRACTICAL | SCIENTIFIC | ARTISTIC | SOCIAL | BUSINESS | CLERICAL |
|---|-----------|------------|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| <u>New England Personality Questionnaire (N=77)²</u> | | | | | | |
| Extraversion | 36 | -15 | | | 16 | |
| Anxiety | | | | -18 | | |
| Flexibility | | | 11 | | | -16 |
| <u>Marlow-Crowne Social Desirability Scale (N=82)</u> | | | | | | |
| Social Desirability | 07 | 13 | 13 | 06 | -07 | 10 |
| <u>Wesman Personnel Classification Test (N=134)</u> | | | | | | |
| General Reasoning | 06 | 03 | -11 | -25 | | -22 |
| <u>IPAT Intelligence Factor B (N=92)</u> | | | | | | |
| Factor B - Intelligence | -04 | 24 | 20 | -03 | 14 | -05 |
| <u>NHAIS Information Test (N=124)</u> | | | | | | |
| Information | 16 | 34 | 27 | -12 | 16 | -11 |
| <u>Job Knowledge Survey (N=77)</u> | | | | | | |
| Job Knowledge | -05 | 05 | -14 | 02 | -06 | 01 |
| <u>Career Decision Scale (N=64)</u> | | | | | | |
| Decidedness | 17 | -04 | -05 | 14 | -02 | -22 |
| <u>Occupational Alternatives Questionnaire (N=64)</u> | | | | | | |
| Decide (N=45) vs | 09 | 01 | 19 | 31 | 08 | 78 |
| Undecided (N=19) | | | | | | |
| <u>Finding out Facts about Jobs (N=101)</u> | | | | | | |
| Career exploration | 08 | 48 | 48 | 45 | 22 | 05 |

* Decimals omitted
¹Correlations with VIS
²Highest correlations only



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APPENDIX RESPONSE RATES AND ITEM-TOTAL CORRELATIONS

| Item | Corrected Biserial Item-Total Correlations | Proportion answering 'like' |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| <u>PRACTICAL</u> | | |
| Farmer | 0.547 | 0.296 |
| Greenkeeper | 0.497 | 0.182 |
| Labourer | 0.706 | 0.091 |
| Surveyor | 0.584 | 0.144 |
| Grazier | 0.499 | 0.093 |
| Sportsman/Sportswoman | 0.423 | 0.326 |
| Mechanic | 0.912 | 0.245 |
| Electrician | 0.876 | 0.203 |
| Carpenter | 0.906 | 0.201 |
| Engineer | 0.791 | 0.184 |
| Plumber | 0.940 | 0.121 |
| Butcher* | 0.639 | 0.084 |
| Builder | 0.999 | 0.161 |
| Boatbuilder | 0.428 | 0.278 |
| Boilermaker | 0.930 | 0.079 |
| Truck Driver | 0.785 | 0.119 |
| Fitter & Turner | 0.919 | 0.098 |
| Panelbeater | .880 | 0.119 |
| Auto Electrician | .600 | 0.123 |
| Civil Engineer | .50 | 0.079 |
| Tiler | .50 | 0.084 |
| Apprentice | 0.809 | 0.245 |
| Miner | 0.799 | 0.079 |
| Technician | 0.788 | 0.103 |
| Pilot | 0.864 | 0.140 |
| Cabinetmaker | 0.819 | 0.149 |
| Concreter | 0.903 | 0.049 |
| Driver | 0.698 | 0.137 |
| Electrical Fitter/Mechanic | 0.913 | 0.144 |
| Electronic Technician | 0.731 | 0.124 |
| Electronic Engineer | 0.819 | 0.072 |
| Machinist | 0.937 | 0.060 |
| Toolmaker | 0.627 | 0.356 |
| Maps | 0.555 | 0.396 |
| Engineering | 0.418 | 0.333 |
| Mechanics | 0.667 | 0.275 |
| Technical Courses | 0.413 | 0.417 |
| Electronics | 0.907 | 0.098 |
| Apprenticeships | 0.701 | 0.175 |
| Boilermaking | 0.798 | 0.137 |
| Building | 0.789 | 0.186 |
| Carpentry | 0.832 | 0.228 |
| Driving | 0.933 | 0.166 |
| Civil Engineering | 0.917 | 0.119 |
| Industrial Arts | 0.533 | 0.133 |
| Metalwork | 0.709 | 0.133 |
| Plumbing | 0.594 | 0.403 |
| Woodwork | 0.634 | 0.126 |
| Shooting | 0.796 | 0.182 |
| Bricklayer | 0.948 | 0.131 |

| Item | Corrected Biserial Item-Total Correlations | Proportion answering 'like' |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Playing Football | 0.872 | 0.212 |
| Fighting | 0.671 | 0.166 |
| Car racing | 0.712 | 0.201 |
| Driving | 0.769 | 0.264 |
| Laying bricks | 0.869 | 0.208 |
| Operating machines | 0.948 | 0.061 |
| Constructing | 0.986 | 0.133 |
| Repairing | 0.874 | 0.182 |
| Fixing cars | 0.583 | 0.245 |
| Doing carpentry | 0.713 | 0.075 |
| Doing metalwork | 0.558 | 0.109 |
| Moving lawns | 1.000 | 0.103 |
| Building | 0.956 | 0.105 |
| Riding motor-bikes | 0.762 | 0.219 |

SCIENTIFIC

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|------------------|-------|-------|
| Marine Engineer | 0.583 | 0.119 |
| Doctor | 0.639 | 0.205 |
| Dentist | 0.616 | 0.273 |
| Veterinarian | 0.608 | 0.273 |
| Scientist | 0.844 | 0.165 |
| Pharmacist | 0.481 | 0.180 |
| Physicist | 0.692 | 0.084 |
| Zoologist | 0.680 | 0.243 |
| Geologist | 0.808 | 0.114 |
| Orthodontist | 0.545 | 0.049 |
| Surgeon | 0.737 | 0.149 |
| Physiotherapist | 0.449 | 0.112 |
| Animals | 0.482 | 0.515 |
| Agriculture | 0.415 | 0.482 |
| Wildlife | 0.512 | 0.229 |
| Environment | 0.556 | 0.333 |
| Nature | 0.477 | 0.329 |
| Science | 0.493 | 0.222 |
| Chemistry | 0.566 | 0.471 |
| Medicine | 0.694 | 0.349 |
| Biology | 0.699 | 0.263 |
| Physics | 0.626 | 0.243 |
| Dentistry | 0.754 | 0.238 |
| Geology | 0.686 | 0.166 |
| Evolution | 0.734 | 0.156 |
| Fossils | 0.733 | 0.275 |
| Veterinary | 0.586 | 0.140 |
| Zoology | 0.535 | 0.088 |
| Psychology | 0.794 | 0.117 |
| Sociology | 0.693 | 0.172 |
| Bushwalking | 0.734 | 0.135 |
| Experimenting | 0.705 | 0.212 |
| Thinking | 0.717 | 0.228 |
| Comprehending | 0.538 | 0.194 |
| Solving problems | 0.503 | 0.126 |

| Item | Corrected Biserial Item-Total Correlation | Proportion answering 'like' |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| <u>ARTISTIC</u> | | |
| Painter | 0.654 | 0.196 |
| Architect | 0.514 | 0.231 |
| Artist | 0.944 | 0.256 |
| Interior Decorator | 0.764 | 0.308 |
| Fashion Designer | 0.713 | 0.233 |
| Florist | 0.491 | 0.079 |
| Jeweller | 0.580 | 0.161 |
| Photographer | 0.611 | 0.370 |
| Designer | 0.885 | 0.205 |
| Signwriter | 0.665 | 0.235 |
| Tracer | 0.677 | 0.067 |
| Actor/Actress | 0.642 | 0.270 |
| Journalist | 0.539 | 0.224 |
| Writer | 0.595 | 0.142 |
| Musician | 0.435 | 0.187 |
| Dancer | 0.557 | 0.203 |
| Flowers | 0.519 | 0.273 |
| Crafts | 0.608 | 0.114 |
| Art | 0.440 | 0.615 |
| Architecture | 0.725 | 0.417 |
| Painting | 0.777 | 0.320 |
| Art History | 0.857 | 0.277 |
| Acting | 0.802 | 0.326 |
| Poetry | 0.906 | 0.254 |
| Cultures | 0.922 | 0.165 |
| Doing handcrafts | 0.760 | 0.266 |
| Rug making | 0.656 | 0.280 |
| Joking | 0.518 | 0.468 |
| Drawing | 0.502 | 0.243 |
| Painting | 0.541 | 0.284 |
| Designing | 0.481 | 0.261 |
| Sketching | 0.458 | 0.117 |
| Creating | 0.574 | 0.191 |
| Sculpting | 0.927 | 0.277 |
| Doing pottery | 0.605 | 0.184 |
| Acting | 0.819 | 0.210 |
| Photography | 0.678 | 0.102 |
| Writing | 0.693 | 0.222 |
| Going to theatre/plays | 0.633 | 0.112 |
| Singing | 0.576 | 0.100 |

SOCIAL

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| Hairdresser | 0.686 | 0.254 |
| Teacher | 0.604 | 0.303 |
| Nurse | 0.714 | 0.173 |
| Social Worker | 0.669 | 0.317 |
| Vocational Guidance Officer | 0.487 | 0.142 |
| Child Care Assistant | 0.702 | 0.270 |
| Pre-school teacher | 0.726 | 0.259 |
| Nurse's aide | 0.634 | 0.116 |
| Occupational Therapist | 0.444 | 0.079 |
| Cooking | 0.552 | 0.243 |

| Item | Corrected Biserial Item-Total Correlation | Proportion answering 'like' |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| <u>ARTISTIC</u> | | |
| Home Economics | 0.451 | 0.271 |
| Hairdressing | 0.542 | 0.335 |
| Health | 0.620 | 0.461 |
| Teaching | 0.638 | 0.231 |
| People | 0.648 | 0.243 |
| Nursing | 0.670 | 0.219 |
| Playing netball | 0.656 | 0.455 |
| Doing gymnastics | 0.576 | 0.496 |
| Going to the park | 0.624 | 0.571 |
| Going for picnics | 0.714 | 0.471 |
| Sewing | 0.708 | 0.553 |
| Making clothes | 0.685 | 0.173 |
| Hairdressing | 0.808 | 0.454 |
| Socialising | 0.810 | 0.478 |
| Speaking/Talking | 0.803 | 0.524 |
| Meeting people | 0.782 | 0.235 |
| Shopping | 0.789 | 0.518 |
| Visiting people | 0.798 | 0.462 |
| Nursing | 0.661 | 0.312 |
| Caring | 0.701 | 0.445 |
| Giving | 0.665 | 0.613 |
| Sharing | 0.575 | 0.489 |
| Treating sick people | 0.407 | 0.420 |
| Helping | 0.563 | 0.205 |
| Working with people | 0.636 | 0.229 |
| Teaching | 0.457 | 0.217 |
| Listening | 0.594 | 0.291 |
| Loving | 0.585 | 0.282 |
| Being neat | 0.674 | 0.173 |

ENTERPRISING

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|------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Sales Representative | 0.705 | 0.123 |
| Manager | 0.815 | 0.207 |
| Shopkeeper | 0.395 | 0.128 |
| Business Owner | 0.773 | 0.172 |
| Retailer | 0.616 | 0.060 |
| Insurance | 0.583 | 0.030 |
| Travel Agent | 0.403 | 0.306 |
| Executive | 0.854 | 0.103 |
| Prime Minister | 0.500 | 0.138 |
| Lawyer (Solicitor/Barrister) | 0.726 | 0.194 |
| Economics | 0.492 | 0.219 |
| Commerce | 0.633 | 0.298 |
| Politics | 0.746 | 0.184 |
| Business | 0.749 | 0.198 |
| Government | 0.765 | 0.110 |
| Law | 0.737 | 0.182 |
| Selling | 0.818 | 0.182 |
| Organising | 0.777 | 0.102 |

| Item | Corrected Biserial Item-Total Correlations | Proportion answering 'like' |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Managing | 0.744 | 0.180 |
| <u>CLERICAL</u> | | |
| Accountant | 0.754 | 0.247 |
| Banker | 0.812 | 0.250 |
| Computer Programmer | 0.691 | 0.299 |
| Bookkeeper | 0.883 | 0.116 |
| Secretary | 0.815 | 0.201 |
| Clerk | 0.895 | 0.170 |
| Typist | 0.860 | 0.161 |
| Bank Clerk | 0.892 | 0.191 |
| Computer Operator | 0.682 | 0.273 |
| Officer Worker | 0.967 | 0.133 |
| Receptionist | 0.838 | 0.182 |
| Cashier | 0.715 | 0.068 |
| Stenographer | 0.785 | 0.070 |
| Telephonist | 0.833 | 0.096 |
| Mathematics | 0.751 | 0.273 |
| Bookkeeping | 0.942 | 0.180 |
| Secretarial | 0.669 | 0.123 |
| Working Computers | 0.479 | 0.247 |
| Typing | 0.948 | 0.138 |
| Accounting | 0.595 | 0.096 |
| Doing Office work | 0.888 | 0.189 |
| Counting | 0.888 | 0.189 |