# 12 Item Grit Scale

Directions for taking the Grit Scale: Please respond to the following 12 items. Be honest – there are no right or wrong answers!

1. I have overcome setbacks to conquer an important challenge.

[ ]  Very much like me

[ ]  Mostly like me

[ ]  Somewhat like me

[ ]  Not much like me

[ ]  Not like me at all

2. New ideas and projects sometimes distract me from previous ones.\*

[ ]  Very much like me

[ ]  Mostly like me

[ ]  Somewhat like me

[ ]  Not much like me

[ ]  Not like me at all

3. My interests change from year to year.\*

[ ]  Very much like me

[ ]  Mostly like me

[ ]  Somewhat like me

[ ]  Not much like me

[ ]  Not like me at all

4. Setbacks don’t discourage me.

[ ]  Very much like me

[ ]  Mostly like me

[ ]  Somewhat like me

[ ]  Not much like me

[ ]  Not like me at all

5. I have been obsessed with a certain idea or project for a short time but later lost interest.\*

[ ]  Very much like me

[ ]  Mostly like me

[ ]  Somewhat like me

[ ]  Not much like me

[ ]  Not like me at all

6. I am a hard worker.

[ ]  Very much like me

[ ]  Mostly like me

[ ]  Somewhat like me

[ ]  Not much like me

[ ]  Not like me at all

7. I often set a goal but later choose to pursue a different one.\*

[ ]  Very much like me

[ ]  Mostly like me

[ ]  Somewhat like me

[ ]  Not much like me

[ ]  Not like me at all

8. I have difficulty maintaining my focus on projects that take more than a few months to complete.\*

[ ]  Very much like me

[ ]  Mostly like me

[ ]  Somewhat like me

[ ]  Not much like me

[ ]  Not like me at all

9. I finish whatever I begin.

[ ]  Very much like me

[ ]  Mostly like me

[ ]  Somewhat like me

[ ]  Not much like me

[ ]  Not like me at all

10. I have achieved a goal that took years of work.

[ ]  Very much like me

[ ] Mostly like me

[ ]  Somewhat like me

[ ]  Not much like me

[ ]  Not like me at all

11. I become interested in new pursuits every few months.\*

[ ]  Very much like me

[ ]  Mostly like me

[ ]  Somewhat like me

[ ]  Not much like me

[ ]  Not like me at all

12. I am diligent.

[ ]  Very much like me

[ ] Mostly like me

[ ] Somewhat like me

[ ]  Not much like me

[ ] Not like me at all

Scoring:

1. For questions 1, 4, 6, 9, 10 and 12 assign the following points:

5 = Very much like me

4 = Mostly like me

3 = Somewhat like me

2 = Not much like me

1 = Not like me at all

2. For questions 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 11 assign the following points:

1 = Very much like me

2 = Mostly like me

3 = Somewhat like me

4 = Not much like me

5 = Not like me at all

Add up all the points and divide by 12. The maximum score on this scale is 5 (extremely gritty), and the lowest scale on this scale is 1 (not at all gritty).

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