**12-Item Grit Scale**

***Objective:*** *To learn about the concept of grit and how it applies to academic success*

**Respond to the following 12 items. Be honest – there are no right or wrong answers.**

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| 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 | 1. 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 |
| 1. 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 | 1. 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 |
| 1. 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 | 1. I finish what I begin.  * Very much like me * Mostly like me * Somewhat like me * Not much like me * Not like me at all |
| 1. Setbacks do not discourage me.  * Very much like me * Mostly like me * Somewhat like me * Not much like me * Not like me at all | 1. 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 |
| 1. 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 | 1. 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 |
| 1. I am a hard worker.  * Very much like me * Mostly like me * Somewhat like me * Not much like me * Not like me at all | 1. I am diligent.  * Very much like me * Mostly like me * Somewhat like me * Not much like me * Not like me at all |

**Grit Scale Scoring**

Step 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

Step 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

Step 3: Add up all the points and divide by 12.

**Grit Score: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**What does my score mean?**

* The maximum score on this scale is 5 for extremely gritty.
* The lowest score on this scale is 1 for not at all gritty.

**What is Grit?**

* Grit is defined as perseverance and passion for long-term goals
* It entails working strenuously toward challenges, maintaining effort and interest over years despite failure, adversity, and plateaus in progress
* Grit is unrelated to talent and can be built through a growth mindset

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