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Table 12-1 Children's Behavior Checklist

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School or Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Day \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Checker \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Check only those statements which you feel are really true of the child. Do not guess if you are not certain.

1. ( ) Vigorous and energetic in his attack on a project
  2. ( ) Overcautious, not venturesome, afraid to attempt the untried
  3. ( ) Nearly always accomplishes tasks in spite of difficulties
  4. ( ) Voice animated, alive
  5. ( ) Does not become fatigued easily
  6. ( ) Poor in concentration
  
  7. ( ) Merely copies other children's reactions, not original
  8. ( ) Concentrates well at his task
  9. ( ) Original and inventive reactions
  10. ( ) Curious and questioning
  11. ( ) Expresses himself well for his age
  12. ( ) Resourceful in dealing with difficult situations
  13. ( ) Poor use of language for his age
  14. ( ) Patient
  15. ( ) Absorbed; self-sufficient in his activity
  16. ( ) Restless; a certain dissatisfaction with his own activity
  17. ( ) Retiring; wishes to be in the background
  18. ( ) Even-tempered
  19. ( ) Frequently disturbed; easily upset by the disagreeable or the exciting
  20. ( ) Seldom disturbed; sudden changes in mood infrequent
  21. ( ) Slow to adjust to a novel experience
  22. ( ) Original in play
  23. ( ) Is easily distracted from task at hand
  24. ( ) Gives up easily; lacks persistence
  25. ( ) Submits to any child who takes the initiative
  26. ( ) Dominates children of his own age (either sex)
  27. ( ) Will submit to a specific child only
  28. ( ) Submits to a leader only after a struggle to dominate
  29. ( ) Is a follower to one specific group only
  30. ( ) Occasionally dominates a group
  31. ( ) Usually leads a small group
  32. ( ) Decides who shall participate in the group activities
  33. ( ) Can organize the activities of a group to carry out a definite purpose
  34. ( ) Leads or follows as the occasion demands
  35. ( ) Neither leads nor follows; plays alone
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