



Ritvo Autism Asperger Diagnostic Scale – Revised (RAADS-R)

Please read each statement below and choose the answer that best fits your experiences during social interactions.

1. I am a sympathetic person.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

2. I often use words and phrases from movies and television in conversations.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

3. I am often surprised when others tell me I have been rude.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

4. Sometimes I talk too loudly or too softly, and I am not aware of it.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



5. I often don't know how to act in social situations.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

6. I can 'put myself in other people's shoes.'

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

7. I have a hard time figuring out what some phrases mean, like 'you are the apple of my eye.'

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

8. I only like to talk to people who share my special interests.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



9. I focus on details rather than the overall idea.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

10. I always notice how food feels in my mouth. This is more important to me than how it tastes.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

11. I miss my best friends or family when we are apart for a long time.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

12. Sometimes I offend others by saying what I am thinking, even if I don't mean to.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



13. I only like to think and talk about a few things that interest me.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

14. I'd rather go out to eat in a restaurant by myself than with someone I know.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

15. I cannot imagine what it would be like to be someone else.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

16. I have been told that I am clumsy or uncoordinated.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



17. Others consider me odd or different.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

18. I understand when friends need to be comforted.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

19. I am very sensitive to the way my clothes feel when I touch them. How they feel is more important to me than how they look.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

20. I like to copy the way certain people speak and act. It helps me appear more normal.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



21. It can be very intimidating for me to talk to more than one person at the same time.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

22. I have to 'act normal' to please other people and make them like me.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

23. Meeting new people is usually easy for me.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

24. I get highly confused when someone interrupts me when I am talking about something I am very interested in.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



25. It is difficult for me to understand how other people are feeling when we are talking.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

26. I like having a conversation with several people, for instance around a dinner table, at school or at work.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

27. I take things too literally, so I often miss what people are trying to say.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



28. It is very difficult for me to understand when someone is embarrassed or jealous.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

29. Some ordinary textures that do not bother others feel very offensive when they touch my skin.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

30. I get extremely upset when the way I like to do things is suddenly changed.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



31. I have never wanted or needed to have what other people call an 'intimate relationship.'

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

32. It is difficult for me to start and stop a conversation. I need to keep going until I am finished.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

33. I speak with a normal rhythm.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

34. The same sound, color or texture can suddenly change from very sensitive to very dull.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



35. The phrase 'I've got you under my skin' makes me uncomfortable.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

36. Sometimes the sound of a word or a high-pitched noise can be painful to my ears.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

37. I am an understanding type of person.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

38. I do not connect with characters in movies and cannot feel what they feel.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



39. I cannot tell when someone is flirting with me.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

40. I can see in my mind in exact detail things that I am interested in.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

41. I keep lists of things that interest me, even when they have no practical use (for example sports statistics, train schedules, calendar dates, historical facts and dates).

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

42. When I feel overwhelmed by my senses, I have to isolate myself to shut them down.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



43. I like to talk things over with my friends.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

44. I cannot tell if someone is interested or bored with what I am saying.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

45. It can be very hard to read someone's face, hand and body movements when they are talking.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

46. The same thing (like clothes or temperatures) can feel very different to me at different times.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



47. I feel very comfortable with dating or being in social situations with others.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

48. I try to be as helpful as I can when other people tell me their personal problems.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

49. I have been told that I have an unusual voice (for example flat, monotone, childish, or high-pitched).

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



50. Sometimes a thought or a subject gets stuck in my mind and I have to talk about it even if no one is interested.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

51. I do certain things with my hands over and over again (like flapping, twirling sticks or strings, waving things by my eyes).

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

52. I have never been interested in what most of the people I know consider interesting.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

53. I am considered a compassionate type of person.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



54. I get along with other people by following a set of specific rules that help me look normal.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

55. It is very difficult for me to work and function in groups.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

56. When I am talking to someone, it is hard to change the subject. If the other person does so, I can get very upset and confused.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

57. Sometimes I have to cover my ears to block out painful noises (like vacuum cleaners or people talking too much or too loudly).

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



58. I can chat and make small talk with people.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

59. Sometimes things that should feel painful are not (for instance when I hurt myself or burn my hand on the stove).

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

60. When talking to someone, I have a hard time telling when it is my turn to talk or to listen.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

61. I am considered a loner by those who know me best.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



62. I usually speak in a normal tone.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

63. I like things to be exactly the same day after day and even small changes in my routines upset me.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

64. How to make friends and socialize is a mystery to me.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

65. It calms me to spin around or to rock in a chair when I'm feeling stressed.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



66. The phrase, 'He wears his heart on his sleeve,' does not make sense to me.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

67. If I am in a place where there are many smells, textures to feel, noises or bright lights, I feel anxious or frightened.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

68. I can tell when someone says one thing but means something else.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

69. I like to be by myself as much as I can.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



70. I keep my thoughts stacked in my memory like they are on filing cards, and I pick out the ones I need by looking through the stack and finding the right one (or another unique way).

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

71. The same sound sometimes seems very loud or very soft, even though I know it has not changed.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

72. I enjoy spending time eating and talking with my family and friends.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



73. I can't tolerate things I dislike (like smells, textures, sounds or colors).

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

74. I don't like to be hugged or held.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

75. When I go somewhere, I have to follow a familiar route or I can get very confused and upset.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

76. It is difficult to figure out what other people expect of me.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true



77. I like to have close friends.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

78. People tell me that I give too much detail.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

79. I am often told that I ask embarrassing questions.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

80. I tend to point out other people's mistakes.

- a. True now and when I was young
- b. True only now
- c. True only when I was younger than 16
- d. Never true

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