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The Riso-Hudson Enneagram Type Indicator (Version 2.5)

Directions

The Riso-Hudson Enneagram Type Indicator (Version 2.5) consists of 144 paired statements. It is a questionnaire which requires you to choose the statement in each pair that best describes you as you have been throughout most of your life.

Mark an X in the box to the right of the statement you have selected. For example, if you feel that a statement such as "I have been friendly and outgoing" fits you better than "I have been shy and quiet," mark an X in the box to the right of the first statement. You may, at times, have been somewhat shy and quiet, or you may not always have been friendly and outgoing. But if you were forced to choose between the two, which statement more accurately reflects your past general attitudes and behavior? It has helped people to follow these instructions by recalling how they were in their early twenties, from 20-25 years of age. (Younger people should answer on the same principle, although focusing on their recent history.)

Some pairs of statements compare subtle differences between the personality types, and choosing one over the other requires you to think carefully about which response has been more true of you. In some of the pairs, both statements may almost be equally true. If you reflect carefully, however, you will find that one of the statements has been more true of you than the other. Choose this statement in each pair. You may want to skip particularly "difficult" pairs and return to them after you have finished the entire test. Or, you may wish to review your choices for the whole test after you have finished. Feel free to change an original response if, after further reflection, you feel that another response is more appropriate. While it is useful to wrestle with "difficult" pairs of statements, there may be 2-3 pairs that simply do not apply to you, and you may skip these.

Read the statements carefully before responding, but do not try to "over-analyze" them. You will get more accurate results if you answer spontaneously rather than think of extreme situations in which both statements might possibly be true of you. Remember that there are no "right" answers and that no personality type is better than any other. Furthermore, the RHETI does not indicate how healthy or unhealthy a person is, so relax and answer the statements simply and honestly.

If you have difficulty discovering your personality type because two or more top scores are very close, you might find it helpful to discuss your responses with someone who knows you well, such as a spouse, close friend, or therapist. After you have taken the Riso-Hudson Enneagram Type Indicator, please see Personality Types (1996) for full descriptions, Understanding the Enneagram for more information and applications, and the complete text of Discovering Your Personality Type for more about interpreting the RHETI.

If the instructions are followed, this test is approximately 80-87% accurate for discovering your main personality type. In some cases, it may be necessary to take the RHETI several times. Naturally, if you have been in therapy or a psychological or spiritual practice of some sort, you will have developed over time. Nevertheless, your core self will remain the same since you do not actually change your personality type. By responding to the statements as you have been most of your life, you are attempting to find out what your "core" self is.
1. I’ve been romantic and imaginative
   I’ve been pragmatic and down to earth

2. I have tended to take on confrontations
   I have tended to avoid confrontations

3. I have typically been diplomatic, charming, and ambitious
   I have typically been direct, formal, and idealistic

4. I have tended to be focused and intense
   I have tended to be spontaneous and fun-loving

5. I have been a hospitable person and have enjoyed
   welcoming new friends into my life
   I have been a private person and have not
   mixed much with others

6. It’s been difficult for me to relax and stop worrying about
   potential problems
   It’s been difficult for me to get myself worked up about
   potential problems

7. I’ve been more of a “street-smart” survivor
   I’ve been more of a “high-minded” idealist

8. I have needed to show affection to people
   I have preferred to maintain some distance with people

9. When presented with a new experience, I’ve usually asked
   myself if it would be useful to me
   When presented with a new experience, I’ve usually asked
   myself if it would be enjoyable

10. I have tended to focus too much on myself
    I have tended to focus too much on others

11. Others have depended on my insight and knowledge
    Others have depended on my strength and decisiveness

12. I have come across as being too unsure of myself
    I have come across as being too sure of myself
13. I have been more relationship-oriented than goal-oriented
   I have been more goal-oriented than relationship-oriented

14. I have not been able to speak up for myself very well
   I have been outspoken—I've said what others wished they
   had the nerve to say

15. It's been difficult for me to stop considering alternatives
   and do something definite
   It's been difficult for me to take it easy and be more flexible

16. I have tended to be careful and hesitant
   I have tended to be bold and domineering

17. My reluctance to get too involved has gotten me into
   trouble with people
   My eagerness to have people depend on me has gotten
   me into trouble with them

18. Usually, I have been able to put my feelings aside
   to get the job done
   Usually, I have needed to work through my feelings
   before I could act

19. Generally, I've been methodical and cautious
   Generally, I've been adventurous and taken risks

20. I have tended to be a supportive, giving person who seeks
    intimacy with others
    I have tended to be a serious, reserved person who likes
    discussing issues

21. I've often felt the need to be a “pillar of strength”
    I've often felt the need to perform perfectly

22. I've typically been interested in asking tough questions and
    maintaining my independence
    I've typically been interested in maintaining my
    stability and peace of mind

23. I've been a bit cynical and skeptical
    I've been a bit mushy and sentimental
24. I've often worried that I'm missing out on something better. I've often worried that if I let down my guard, someone will take advantage of me.

25. My habit of being "stand-offish" has annoyed people. My habit of telling people what to do has annoyed people.

26. I have tended to get anxious if there was too much excitement and stimulation. I have tended to get anxious if there wasn't enough excitement and stimulation.

27. I have depended on my friends and they have known that they can depend on me. I have not depended on people; I have done things on my own.

28. I have tended to be detached and preoccupied. I have tended to be moody and self-absorbed.

29. I have liked to challenge people and "shake them up." I have liked to comfort people and calm them down.

30. I have generally been an outgoing, sociable person. I have generally been an earnest, self-disciplined person.

31. I've wanted to "fit in" with others—I get uncomfortable when I stand out too much. I've wanted to stand out from others—I get uncomfortable when I don't distinguish myself.

32. Pursuing my personal interests has been more important to me than having stability and security. Having stability and security has been more important to me than pursuing my personal interests.

33. When I've had conflicts with others, I've tended to withdraw. When I've had conflicts with others, I've rarely backed down.

34. I have given in too easily and let others push me around. I have been too uncompromising and demanding with others.

35. I've been appreciated for my unsinkable spirit and resourcefulness. I've been appreciated for my deep caring and personal warmth.
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47. When situations have gotten heated, I have tended to stay on the sidelines.  
When situations have gotten heated, I have tended to get right into the middle of things.

48. I have stood by my friends, even when they have been wrong.  
I have not wanted to compromise what is right even for friendship.

49. I've been a well-meaning supporter  
I've been a highly-motivated go-getter.

50. When troubled, I have tended to brood about my problems.  
When troubled, I have tended to find distractions for myself.

51. Generally, I've had strong convictions and a sense of how things should be.  
Generally, I've had serious doubts and have questioned how things seemed to be.

52. I've created problems with others by being pessimistic and complaining.  
I've created problems with others by being bossy and controlling.

53. I have tended to act on my feelings and let the "chips fall where they may."  
I have tended not to act on my feelings lest they stir up more problems.

54. Being the center of attention has usually felt natural to me  
Being the center of attention has usually felt strange to me.

55. I've been careful, and have tried to prepare for unforeseen problems.  
I've been spontaneous, and have preferred to improvise as problems come up.

56. I have gotten angry when others have not shown enough appreciation for what I have done for them.  
I have gotten angry when others have not listened to what I have told them.

57. Being independent and self-reliant has been important to me  
Being valued and admired has been important to me.
58. When I've debated with friends, I've tended to press my arguments forcefully
When I've debated with friends, I've tended to let things go
to prevent hard feelings

59. I have often been possessive of loved ones—I have had trouble letting them be
I have often "tested" loved ones to see if they were really there for me

60. Organizing resources and making things happen has been one of my major strengths
Coming up with new ideas and getting people excited about them has been one of my major strengths

61. I've tended to be driven and very hard on myself
I've tended to be too emotional and rather undisciplined

62. I have tried to keep my life fast-paced, intense, and exciting
I have tried to keep my life regular, stable, and peaceful

63. Even though I've had successes, I've tended to doubt my abilities
Even though I've had setbacks, I've had a lot of confidence in my abilities

64. I generally have tended to dwell on my feelings and to hold onto them for a long time
I generally have tended to minimize my feelings and not pay very much attention to them

65. I have provided many people with attention and nurturance
I have provided many people with direction and motivation

66. I've been a bit serious and strict with myself
I've been a bit free-wheeling and permissive with myself

67. I've been self-assertive and driven to excel
I've been modest and have been happy to go at my own pace

68. I have been proud of my clarity and objectivity
I have been proud of my reliability and commitment
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79. People have trusted me because I am confident and can look out for them.
    People have trusted me because I am fair and will do what is right

80. Often, I have been so involved in my own projects that I have become isolated from others.
    Often, I have been so involved with others that I have neglected my own projects

81. When meeting someone new, I have usually been poised and self-contained.
    When meeting someone new, I have usually been chatty and entertaining

82. Generally speaking, I have tended to be pessimistic.
    Generally speaking, I have tended to be optimistic

83. I have preferred to inhabit my own little world
    I have preferred to let the world know I’m here

84. I have often been troubled by nervousness, insecurity, and doubt.
    I have often been troubled by anger, perfectionism, and impatience

85. I realize that I have often been too personal and intimate.
    I realize that I have often been too cool and aloof

86. I have lost out because I have not felt up to taking opportunities.
    I have lost out because I have pursued too many possibilities

87. I have tended to take a long time to get into action.
    I have tended to get into action quickly

88. I usually have had difficulty making decisions.
    I seldom have had difficulty making decisions

89. I have had a tendency to come on a little too strong with people.
    I have had a tendency not to assert myself enough with people

90. Typically, I have been even-tempered.
    Typically, I have had strong changes of mood

91. When I’ve been unsure of what to do, I’ve often sought the advice of others.
    When I’ve been unsure of what to do, I’ve tried different things to see what worked best for me.
10. The Riso-Hudson Enneagram Type Indicator (Version 2.5)

92. I have worried that I would be left out of other’s activities.
   I have worried that others’ activities would distract me from
   what I had to do

93. Typically, when I have gotten angry, I have told people off
   Typically, when I have gotten angry, I have become distant

94. I’ve tended to have trouble falling asleep
   I’ve tended to fall asleep easily

95. I have often tried to figure out how I could get closer to others
   I have often tried to figure out what others want from me

96. I have usually been measured, straight-talking, and deliberate
   I have usually been excitable, fast-talking, and witty

97. Often, I have not spoken up when I’ve seen others
    making a mistake
    Often, I have helped others see that they are
    making a mistake

98. During most of my life, I have been a stormy person who
    has had many volatile feelings
    During most of my life, I have been a steady person
    in whom "still waters run deep"

99. When I have disliked people, I have usually tried hard to
    stay cordial—despite my feelings
    When I have disliked people, I have usually let them
    know it—one way or another

100. Much of my difficulty with people has come from my
     touchiness and taking everything too personally
     Much of my difficulty with people has come from my
     not caring about social conventions

101. My approach has been to jump in and rescue people
     My approach has been to show people how
     to help themselves

102. Generally, I have enjoyed "letting go" and pushing the limits
     Generally, I have not enjoyed losing control
     of myself very much
103. I've been overly concerned with doing better than others
   I've been overly concerned with making things
   okay for others

104. My thoughts generally have been speculative—involving
   my imagination and curiosity
   My thoughts generally have been practical—just trying
   to keep things going

105. One of my main assets has been my ability to take
   charge of situations
   One of my main assets has been my ability to
   describe internal states

106. I have pushed to get things done correctly,
    even if it made people uncomfortable
    I have not liked feeling pressured, so I have
    not liked pressuring anyone else

107. I've often taken pride in how important
    I am in others’ lives
    I've often taken pride in my gusto and openness
    to new experiences

108. I have perceived that I've often come across to
    others as presentable, even admirable
    I have perceived that I've often come across to
    others as unusual, even odd

109. I have mostly done what I had to do
    I have mostly done what I wanted to do

110. I have usually enjoyed high-pressure, even difficult,
    situations
    I have usually disliked being in high-pressure, even difficult,
    situations

111. I've been proud of my ability to be flexible—what’s appropriate
    or important often changes
    I've been proud of my ability to take a stand—I've been firm
    about what I believe in

112. My style has leaned toward spareness and austerity
    My style has leaned toward excess and over-doing things
113. My own health and well-being have suffered because of my strong desire to help others. My relationships have suffered because of my strong desire to attend to my personal needs.

114. Generally speaking, I’ve been too open and naive. Generally speaking, I’ve been too wary and guarded.

115. I have sometimes put people off by being too aggressive. I have sometimes put people off by being too “up-tight.”

116. Being of service and attending to the needs of others has been a high priority for me. Finding alternative ways of seeing and doing things has been a high priority for me.

117. I’ve been single-minded and persistent in pursuing my goals. I’ve preferred to explore various courses of action to see where they lead.

118. I have frequently been drawn to situations that stir up deep, intense emotions. I have frequently been drawn to situations that make me feel calm and at ease.

119. I have cared less about practical results than about pursuing my interests. I have been practical and have expected my work to have concrete results.

120. I have had a deep need to belong. I have had a deep need to feel balanced.

121. In the past, I’ve probably insisted on too much closeness in my friendships. In the past, I’ve probably kept too much distance in my friendships.

122. I’ve had a tendency to keep thinking about things from the past. I’ve had a tendency to keep anticipating things I’m going to do.

123. I’ve tended to see people as intrusive and demanding. I’ve tended to see people as disorganized and irresponsible.

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134. Overcoming inertia has been one of my main problems.
   Being unable to slow down has been one of my main problems.

135. When I’ve felt insecure, I’ve reacted by becoming
   arrogant and dismissive
   When I’ve felt insecure, I’ve reacted by becoming
   defensive and argumentative

136. I have generally been open-minded and willing to
   try new approaches
   I have generally been self-revealing and willing to
   share my feelings with others

137. I’ve presented myself to others as tougher than I really am
   I’ve presented myself to others as caring more than I really do

138. I usually have followed my conscience and reason
   I usually have followed my feelings and impulses

139. Serious adversity has made me feel hardened and resolute
   Serious adversity has made me feel discouraged and resigned

140. I usually have made sure that I had some kind of “safety
   net” to fall back on
   I usually have chosen to live on the edge and to depend
   on as little as possible

141. I’ve had to be strong for others, so I haven’t had time
   to deal with my feelings and fears
   I’ve had difficulty coping with my feelings and fears, so
   it’s been hard for me to be strong for others

142. I have often wondered why people focus on the negative
   when there is so much that’s wonderful about life
   I have often wondered why people are so happy
   when so much in life is messed up

143. I have tried hard not to be seen as a selfish person
   I have tried hard not to be seen as a boring person

144. I have avoided intimacy when I feared I would be
   overwhelmed by people’s needs and demands
   I have avoided intimacy when I feared I would not be
   able to live up to people’s expectations of me
Scoring Instructions

Add the X's marked in Column A, Column B, Column C, and so forth, through Column I. Place the number of X's you have made in the boxes below for columns A through I. If you have marked one box in each pair of statements and have added the number of X's correctly, the sum will be 144. If not, go back and recheck for mistakes either in counting X's or in arithmetic.

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Mark the proper numerical value on the Score Sheet on the next page. Note that the personality types have been arranged in numerical order beginning with types Two, Three, and Four (in The Feeling Triad), and so forth. Connect the marks you have made to produce a graph that represents the various values for the nine Functions within your personality. (For more about interpreting the Functions in your full personality profile, see Discovering Your Personality Type, pp. 80ff.) The second Score Sheet is for analyzing your scores according to The Hornevan Groups (see Personality Types, revised edition, 1996, pp. 433-436). These Groups indicate whether the overall orientation of your personality is assertive, compliant, or withdrawn. Note that the columns on this Score Sheet have been reorganized for these three Groups.

Discovering which of the nine types is your basic personality type is the object of this test. Your highest score will indicate your basic type, or it will almost certainly be among the top 2-3 scores. To confirm your results, read the complete descriptions in Personality Types and Understanding the Enneagram.

If properly taken, the Riso-Hudson Enneagram Type Indicator will have accurately assessed your basic personality type. If the results you have obtained are unclear, please review your responses to see if, on further reflection, you wish to change any of them.
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1. **The Reformer.** The principled, idealistic type. Ones are conscientious and ethical, with a strong sense of right and wrong. They are teachers, crusaders, and advocates for change: always striving to improve things, but afraid of making a mistake. Well-organized, orderly, and fastidious, they try to maintain high standards, but can slip into being critical and perfectionistic. They typically have problems with resentment and impatience. *At their Best:* wise, discerning, realistic, and noble. Can be morally heroic.

2. **The Helper.** The caring, interpersonal type. Twos are empathetic, sincere, and warm-hearted. They are friendly, generous, and self-sacrificing, but can also be sentimental, flattering, and people-pleasing. They are well-meaning and driven to be close to others, but can slip into doing things for others in order to be needed. They typically have problems with possessiveness and with acknowledging their own needs. *At their Best:* unselfish and altruistic, they have unconditional love for others.

3. **The Achiever.** The adaptable, success-oriented type. Threes are self-assured, attractive, and charming. Ambitious, competent, and energetic, they can also be status-conscious and highly driven for advancement. They are diplomatic and poised, but can also be overly concerned with their image and what others think of them. They typically have problems with workaholism and competitiveness. *At their Best:* self-accepting, authentic, everything they seem to be—are role models who inspire others.

4. **The Individualist.** The introspective, romantic type. Fours are self-aware, sensitive, and reserved. They are emotionally honest, creative, and personal, but can also be moody and self-conscious. Withholding themselves from others due to feeling vulnerable and defective, they can also feel disdainful and exempt from ordinary ways of living. They typically have problems with melancholy, self-indulgence, and self-pity. *At their Best:* inspired and highly creative, they are able to renew themselves and transform their experiences.

5. **The Investigator.** The perceptive, cerebral type. Fives are alert, insightful, and curious. They are able to concentrate and focus on developing complex ideas and skills. Independent, innovative, and inventive, they can also become preoccupied with their thoughts and imaginary constructs. They become detached, yet high-strung and intense. They typically have problems with eccentricity, nihilism, and isolation. *At their Best:* visionary pioneers, often ahead of their time, and able to see the world in an entirely new way.

6. **The Loyalist.** The committed, security-oriented type. Sixes are reliable, hard-working, responsible, and trustworthy. Excellent “troubleshooters,” they foresee problems and foster cooperation, but can also become defensive, evasive, and anxious—run on stress while complaining about it. They can be cautious and indecisive, but also reactive, defiant and rebellious. They typically have problems with self-doubt and suspicion. *At their Best:* internally stable and self-reliant, courageously championing themselves and others.

7. **The Enthusiast.** The busy, productive type. Sevens are extroverted, optimistic, versatile, and spontaneous. Playful, high-spirited, and practical, they can also misapply their many talents, becoming over-extended, scattered, and undisciplined. They constantly seek new and exciting experiences, but can become distracted and exhausted by staying on the go. They typically have problems with impatience and impulsiveness. *At their Best:* they focus their talents on worthwhile goals, becoming appreciative, joyous, and satisfied.

8. **The Challenger.** The powerful, aggressive type. Eights are self-confident, strong, and assertive. Protective, resourceful, straightforward, and decisive, but can also be ego-centric and domineering. Eights feel they must control their environment, especially people, sometimes becoming confrontational and intimidating. Eights typically have problems with their tempers and with allowing themselves to be vulnerable. *At their Best:* self-mastering, they use their strength to improve others’ lives, becoming heroic, magnanimous, and inspiring.

9. **The Peacemaker.** The easy-going, self-effacing type. Nines are accepting, trusting, and stable. They are usually creative, optimistic, and supportive, but can also be too willing to go along with others to keep the peace. They want everything to go smoothly and be without conflict, but they can also tend to be complacent, simplifying problems and minimizing anything upsetting. They typically have problems with inertia and stubbornness. *At their Best:* indomitable and all-embracing, they are able to bring people together and heal conflicts.

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