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Overexcitability Inventory for Parents

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Date _____

Directions: Please rate how much each statement fits your child. Respond on the basis of what you think s/he is like now, not how s/he might have been in the past. Circle the number under the statement that most accurately reflects the way you see your child.

Completed by _____	Not At All Like My Child	Not Much Like My Child	Some- what Like My Child	A Lot Like My Child	Very Much Like My Child	Not App
1. My child likes to daydream.	1	2	3	4	5	NA
2. My child is a competitive person	1	2	3	4	5	NA
3. My child finds the varieties of sound and color are delightful	1	2	3	4	5	NA
4. My child's pretend world is very real to her/him	1	2	3	4	5	NA
5. My child is an independent thinker	1	2	3	4	5	NA
6. My child feels other people's feelings	1	2	3	4	5	NA
7. If an activity is physically exhausting, my child finds it satisfying	1	2	3	4	5	NA
8. Viewing art is a totally absorbing experience for my child	1	2	3	4	5	NA
9. My child worries a lot	1	2	3	4	5	NA
10. My child loves to be in motion	1	2	3	4	5	NA
11. It makes my child sad to see a lonely person in a group	1	2	3	4	5	NA
12. My child can take difficult concepts and translate them into something more understandable	1	2	3	4	5	NA
13. My child gets great joy from the artwork of others	1	2	3	4	5	NA
14. When my child gets bored, s/he begins to daydream	1	2	3	4	5	NA
15. When my child has a lot of energy, s/he wants to do something really physical	1	2	3	4	5	NA
16. My child questions everything--how things work, what things mean, why things are the way they are	1	2	3	4	5	NA
17. My child can be so happy that s/he wants to laugh and cry at the same time.	1	2	3	4	5	NA
18. My child is more energetic than most people her/his age	1	2	3	4	5	NA
19. My child can form a new concept by putting together a number of different things	1	2	3	4	5	NA
20. Sometimes my child pretends s/he is someone else	1	2	3	4	5	NA
21. The longer that my child has to sit still, the more restless s/he gets	1	2	3	4	5	NA
22. Things that my child pictures in her/his mind are so vivid that they seem real to her/him	1	2	3	4	5	NA
23. My child observes and analyzes everything	1	2	3	4	5	NA

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	Not At All Like Child	Not Much Like Child	Some- what Like Child	A Lot Like Child	Very Much Like Child	
24. My child mixes truth and fantasy in her/his thoughts	1	2	3	4	5	NA
25. Theories get my child's mind going	1	2	3	4	5	NA
26. My child has strong feelings of joy, anger, excitement, and despair	1	2	3	4	5	NA
27. My child feels music throughout her/his whole body	1	2	3	4	5	NA
28. My child enjoys exaggerating reality	1	2	3	4	5	NA
29. My child feels like her/his body is constantly in motion	1	2	3	4	5	NA
30. My child loves to solve problems and develop new concepts	1	2	3	4	5	NA
31. My child is deeply concerned about others	1	2	3	4	5	NA
32. My child delights in colors, shapes, and textures of things more than other people do	1	2	3	4	5	NA
33. My child believes that dolls, stuffed animals or the characters in books are alive and have feelings	1	2	3	4	5	NA
34. Words and sounds create unusual images in my child's mind	1	2	3	4	5	NA
35. My child's strong emotions move her/him to tears	1	2	3	4	5	NA
36. My child likes to dig beneath the surface of issues	1	2	3	4	5	NA
37. My child is moved by beauty in nature	1	2	3	4	5	NA
38. My child is more sensitive to the color, shape, and texture of things than some people are	1	2	3	4	5	NA
39. When my child is nervous, s/he needs to do something physical	1	2	3	4	5	NA
40. My child tries to analyze her/his thoughts and actions	1	2	3	4	5	NA
41. My child can feel a mixture of different emotions all at once	1	2	3	4	5	NA
42. My child is the type of person who has to be active--walking, cleaning, organizing, doing something	1	2	3	4	5	NA
43. My child likes to play with ideas and try to think about how to put them to use	1	2	3	4	5	NA
44. My child is an emotional person	1	2	3	4	5	NA
45. My child enjoys the sensations of colors, shapes, and designs	1	2	3	4	5	NA
46. My child finds the difference in aromas interesting	1	2	3	4	5	NA
47. My child has a talent for fantasy	1	2	3	4	5	NA
48. My child loves to listen to the sounds of nature	1	2	3	4	5	NA
49. My child takes everything to heart	1	2	3	4	5	NA
50. My child thrives on intense physical activity, e.g. fast games and sports	1	2	3	4	5	NA

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