

# **ACADEMIC MOTIVATION SCALE (AMS-C 28)**

## **COLLEGE VERSION**

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### **WHY DO YOU GO TO COLLEGE ?**

*Using the scale below, indicate to what extent each of the following items presently corresponds to one of the reasons why you go to college.*

<b>Does not correspond at all</b>	<b>Corresponds a little</b>	<b>Corresponds moderately</b>	<b>Corresponds a lot</b>	<b>Corresponds exactly</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

### **WHY DO YOU GO TO COLLEGE ?**

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1. Because with only a high-school degree I would not find a high-paying job later on.	1	2	3	4	5
6 7					
2. Because I experience pleasure and satisfaction while learning new things.	1	2	3	4	5
6 7					
3. Because I think that a college education will help me better prepare for the career I have chosen.	1	2	3	4	5
6 7					
4. For the intense feelings I experience when I am communicating my own ideas to others.	1	2	3	4	5
6 7					
5. Honestly, I don't know; I really feel that I am wasting my time in school.	1	2	3	4	5
6 7					
6. For the pleasure I experience while surpassing myself in my studies.	1	2	3	4	5
6 7					
7. To prove to myself that I am capable of completing my college degree.	1	2	3	4	5
6 7					
8. In order to obtain a more prestigious job later on.	1	2	3	4	5
6 7					

9.	For the pleasure I experience when I discover new things never seen before.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7					
10.	Because eventually it will enable me to enter the job market in a field that I like.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7					
11.	For the pleasure that I experience when I read interesting authors.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7					
12.	I once had good reasons for going to college; however, now I wonder whether I should continue.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7					
13.	For the pleasure that I experience while I am surpassing myself in one of my personal accomplishments.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7					
14.	Because of the fact that when I succeed in college I feel important.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7					
15.	Because I want to have "the good life" later on.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7					
16.	For the pleasure that I experience in broadening my knowledge about subjects which appeal to me.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7					
17.	Because this will help me make a better choice regarding my career orientation.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7					
18.	For the pleasure that I experience when I feel completely absorbed by what certain authors have written.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7					
19.	I can't see why I go to college and frankly, I couldn't care less.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7					
20.	For the satisfaction I feel when I am in the process of accomplishing difficult academic activities.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7					
21.	To show myself that I am an intelligent person.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7					
22.	In order to have a better salary later on.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7					
23.	Because my studies allow me to continue to learn about many things that interest me.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7					
24.	Because I believe that a few additional years of education will improve my competence as a worker.	1	2	3	4	5
6	7					

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| 25. For the "high" feeling that I experience while reading about various interesting subjects.                | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 7                                                                                                           |   |   |   |   |   |
| 26. I don't know; I can't understand what I am doing in school.                                               | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 7                                                                                                           |   |   |   |   |   |
| 27. Because college allows me to experience a personal satisfaction in my quest for excellence in my studies. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 7                                                                                                           |   |   |   |   |   |
| 28. Because I want to show myself that I can succeed in my studies.                                           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 7                                                                                                           |   |   |   |   |   |

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### KEY FOR AMS-28

- # 2, 9, 16, 23 Intrinsic motivation - to know
  - # 6, 13, 20, 27 Intrinsic motivation - toward accomplishment
  - # 4, 11, 18, 25 Intrinsic motivation - to experience stimulation
  - # 3, 10, 17, 24 Extrinsic motivation - identified
  - # 7, 14, 21, 28 Extrinsic motivation - introjected
  - # 1, 8, 15, 22 Extrinsic motivation - external regulation
  - # 5, 12, 19, 26 Amotivation
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Note: To use this scale you require only to mention the complete reference data.

Thank you for your interest.

Good luck in your research.