Exploring Your Colors

Below are 11 incomplete sentences that may describe people, each with four possible endings. Use these sentences to describe your personality. For each sentence, rank each ending phrase as 1, 2, 3, or 4, where 1 is the least like you and 4 is the most like you. In other words, give four points to the phrase that is “most like you,” three points to the phrase that is “next most like you,” two points to the next phrase, and one point to the phrase that is “least like you.”

1. When I make decisions…
   ______ a. I do it quickly and go with the first impressions.
   ______ b. I think about it, consider the options, and then decide.
   ______ c. I listen to my feelings and consider how my decision will affect others.
   ______ d. I take it seriously and always try to make the right decision.

2. The best way for others to show me they care about me is to…
   ______ a. Do fun things with me.
   ______ b. Give me space to be by myself.
   ______ c. Spend time with me doing whatever.
   ______ d. Do what I want to do; not let me down or go back on their word.

3. When I’m with my friends, I like to provide…
   ______ a. The excitement; the fun; the jokes.
   ______ b. Questions; answers; a logical way of looking at things.
   ______ c. Concern for others; a lot of caring.
   ______ d. The planning; a sense of security; a good standard.

4. I like to…
   ______ a. Act on a moment’s notice; do risky things.
   ______ b. Provide answers or give thought to people’s questions.
   ______ c. Help maintain a sense of harmony and togetherness.
   ______ d. Be responsible, dependable, and helpful to others.

5. One thing I am really good at is…
   ______ a. Acting courageously.
   ______ b. Thinking.
   ______ c. Being sensitive.
   ______ d. Organizing.
6. Friends who know me best would say that I am…

- a. Competitive.
- b. Reserved, thoughtful.
- c. Emotional, friendly.
- d. Neat, prepared.

7. My basic approach to life is…

- a. To take one day at a time and have fun.
- b. To figure out what life is all about.
- c. To help others and be happy and succeed.
- d. To plan for the future and make it as good as possible.

8. When I am feeling discouraged or “down in the dumps”…

- a. I often become rude, mad, or sometimes even mean.
- b. I withdraw, don’t talk very much, and try to think my way out of the problem.
- c. I feel emotional, am sad, and usually like to talk it over with someone close to me.
- d. I try to figure out what’s causing the problem and fix it.

9. I feel good about myself when…

- a. I can do things that are difficult.
- b. I can solve problems or figure things out.
- c. I can help other people.
- d. I am appreciated or rewarded for things I do.

10. Teachers at school who saw me when I wasn’t on my best behavior might describe me as…

- a. Rowdy or a little wild.
- b. Arrogant.
- c. Talkative.
- d. Someone who wants things my way; dominant; worrying.

11. Teachers at school (who like me and in whose class I do pretty well) would probably describe me as…

- a. Charming, a natural leader, clever, someone who is fun to have around.
- b. Thoughtful, someone who has good answers, someone who likes to figure out problems.
- c. Nice, friendly, someone who gets along with other students and is helpful to the teacher and others.
- d. Neat, organized, prepared, someone who does assignments and is a good student.
Calculating Your Results

Re-visit each question, and fill in the chart with the number you assigned to each ending phrase.

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_____ b. Green
_____ c. Blue
_____ d. Gold

What is your first color? ______________

What is your second color? ______________