

SHORT BLESSED SCALE EXAM

The Short Blessed Scale is to be completed at any point during the interview if the respondent appears to be cognitively impaired.

ERROR SCORES

SB-1. What year is it now? _____

4 FOR ANY ERROR.....0 4

SB-2. What month is it now? _____

3 FOR ANY ERROR.....0 3

I am going to name three objects. After I say them, please repeat them: "Apple, Table, Penny."

NO SCORE – SCORE FOR ITEM SB-6

SB-3. About what time is it? _____

3 FOR ANY ERROR.....0 3

SB-4. Please count backwards from 20 to 1.

[20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1]

2 PER ERROR.....0 2 4

SB-5. Now I am going to spell a word forwards and I want you to spell it backwards. The word is WORLD, W-O-R-L-D. Please spell WORLD backwards. (REPEAT SPELLING IF NECESSARY)

2 PER ERROR.....0 2 4 6 8 10

SB-6. Please repeat the three objects I asked you to repeat before.

[APPLE / TABLE / PENNY]

2 PER ERROR.....0 2 4 6

TOTAL NUMBER OF ERRORS IN SB-1 TO SB-6:....._____

IF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ERRORS IS GREATER THAN 11, TERMINATE THE INTERVIEW. BE SURE TO PAY THE RESPONDENT.