DOSPERT
Domain-Specific Risk Taking

Risk Taking Scale

For each of the following statements, please indicate your likelihood of engaging in each activity or behavior. Provide a rating from 1 to 5, using the following scale:

1. Very unlikely
2. Unlikely
3. Not sure
4. Likely
5. Very likely

1. Admitting that your tastes are different from those of your friends. (S) _____
2. Going camping in the wilderness, beyond the civilization of a campground. (R) _____
3. Betting a day’s income at the horse races. (G) _____
4. Buying an illegal drug for your own use. (H) _____
5. Cheating on an exam. (E) _____
6. Chasing a tornado or hurricane by car to take dramatic photos. (R) _____
7. Investing 10% of your annual income in a moderate growth mutual fund. (I) _____
8. Consuming five or more servings of alcohol in a single evening. (H) _____
9. Cheating by a significant amount on your income tax return. (E) _____
10. Disagreeing with your father on a major issue. (S) _____
11. Betting a day’s income at a high stake poker game. (G) _____
12. Having an affair with a married man or woman. (E) _____
13. Forging somebody’s signature. (E) _____
14. Passing off somebody else’s work as your own. (E) _____
15. Going on a vacation in a third-world country without prearranged travel and hotel accommodations. (R) _____
16. Arguing with a friend about an issue on which he or she has a very different opinion. (S) _____
17. Going down a ski run that is beyond your ability or closed. (R) _____
18. Investing 5% of your annual income in a very speculative stock. (I) _____
19. Approaching your boss to ask for a raise. (S)  
20. Illegally copying a piece of software. (E)  
21. Going whitewater rafting during rapid water flows in the spring. (R)  
22. Betting a day’s income on the outcome of a sporting event (e.g. baseball, soccer, or football). (G)  
23. Telling a friend if his or her significant other has made a pass at you. (S)  
24. Investing 5% of your annual income in a conservative stock. (I)  
25. Shoplifting a small item (e.g. a lipstick or a pen). (E)  
26. Wearing provocative or unconventional clothes on occasion. (S)  
27. Engaging in unprotected sex. (H)  
28. Stealing an additional TV cable connection off the one you pay for. (E)  
29. Not wearing a seatbelt when being a passenger in the front seat. (H)  
30. Investing 10% of your annual income in government bonds (treasury bills). (I)  
31. Periodically engaging in a dangerous sport (e.g. mountain climbing or sky diving). (R)  
32. Not wearing a helmet when riding a motorcycle. (H)  
33. Gambling a week’s income at a casino. (G)  
34. Taking a job that you enjoy over one that is prestigious but less enjoyable. (S)  
35. Defending an unpopular issue that you believe in at a social occasion. (S)  
36. Exposing yourself to the sun without using sunscreen. (H)  
37. Trying out bungee jumping at least once. (R)  
38. Piloting your own small plane, if you could. (R)  
39. Walking home alone at night in a somewhat unsafe area of town. (H)  
40. Regularly eating high cholesterol foods. (H)  

Note. E = Ethical, F = Financial, H/S = Health/Safety, R = Recreational, and S = Social.
Risk Perception Scale

People often see some risk in situations that contain uncertainty about what the outcome or consequences will be and for which there is the possibility of negative consequences. However, riskiness is a very personal and intuitive notion, and we are interested in your gut level assessment of how risky each situation or behavior is.

For each of the following statements, please indicate how risky you perceive each situation. Provide a rating from 1 to 5, using the following scale:

1 2 3 4 5
Not at all risky Moderately risky Extremely risky

Expected Benefits Scale

For each of the following statements, please indicate the benefits you would obtain from each situation. Provide a rating from 1 to 5, using the following scale:

1 2 3 4 5
No benefits at all Moderate benefits Great benefits

Reference: