

Motivational Analysis

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Each of the following sets of statements offers three choices. Check the one that most closely fits your own motivations.

Remember, there are no wrong answers.

1. A. When doing a job, I seek feedback.
 B. I prefer to work alone and am eager to be my own boss.
 C. I feel less comfortable when forced to work alone.

2. A. I go out of my way to make friends with new people.
 B. I enjoy a good argument/debate.
 C. After starting a task, I am not comfortable until it is completed.

3. A. Status symbols are important to me.
 B. I am always getting involved in group projects.
 C. I work better when there is a deadline.

4. A. I work best when there is some challenge involved.
 B. I would rather give orders than take them.
 C. I am sensitive to others – especially when they are angry.

5. A. I am eager to be my own boss.
 B. I accept responsibility eagerly.
 C. I try to develop a personal relationship with my teammates.

6. A. I am uncomfortable when forced to work alone.
 B. I prefer being my own boss, even when others feel a joint effort is required.
 C. When given responsibility, I set measurable standards of high performance.

7. A. I am very concerned about my reputation or position.
 B. I have a desire to outperform others.
 C. I am concerned with being liked and accepted.

8. A. I enjoy and seek warm, friendly relationships.
 B. I attempt complete involvement on a project.
 C. I want my ideas to predominate.

9. A. I desire unique accomplishments.
 B. I like to work with others.
 C. I have a need and desire to influence others.

10. A. I think about consoling and helping others.
 B. I am verbally fluent.
 C. I am restless and innovative.

11. A. I set goals and think about how to attain them.
 B. I think about ways to challenge people.
 C. I think a lot about my feelings and the feelings of others.

Check your answers. The style with the most answers is your primary style.

Question		Answer	
	A	B	C
1	Achievement	Power	Affiliation
2	Affiliation	Power	Achievement
3	Power	Affiliation	Achievement
4	Achievement	Power	Affiliation
5	Power	Achievement	Affiliation
6	Affiliation	Power	Achievement
7	Power	Achievement	Affiliation
8	Affiliation	Achievement	Power
9	Achievement	Affiliation	Power
10	Affiliation	Power	Achievement
11	Achievement	Power	Affiliation