Fisher Divorce Adjustment Scale

The following statements are feelings and attitudes that people frequently experience while they are ending a love relationship. Keeping in mind one specific relationship you have ended or are ending, read each statement and decide how frequently the statement applies to your present feelings and attitudes.

Mark your response on your answer sheet. Do not leave any statements blank on the answer sheet. If the statement is not appropriate for you in your present situation, answer the way you feel you might if that statement were appropriate.

The five responses to choose from on the answer sheet are:

1) almost always 2) usually 3) sometimes 4) seldom 5) almost	always	lmost ne	ost ne
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- 1. I am comfortable telling people I am separated from my love partner.
- 2. I am physically and emotionally exhausted from morning until night.
- 3. I am constantly thinking of my former love partner.
- 4. I feel rejected by many of the friends I had when I was in the love relationship.
- 5. I become upset when I think about my former love partner.
- 6. I like being the person I am.
- 7. I feel like crying because I feel so sad.
- 8. I can communicate with my former love partner in a calm and rational manner.
- 9. There are many things about my personality I would like to change.
- 10. It is easy for me to accept my becoming a single person.
- 11. I feel depressed.
- 12. I feel emotionally separated from my former love partner.
- 13. People would not like me if they got to know me.
- 14. I feel comfortable seeing and talking to my former love partner.
- 15. I feel like I am an attractive person.
- 16. I feel as though I am in a daze and the world doesn't seem real.
- 17. I find myself doing things just to please my former love partner.
- 18. I feel lonely.
- 19. There are many things about my body I would like to change.
- 20. I have many plans and goals for the future.
- 21. I feel I don't have much sex appeal.
- 22. I am relating and interacting in many new ways with people since my separation.

- 23. Joining a singles' group would make me feel I was a loser like them.
- 24. It is easy for me to organize my daily routine of living.
- 25. I find myself making excuses to see and talk to my former love partner.
- 26. Because my love relationship failed, I must be a failure.
- 27. I feel like unloading my feelings of anger and hurt upon my former love partner.
- 28. I feel comfortable being with people.
- 29. I have trouble concentrating.
- 30. I think of my former love partner as related to me rather than as a separate person.
- 31. I feel like an okay person.
- 32. I hope my former love partner is feeling as much or more emotional pain than I am.
- 33. I have close friends who know and understand me.
- 34. I am unable to control my emotions.
- 35. I feel capable of building a deep and meaningful love relationship.
- 36. I have trouble sleeping.
- 37. I easily become angry at my former love partner.
- 38. I am afraid to trust people who might become love partners.
- 39. Because my love relationship ended, I feel there must be something wrong with me.
- 40. I either have no appetite or eat continuously which is unusual for me.
- 41. I don't want to accept the fact that our love relationship is ending.
- 42. I force myself to eat even though I'm not hungry.
- 43. I have given up on my former love partner and I getting back together.
- 44. I feel very frightened inside.
- 45. It is important that my family, friends, and associates be on my side rather than on my former love partner's side.
- 46. I feel uncomfortable even thinking about dating.
- 47. I feel capable of living the kind of life I would like to live.
- 48. I have noticed my body weight is changing a great deal.
- 49. I believe if we try, my love partner and I can save our love relationship.
- 50. My abdomen feels empty and hollow.
- 51. I have feelings of romantic love for my former love partner.
- 52. I can make the decisions I need to because I know and trust my feelings.

- 53. I would like to get even with my former love partner for hurting me.
- 54. I avoid people even though I want and need friends.
- 55. I have really made a mess of my life.
- 56. I sigh a lot.
- 57. I believe it is best for all concerned to have our love relationship end.
- 58. I perform my daily activities in a mechanical and unfeeling manner.
- 59. I become upset when I think about my love partner having a love relationship with someone else.
- 60. I feel capable of facing and dealing with my problems.
- 61. I blame my former love partner for the failure of our love relationship.
- 62. I am afraid of becoming sexually involved with another person.
- 63. I feel adequate as a female love partner.
- 64. It will only be a matter of time until my love partner and I get back together.
- 65. I feel detached and removed from activities around me as though I were watching them on a movie screen.
- 66. I would like to continue having a sexual relationship with my former love partner.
- 67. Life is somehow passing me by.
- 68. I feel comfortable going by myself to a public place such as a movie.
- 69. It is good to feel alive again after having felt numb and emotionally dead.
- 70. I feel I know and understand myself.
- 71. I feel emotionally committed to my former love partner.
- 72. I want to be with people, but I feel emotionally distant from them.
- 73. I am the type of person I would like to have for a friend.
- 74. I am afraid of becoming emotionally close to another love partner.
- 75. Even on the days when I am feeling good, I may suddenly become sad and start crying.
- 76. I can't believe our love relationship is ending.
- 77. I become upset when I think about my love partner dating someone else.
- 78. I have a normal amount of self-confidence.
- 79. People seem to enjoy being with me.
- 80. Morally and spiritually, I believe it is wrong for our love relationship to end.
- 81. I wake up in the morning feeling there is no good reason to get out of bed.
- 82. I find myself daydreaming about all the good times I had with my love partner.
- 83. People want to have a love relationship with me because I feel like a lovable person.

- 84. I want to hurt my former love partner by letting him/her know how much I hurt emotionally.
- 85. I feel comfortable going to social events even though I am single.
- 86. I feel guilty about my love relationship ending.
- 87. I feel emotionally insecure.
- 88. I feel uncomfortable even thinking about having a sexual relationship.
- 89. I feel emotionally weak and helpless.
- 90. I think about ending my life with suicide.
- 91. I understand the reasons why our love relationship did not work out.
- 92. I feel comfortable having my friends know our love relationship is ending.
- 93. I am angry about the things my former love partner has been doing.
- 94. I feel like I am going crazy.
- 95. I am unable to perform sexually.
- 96. I feel as though I am the only single person in a couples-only society.
- 97. I feel like a single person rather than a married person.
- 98. I feel my friends look at me as unstable now that I'm separated.
- 99. I daydream about being with and talking to my former love partner.
- 100. I need to improve my feelings of self-worth about being a wo/man.

Fisher Divorce Adjustment Scale Answer Sheet

I am	(gender). I am _	years old. I have b	veen separated	months.
Who decided to end my	relationship? 🗖 I	did ☐ My spouse did	☐ Both of us did Ⅰ	□ Widowed
Please fill in the following	g circles to answer t	the questions on the Fishe	er Divorce Adjustmer	nt Scale.
The five responses to che	pose from are:			
1) almost always	2) usually	3) sometimes	4) seldom	5) almost never
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Fisher Divorce Adjustment Scale Scoring Sheet #1: Feelings of Self-Worth

To score yourself in the category Feelings of Self-Worth, go through your scores for the statements indicated below. For each mark on your answer sheet, your score will be the number value just to the right of the mark. Add the total value of all marks on this sheet, and then write your total points for this profile on the summary sheet.

The maximum score is 125, and the minimum score is 25 for this self-worth subtest.

1) almost always	2) usually 3)	sometimes 4) seldor	m 5) almost never
1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
1.	26. 1 2 3 4 5	51.	76.
2.	27.	52. 5 4 3 2 1	77.
3.	28. 5 4 3 2	53.	78. 5 4 3 2 1
4.	29.	54.	79. 5 4 3 2 1
5.	30.	55. 1 2 3 4 5	80.
6. 5 4 3 2 1	31. 5 4 3 2	<u>l</u> 56.	81.
7.	32.	57.	82.
8.	33. 5 4 3 2	<u>l</u> 58.	83.
9. 1 2 3 4 5	34.	59.	84.
10.	35. 5 4 3 2	60. 5 4 3 2 1	85.
11.	36.	61.	86.
12.	37.	62.	87.
13. 1 2 3 4 5	38.	63.	88.
14.	39. 1 2 3 4 5	64.	89.
15. 5 4 3 2 1	40.	65.	90.
16.	41.	66.	91.
17.	42.	67. 1 2 3 4 5	92.
18.	43.	68. 5 4 3 2 1	93.
19.	44.	69. 5 4 3 2 1	94.
20. 5 4 3 2 1	45.	70. 5 4 3 2 1	95.
21. 1 2 3 4 5		71.	96.
22.	•	72. 1 2 3 4 5	97.
23.	48.	73. 5 4 3 2 1	98.
24.	49.	74. 	99.
25.	50.	75.	<u>100.</u> 1 2 3 4 5

Fisher Divorce Adjustment Scale Scoring Sheet #2: Disentanglement from Love Relationship

To score yourself in the category **Disentanglement from Love Relationship**, go through your scores for the statements indicated below. For each mark on your answer sheet, your score will be the number value **just to the right of the mark**. Add the total value of all marks on this sheet, and then write your total points for this profile on the summary sheet.

The maximum score is 110, and the minimum score is 22 for this self-worth subtest.

1) almost always	2) usually 3) sor	metimes 4) seldon	n 5) almost never
1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
1.	26.	51. 1 2 3 4 5	76. 1 2 3 4 5
2.	27.	52.	77. 1 2 3 4 5
3. 1 2 3 4 5	28.	53.	78.
4.	29.	54.	79.
5.	30. 1 2 3 4 5	55.	80. 1 2 3 4 5
6.	31.	56.	81.
7.	32.	57. 5 4 3 2 1	82. 1 2 3 4 5
8.	33.	58.	83.
9.	34.	59. 1 2 3 4 5	84.
10. 5 4 3 2 1	35.	60.	85.
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11.	36.	61.	
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17. 1 2 3 4 5	42.	67.	92.
18.	43. 5 4 3 2 1	68.	93.
19.	44.	69.	94.
20.	45.	70.	95.
21.	46.	71. 1 2 3 4 5	96.
22.	47.	72.	97.
23.	48.	73.	98.
24.	49. 1 2 3 4 5	74.	99. 1 2 3 4 5
<u>25.</u> 1 2 3 4 5	50.	75.	100.

Fisher Divorce Adjustment Scale Scoring Sheet #3: Feelings of Anger

To score yourself in the category Feelings of Anger, go through your scores for the statements indicated below. For each mark on your answer sheet, your score will be the number value just to the right of the mark. Add the total value of all marks on this sheet, and then write your total points for this profile on the summary sheet.

The maximum score is 60, and the minimum score is 12 for this self-worth subtest.

1) almost always	2) usually 3) so	metimes 4) seldom	5) almost never
1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
1.	26.	51.	76.
2.	<u>27.</u> 1 2 3 4 5	52.	77.
3.	28.	53. 1 2 3 4 5	78.
4.	29.	54.	79.
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6.	31.	56.	81.
7.	32. 1 2 3 4 5	57.	82.
8. 5 4 3 2 1	33.	58.	83.
9.	34. 1 2 3 4 5	59.	84. 1 2 3 4 5
10.	35.	60.	85.
11.	36.	61. 1 2 3 4 5	86.
12.	37. 1 2 3 4 5	62.	87.
13.	38.	63.	88.
14. 5 4 3 2 1	39.	64.	89.
15.	40.	65.	90.
16.	41.	66.	91.
17.	42.	67.	92.
18.	43.	68.	93. 1 2 3 4 5
19.	44.	69.	94.
20.	45. 1 2 3 4 5	70.	95.
21.	46.	71.	96.
22.	47.	72.	97.
23.	48.	73.	98.
24.	49.	74.	99.
25.	50. 1 2 3 4 5	<u>75. 1 2 3 4 5</u>	100.

Fisher Divorce Adjustment Scale Scoring Sheet #4: Symptoms of Grief

To score yourself in the category **Symptoms of Grief**, go through your scores for the statements indicated below. For each mark on your answer sheet, your score will be the number value **just to the right of the mark**. Add the total value of all marks on this sheet, and then write your total points for this profile on the summary sheet.

The maximum score is 120, and the minimum score is 24 for this self-worth subtest.

1) almost always	2) usually	3) sometir	nes	4) seldom	5) almost never
1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3	4 5	1 2 3	4 5	1 2 3 4 5
1.	26.	5	1.	76.	
2. 1 2 3 4 5	27.	52	2.	77.	
3.	28.	5.	3.	78.	
4.	•	3 4 5 54	1.	79.	
5.	30.	5.5	5.	80.	
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7. 1 2 3 4 5	32.	5		82.	
8.	33.	_58	3. 1 2 3	<u>4 5</u> 83.	
9.	34.	59	9.	84.	
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13.	38.	6.		88.	1 2 2 4 5
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18. 1 2 3 4 5	43.	68	3.	93.	
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22.	47.	72		97.	4 2 2 4 5
23.		3 4 5 73		98.	1 2 3 4 5
24. 5 4 3 2 1	49.	74		99.	
25.	50. 1 2 3	3 4 5 7	5. 1 2 3	<u>4 5</u> 100.	

Fisher Divorce Adjustment Scale Scoring Sheet #5: Rebuilding Social Trust

To score yourself in the category Rebuilding Social Trust, go through your scores for the statements indicated below. For each mark on your answer sheet, your score will be the number value just to the right of the mark. Add the total value of all marks on this sheet, and then write your total points for this profile on the summary sheet.

The maximum score is 40, and the minimum score is 8 for this self-worth subtest.

1) almost always	2) usually 3)	sometimes	4) seldom	5) almost never
1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4	5 1 2 3	4 5 1	2 3 4 5
1.	26.	51.	76.	
2.	27.	52.	77.	
3.	28.	53.	78.	
4.	29.	54.	79.	
5.	30.	55.	80.	
6.	31.	56.	81.	
7.	32.	57.	82.	
8.	33.	58.	83. 5	4 3 2 1
9.	34.	59.	84.	
10.	35.	60.	85.	
11.	36.	61.	86.	
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14.	39.	64.	89.	
15.	40.	65.	90.	
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16.	41.	66.	91.	
17.	42.	67.	92.	
18.	43.	68.	93.	
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22.	47.	72.	97.	
23.	48.	73.	98.	
24.	49.	74. 1 2 3	<u>4 5</u> 99.	
25.	50.	75.	100.	

Fisher Divorce Adjustment Scale Scoring Sheet #6: Social Self-Worth

To score yourself in the category **Social Self-Worth**, go through your scores for the statements indicated below. For each mark on your answer sheet, your score will be the number value **just to the right of the mark**. Add the total value of all marks on this sheet, and then write your total points for this profile on the summary sheet.

The maximum score is 45, and the minimum score is 9 for this self-worth subtest.

1) almost always	2) usually	3) sometimes	4) seldom	5) almost never
1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3	1 2 3	4 5 1	2 3 4 5
1. 5 4 3 2 1	26.	51.	76.	
2.	27.	52.	77.	
3.	28.	53.	78.	
4. 1 2 3 4 5	29.	54. 1 2 3	<u>3 4 5</u> 79.	
5.	30.	55.	80.	
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6.	31.	56.	81.	
7.	32.	57.	82.	
8.	33.	58.	83.	
9.	34.	59.	84.	
10.	35.	60.	<u>85. 5</u>	5 4 3 2 1
11.	36.	61.	86.	
12.	37.	62.	87.	
13.	38.	63.	88.	
14.	39.	64.	89.	
15.	40.	65.	90.	
16.	41.	66.	91.	
17.	42.	67.	92. 5	5 4 3 2 1
18.	43.	68.	93.	
19. 1 2 3 4 5	44.	69.	94.	
20.	45.	70.	95.	
		_,		
21.	46.	71.	96.	
22. 5 4 3 2 1	47.	72.		5 4 3 2 1
23. 1 2 3 4 5	48.	73.	98.	
24.	49.	74.	99.	
25.	50.	75.	100.	

Fisher Divorce Adjustment Scale Summary Sheet

Age:

Gender:

Months Separ	ated:		Circle one:	Dumper	Dumpee	Mutual	
Scoring Sheet.		ır scores below	ies you comple to see where y o post-test.				
	Low feelings of self-worth	Emotionally investing in past love relationship	Angry at former love partner	Grieving loss of relationship	Fearful of social intimacy	Low social self-worth	Not adjusted to ending of love relationship
Post-Test Points		·					,
Pre-Test Points							
Pre- to Post- Gain							

Some things to keep in mind:

Name:

The FDAS is designed to measure your adjustment to the ending of your love-relationship. It is NOT designed to measure your mental or emotional health. The feedback you receive from this scoring profile should help you identify your strong and weak areas in the process of adjusting to your loss. Your scores will be affected by the way you felt the day you took the test; take this into account when you look at your scoring results.

Also, did you realize your score would have been different if you had taken the Scale last week or last month? The FDAS questions are designed to be marked differently as you work through the adjustment process. Normally your score will be lowest at the time of your physical separation. And, if in a second or subsequent time you take the FDAS, you marked different answers than you would have in the past, this can indicate you are adjusting to your loss.

Hopefully, you were able to be completely honest when you took the test so your test results will be meaningful. Some of you may still be in some denial, especially in the anger subtest, which will affect your scores. Some of you may have a lower post-test score than the pre-test. Usually this means you were denying feelings when taking the pre-test. The post-test score, after completing the program in *Rebuilding* or participating in the ten-week seminar, usually is more meaningful, because you may have overcome any denial you had when taking the pre-test.