



LOCKE WALLACE MARITAL ADJUSTMENT TEST

Source: The items are from the 15-item Locke Wallace Marital Adjustment Test. Public Domain

Reference: Locke, H.J. & Wallace, K.M. (1959) Short marital adjustment and prediction tests: Their reliability and validity. *Marriage and Family Living*, 21, 251-255.

Scale Description: The Locke Wallace Marital Adjustment Test is a 15-item scale that assesses marital satisfaction.

Scoring and Algorithm

Note: For each assessment, there is an algorithm leading to one of three acuity ranges. The logic for the user receiving specific feedback is included in the algorithms below.

Because the scoring for this assessment is not consistent across questions, the scoring is presented below in red type on a copy of the assessment. Please note that the scoring numbers should not be present on the items presented to someone who is completing the scale. The content for the assessment is repeated on the following pages without the scoring key.

Total score is sum of all items, possible range 2-158.

Algorithm

Total = 100-158	High Acuity
Total = 85-99	Moderate Acuity
Total = 2-84	Low Acuity



MARRIAGE ASSESSMENT SCORING KEY

1. Which dot describes the degree of happiness, everything considered, of your present marriage? The middle point "happy" represents the degree of happiness which most people get from marriage, and the scale gradually ranges on one side to those few who are very unhappy in marriage, and on the other, to those few who experience extreme joy in marriage



State the approximate extent of agreement or disagreement between you and your mate on the following items.

	Always Agree	Almost Always Agree	Occasionally Disagree	Frequently Disagree	Almost Always Disagree	Always Disagree
2. Handling Family Finances	5	4	3	2	1	0
3. Matters of Recreation	5	4	3	2	1	0
4. Demonstration of Affection	8	6	4	2	1	0
5. Friends	5	4	3	2	1	0
6. Sex Relations	15	12	9	4	1	0
7. Conventuality (right, good, or proper conduct)	5	4	3	2	1	0
8. Philosophy of Life	5	4	3	2	1	0
9. Ways of dealing with in-laws	5	4	3	2	1	0

- 10. When disagreements arise, they usually result in:
 (a) husband giving in **0** (b) wife giving in **2** (c) agreement by mutual give and take **10**
- 11. Do you and your mate engage in outside interests together?
 (a) All of them **10** (b) some of them **8** (c) very few of them **3** (d) none of them **0**
- 12. In leisure time do you generally prefer:
 (a) to be "on the go" (b) to stay at home

Does your mate generally prefer:
 (a) to be "on the go" - (b) to stay at home

Stay at home for both = 10

On the go for both = 3

Disagree = 2



13. Do you ever wish you had not married?
(a) Frequently **0** (b) Occasionally **3** (c) rarely **8** (d) never **15**
14. If you had your life to live over again, do you think you would:
(a) Marry the same person **15** (b) Marry a different person **0** (c) Not marry at all **1**
15. Do you ever confide in your mate:
(a) almost never **0** (b) rarely **2** (c) in most things **10** (d) in everything **10**



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Very Unhappy

Happy

Perfectly happy

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4. Demonstration of Affection						
5. Friends						
6. Sex Relations						
7. Conventionality (right, good, or proper conduct)						
8. Philosophy of Life						
9. Ways of dealing with in-laws						

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