

# Cultural Adaptability Test

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## PRINT THIS FORM OUT AND COMPLETE IT BY HAND

**Instructions:** Determine to what extent the following statements describe your thinking or approach to life. If the statement is very descriptive of you put a 5 in the space provided, if it is not at all descriptive of you, put a 1. Half-way put a 3, use 2 or 4 if they are more appropriate.

If a customer gives me a deposit for goods and asks me to hold them for him, I would be very unlikely to sell them to another customer before the first one returns.

I always pick up hitch hikers, even if I already have friends in the car who would be cramped.

Each day I plan my schedule and I am annoyed when it gets interrupted.

I have sympathy with people who steal from a corrupt government.

It is better to please someone than to tell them the truth.

I seek out friends and enjoy talking about most subjects that come up.

I regard visiting my relatives as an important recreational activity.

When I set myself a goal, I dedicate myself to reaching it even if other areas of my life suffer as a result.

If offered promotion which entailed moving to another city, I would not be held back by relationships with family and friends.

I always wear a watch and refer to it regularly in order not to be late for anything.

If I am going to preach at a neighbouring church, I would not make myself late by stopping to talk to my uncle for an hour and a half if I happened to meet him on the journey.

I do not take sides in a discussion until I have heard all the arguments.

I agree with the statement - "The end justifies the means."

I argue my point to the end even if I know I am wrong.

I talk with others about my problems and ask them for advice.

I have set specific goals for what I want to accomplish in the next five years.

I can't stand using toilets that are a filthy hole in the ground.

At parties I make a great effort to talk to people I don't know.

I enjoy almost any kind of food.

I get embarrassed when people stare at me.

I absolutely hate waiting in long queues.

I easily get angry when people in uniform are rude to me.

Getting lost in a strange place doesn't worry me.

I think it is very rude to keep people waiting.

I am a fairly patient person.

Spiders and insects don't worry me much.

I tend to take too much luggage on holiday.

I enjoy travelling, even if it is very hot.

I am a heavy sleeper and noises don't usually wake me.

I get upset when I see women treated less well than men.

## Results

Add up your scores for your circles and squares separately.

**SCORES**      Circles:                  Squares:

If your circles score is below 45, take the amount you are below, and add it to your squares score. This is your final score.

If your circles score is above 45, take the amount you are above, and subtract it from your squares score. This is your final score.

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

In this simple test; the average score is 45. If you score above this, you are more culturally adaptable than average. A score of 50 is a high one, and means that you are very adaptable. People who get low scores shouldn't worry, it just means that you may have to work a little harder at it. It certainly doesn't mean that you are not suitable for mission work - this is just one of many factors that make up a person's suitability.