OIP Reliability: SA grade 9 pupils at an English-medium school

Sample composition

South African scholars at an English medium government school, tested for vocational guidance purposes.

Data were collected in 2001.

	Frequency table: Race				
	Count	Cumulative	Percent	Cumulative	
Category		Count		Percent	
WC	202	202	78.29457	78.2946	
В	44	246	17.05426	95.3488	
A	12	258	4.65116	100.0000	
Missing	0	258	0.00000	100.0000	

Race was coded based on respondents' names. Whites and coloureds were coded WC.

	Frequency table: Sex				
	Count	Cumulative	Percent	Cumulative	
Category		Count		Percent	
F	124	124	48.06202	48.0620	
Μ	129	253	50.00000	98.0620	
Error	5	258	1.93798	100.0000	
Missing	0	258	0.00000	100.0000	

	Frequency table: Age				
	Count	Cumulative	Percent	Cumulative	
Category		Count		Percent	
14	74	74	28.68217	28.6822	
15	149	223	57.75194	86.4341	
16	31	254	12.01550	98.4496	
17	1	255	0.38760	98.8372	
19	1	256	0.38760	99.2248	
Missing	2	258	0.77519	100.0000	

Scale	Coefficient Alpha (N=258)		
Need for Excitement	.750598832		
Stability	.804483757		
Need for Change	.730592498		
Need for People	.724641328		
Need for Control	.785484818		
Persuasive interest	.784470872		
Scientific interest	.839297920		
Practical interest	.739968588		
Administrative interest	.808762207		
Caring interest	.846746848		
Artistic/creative interest	.893711364		
Logical interest	.780835360		
Mean alpha	0.790799533		

Internal consistency reliability (Coefficient Alpha) on OIP scales

Standard error of measurement

	1	2	3	4
	ScaleName	SEM	SD	Reliability
1	Need for Excitement	3.036357	6.08	0.750599
2	Stability	3.117314	7.05	0.804484
3	Need for change	3.103888	5.98	0.730592
4	Need for people	3.86738	7.37	0.724641
5	Need for control	3.218947	6.95	0.785485
6	Persuasive interest	3.305468	7.12	0.784471
7	Scientific interest	3.162917	7.89	0.839298
8	Practical/mechanical in	3.467543	6.8	0.739969
9	Administrative interest	3.564056	8.15	0.808762
10	Caring interest	3.116146	7.96	0.846747
11	Artistic/creative interes	3.204771	9.83	0.893711
12	Logical/computational	3.408134	7.28	0.780835