Lab A1-1  The General Well-Being Scale

For each question, choose the answer that best describes how you have felt and how things have been going for you during the past month.

1. How have you been feeling in general?
   5 _____ In excellent spirits
   4 _____ In very good spirits
   3 _____ In good spirits mostly
   2 _____ I’ve been up and down in spirits a lot
   1 _____ In low spirits mostly
   0 _____ In very low spirits

2. Have you been bothered by nervousness or your “nerves”?
   0 _____ Extremely so—to the point where I could not work or take care of things
   1 _____ Very much so
   2 _____ Quite a bit
   3 _____ Some—enough to bother me
   4 _____ A little
   5 _____ Not at all

3. Have you been in firm control of your behavior, thoughts, emotions, or feelings?
   5 _____ Yes, definitely so
   4 _____ Yes, for the most part
   3 _____ Generally so
   2 _____ Not too well
   1 _____ No, and I am somewhat disturbed
   0 _____ No, and I am very disturbed

4. Have you felt so sad, discouraged, hopeless, or had so many problems that you wondered if anything was worthwhile?
   0 _____ Extremely so—to the point I have just about given up
   1 _____ Very much so
   2 _____ Quite a bit
   3 _____ Some—enough to bother me
   4 _____ A little bit
   5 _____ Not at all

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5. Have you been under or felt you were under any strain, stress, or pressure?
   0 _____ Yes—almost more than I could bear
   1 _____ Yes—quite a bit of pressure
   2 _____ Yes—some, more than usual
   3 _____ Yes—some, but about usual
   4 _____ Yes—a little
   5 _____ Not at all

6. How happy, satisfied, or pleased have you been with your personal life?
   5 _____ Extremely happy—couldn't have been more satisfied or pleased
   4 _____ Very happy
   3 _____ Fairly happy
   2 _____ Satisfied—pleased
   1 _____ Somewhat dissatisfied
   0 _____ Very dissatisfied

7. Have you had reason to wonder if you were losing your mind, or losing control over the way you act, talk, think, feel, or of your memory?
   5 _____ Not at all
   4 _____ Only a little
   3 _____ Some, but not enough to be concerned
   2 _____ Some, and I've been a little concerned
   1 _____ Some, and I am quite concerned
   0 _____ Much, and I'm very concerned

8. Have you been anxious, worried, or upset?
   0 _____ Extremely so—to the point of being sick, or almost sick
   1 _____ Very much so
   2 _____ Quite a bit
   3 _____ Some—enough to bother me
   4 _____ A little bit
   5 _____ Not at all

9. Have you been waking up fresh and rested?
   5 _____ Every day
   4 _____ Most every day
   3 _____ Fairly often
   2 _____ Less than half the time
   1 _____ Rarely
   0 _____ None of the time

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LAB A1-1 (continued)

10. Have you been bothered by any illness, bodily disorder, pain, or fears about your health?
   0 _____ All the time
   1 _____ Most of the time
   2 _____ A good bit of the time
   3 _____ Some of the time
   4 _____ A little of the time
   5 _____ None of the time

11. Has your daily life been full of things that are interesting to you?
   5 _____ All the time
   4 _____ Most of the time
   3 _____ A good bit of the time
   2 _____ Some of the time
   1 _____ A little of the time
   0 _____ None of the time

12. Have you felt downhearted and blue?
   0 _____ All of the time
   1 _____ Most of the time
   2 _____ A good bit of the time
   3 _____ Some of the time
   4 _____ A little of the time
   5 _____ None of the time

13. Have you been feeling emotionally stable and sure of yourself?
   5 _____ All of the time
   4 _____ Most of the time
   3 _____ A good bit of the time
   2 _____ Some of the time
   1 _____ A little of the time
   0 _____ None of the time

14. Have you felt tired, worn out, used up, or exhausted?
   0 _____ All of the time
   1 _____ Most of the time
   2 _____ A good bit of the time
   3 _____ Some of the time
   4 _____ A little of the time
   5 _____ None of the time

(over)
Circle the number that seems closest to how you have felt generally during the past month.

15. How concerned or worried about your health have you been?
   - Not concerned at all
   - Very concerned
   
   Not 10 8 6 4 2 0 Very
   
16. How relaxed or tense have you been?
   - Very relaxed
   - Very tense
   
   Very 10 8 6 4 2 0 tension
   
17. How much energy, pep, and vitality have you felt?
   - No energy at all, listless
   - Very energetic, dynamic
   
   No energy 0 2 4 6 8 10 energy
   
18. How depressed or cheerful have you been?
   - Very depressed
   - Very cheerful
   
   Very 0 2 4 6 8 10 depression

Scoring
Add up all the points for the answers you have chosen, and find your score in the table below:

- 81–110 Positive well-being
- 76–80 Low positive
- 71–75 Marginal
- 56–70 Stress problem
- 41–55 Distress
- 26–40 Serious
- 0–25 Severe

Source: National Center for Health Statistics. General Well-Being Scale (GWBS).