

Practice Case: Noah

Noah completed the MMPI-A as part of a comprehensive assessment conducted in an outpatient setting. He was referred by his biological parents, who sought to understand inappropriate sexual behaviors that resulted in Noah being adjudicated delinquent. Both the MMPI-A and the MMPI-A-RF score reports were derived from this same test administration.

Noah is a 14-year-old White boy. He lives with his biological parents and two younger brothers, all of whom Noah described having “super great” relationships with. Noah had no history of medical or mental health difficulties, though both Noah and his mother described Noah as having always been nervous and anxious. Noah thought his experience of anxiety in the past year had been substantially worse. He believed the increased anxiety began after he and his brothers were sexually abused by an uncle who lived with his family for several months. Noah said he had a hard time not thinking about what his uncle had done. He reported feeling guilty for not protecting his brothers and for not telling his parents what was happening sooner. He described also feeling worried and afraid, which he thought was “stupid” because his uncle was in jail and could no longer hurt them. Noah thought these experiences may have also affected his friendships, as he was sure his friends all knew he was “messed up.” He described avoiding his friends due to this belief, as well as having little interest in engaging in social activities he used to enjoy.

At the time of the evaluation, Noah was in the 8th grade and had no problems with academic achievement or behavioral difficulties. However, Noah had been adjudicated delinquent in the past year for disorderly conduct. Records indicate Noah exposed his private parts to a group of friends at a local park. This act was witnessed by several young children and their parents, who called the police. During the evaluation, Noah also reported having used his

father's computer password to access pornography, having texted pictures of his private parts to a friend, and having stolen lingerie from the bedroom of his friend's mother. Noah reported having used alcohol and marijuana in the past but denied any regular use of these or other substances.

Noah appeared shy and was reticent to talk about his experience of sexual abuse during the evaluation. He was cooperative with psychological testing, and he completed the MMPI with no observed difficulties.

Noah's MMPI-A Profile



MMPI®-A
Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory®-Adolescent
Extended Score Report

Name: Noah
ID Number:
Age: 14
Gender: Male
Date Assessed: 04/01/2013

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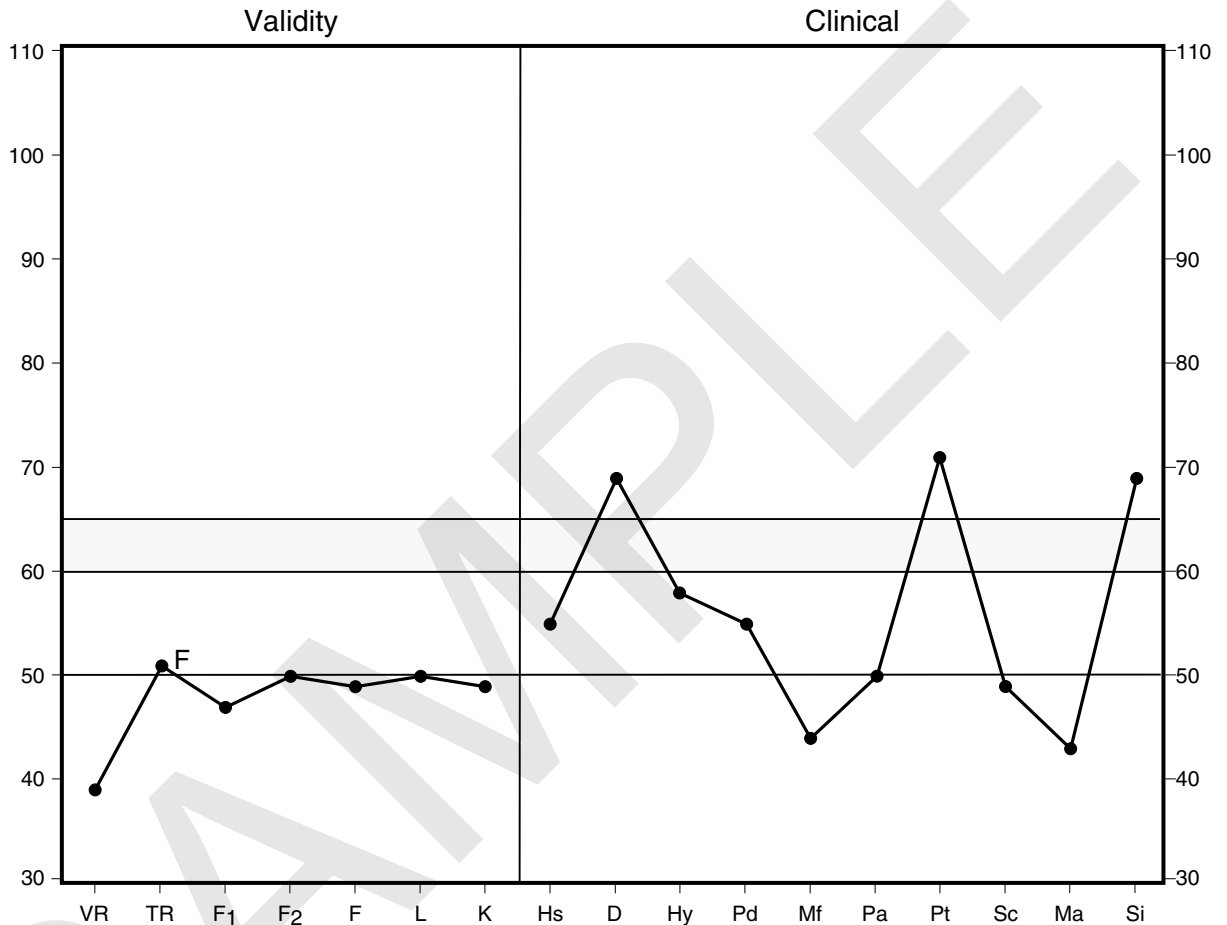
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MMPI-A VALIDITY AND CLINICAL SCALES PROFILE



Raw Score: 1 9 3 5 8 3 12 11 29 25 23 19 13 32 22 18 41
 T Score: 39 51 47 50 49 50 49 55 69 58 55 44 50 71 49 43 69
 Response %: 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100

Cannot Say (Raw): 0

Percent True: 46

Percent False: 54

Welsh Code: 7'20+-314 6/8 59: L/FK:

ADDITIONAL SCALES

	Raw Score	T Score	Resp %
Harris-Lingoes Subscales			
Depression Subscales			
Subjective Depression (D ₁)	17	70	100
Psychomotor Retardation (D ₂)	7	61	100
Physical Malfunctioning (D ₃)	3	48	100
Mental Dullness (D ₄)	5	56	100
Brooding (D ₅)	7	71	100
Hysteria Subscales			
Denial of Social Anxiety (Hy ₁)	0	32	100
Need for Affection (Hy ₂)	4	46	100
Lassitude-Malaise (Hy ₃)	6	58	100
Somatic Complaints (Hy ₄)	9	67	100
Inhibition of Aggression (Hy ₅)	4	59	100
Psychopathic Deviate Subscales			
Familial Discord (Pd ₁)	3	48	100
Authority Problems (Pd ₂)	4	54	100
Social Imperturbability (Pd ₃)	0	30	100
Social Alienation (Pd ₄)	7	60	100
Self-Alienation (Pd ₅)	6	57	100
Paranoia Subscales			
Persecutory Ideas (Pa ₁)	3	46	100
Poignancy (Pa ₂)	3	49	100
Naivete (Pa ₃)	5	56	100
Schizophrenia Subscales			
Social Alienation (Sc ₁)	4	43	100
Emotional Alienation (Sc ₂)	2	48	100
Lack of Ego Mastery, Cognitive (Sc ₃)	5	59	100
Lack of Ego Mastery, Conative (Sc ₄)	6	57	100
Lack of Ego Mastery, Defective Inhibition (Sc ₅)	4	53	100
Bizarre Sensory Experiences (Sc ₆)	3	44	100
Hypomania Subscales			
Amorality (Ma ₁)	1	38	100
Psychomotor Acceleration (Ma ₂)	6	48	100
Imperturbability (Ma ₃)	3	49	100
Ego Inflation (Ma ₄)	5	53	100

	Raw Score	T Score	Resp %
Social Introversion Subscales (Ben-Porath, Hostetler, Butcher, & Graham)			
Shyness/Self-Consciousness (Si ₁)	12	69	100
Social Avoidance (Si ₂)	5	62	100
Alienation--Self and Others (Si ₃)	13	66	100
Content Component Scales (Sherwood, Ben-Porath, & Williams)			
Adolescent Depression			
Dysphoria (A-dep ₁)	3	63	100
Self-Depreciation (A-dep ₂)	2	52	100
Lack of Drive (A-dep ₃)	3	54	100
Suicidal Ideation (A-dep ₄)	0	42	100
Adolescent Health Concerns			
Gastrointestinal Complaints (A-hea ₁)	0	46	100
Neurological Symptoms (A-hea ₂)	6	56	100
General Health Concerns (A-hea ₃)	2	51	100
Adolescent Alienation			
Misunderstood (A-aln ₁)	1	43	100
Social Isolation (A-aln ₂)	2	54	100
Interpersonal Skepticism (A-aln ₃)	2	56	100
Adolescent Bizarre Mentation			
Psychotic Symptomatology (A-biz ₁)	1	43	100
Paranoid Ideation (A-biz ₂)	0	42	100
Adolescent Anger			
Explosive Behavior (A-ang ₁)	1	38	100
Irritability (A-ang ₂)	6	59	100
Adolescent Cynicism			
Misanthropic Beliefs (A-cyn ₁)	6	43	100
Interpersonal Suspiciousness (A-cyn ₂)	2	39	100
Adolescent Conduct Problems			
Acting-Out Behaviors (A-con ₁)	4	50	100
Antisocial Attitudes (A-con ₂)	1	35	100
Negative Peer Group Influences (A-con ₃)	0	41	100
Adolescent Low Self-Esteem			
Self-Doubt (A-lse ₁)	4	52	100
Interpersonal Submissiveness (A-lse ₂)	3	61	100

	Raw Score	T Score	Resp %
Adolescent Low Aspirations			
Low Achievement Orientation (A-las ₁)	2	42	100
Lack of Initiative (A-las ₂)	6	74	100
Adolescent Social Discomfort			
Introversion (A-sod ₁)	6	57	100
Shyness (A-sod ₂)	9	71	100
Adolescent Family Problems			
Familial Discord (A-fam ₁)	4	40	100
Familial Alienation (A-fam ₂)	0	39	100
Adolescent School Problems			
School Conduct Problems (A-sch ₁)	2	60	100
Negative Attitudes (A-sch ₂)	2	46	100
Adolescent Negative Treatment Indicators			
Low Motivation (A-trt ₁)	7	67	100
Inability to Disclose (A-trt ₂)	3	47	100

Uniform T scores are used for Hs, D, Hy, Pd, Pa, Pt, Sc, Ma, the content scales, the content component scales, and the PSY-5 scales. The remaining scales and subscales use linear T scores.

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