Standardised Mini-Mental State Examination (SMMSE)

Please see accompanying guidelines for administration and scoring instructions

Say: I am going to ask you some questions and give you some problems to solve. Please try to answer as best you can.

1. Allow ten seconds for each reply. Say:
   a) What year is this? (accept exact answer only) /1
   b) What season is this? (during the last week of the old season or first week of a new season, accept either) /1
   c) What month is this? (on the first day of a new month or the last day of the previous month, accept either) /1
   d) What is today’s date? (accept previous or next date) /1
   e) What day of the week is this? (accept exact answer only) /1

2. Allow ten seconds for each reply. Say:
   a) What country are we in? (accept exact answer only) /1
   b) What state are we in? (accept exact answer only) /1
   c) What city/town are we in? (accept exact answer only) /1
   d) <At home> What is the street address of this house? (accept street name and house number or equivalent in rural areas) /1
      <In facility> What is the name of this building? (accept exact name of institution only) /1
   e) <At home> What room are we in? (accept exact answer only) /1
      <In facility> What floor of the building are we on? (accept exact answer only) /1

3. Say: I am going to name three objects. When I am finished, I want you to repeat them. Remember what they are because I am going to ask you to name them again in a few minutes (say slowly at approximately one-second intervals).

   Ball  Car  Man

   For repeated use: Bell, jar, fan; bill, tar, can; bull, bar, pan

   Say: Please repeat the three items for me (score one point for each correct reply on the first attempt) /3

   Allow 20 seconds for reply; if the person did not repeat all three, repeat until they are learned or up to a maximum of five times (but only score first attempt)

4. Say: Spell the word WORLD (you may help the person to spell the word correctly). Say: Now spell it backwards please (allow 30 seconds; if the person cannot spell world even with assistance, score zero). Refer to accompanying guide for scoring instructions (score on reverse of this sheet) /5

5. Say: Now what were the three objects I asked you to remember? (score one point for each correct answer regardless of order; allow ten seconds) /3

6. Show wristwatch. Ask: What is this called? (score one point for correct response; accept ‘wristwatch’ or ‘watch’; do not accept ‘clock’ or ‘time’, etc.; allow ten seconds) /1
7. **Show pencil. Ask:** *What is this called?*  
(score one point for correct response; accept ‘pencil’ only; score zero for pen; allow ten seconds for reply)

8. **Say:** *I would like you to repeat a phrase after me: No ifs, ands, or buts*  
(allow ten seconds for response. Score one point for a correct repetition. Must be exact, e.g. no ifs or buts, score zero)

9. **Say:** *Read the words on this page and then do what it says*  
Then, **hand** the person the sheet with CLOSE YOUR EYES (score on reverse of this sheet) on it. If the subject just reads and does not close eyes, you may repeat: *Read the words on this page and then do what it says*, a maximum of three times. See point number three in Directions for Administration section of accompanying guidelines. Allow ten seconds; score one point only if the person closes their eyes. The person does not have to read aloud.

10. **Hand** the person a pencil and paper. **Say:** *Write any complete sentence on that piece of paper*  
(allow 30 seconds. Score one point. The sentence must make sense. Ignore spelling errors).

11. **Place** design (see page 3), pencil, eraser and paper in front of the person. **Say:** *Copy this design please.* Allow multiple tries.  
Wait until the person is finished and hands it back. Score one point for a correctly copied diagram. The person must have drawn a four-sided figure between two five-sided figures. Maximum time: one minute.

12. **Ask** the person if he is right or left handed. **Take** a piece of paper, hold it up in front of the person and **say** the following: *Take this paper in your right/left hand (whichever is non-dominant), fold the paper in half once with both hands and put the paper down on the floor.*

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<th>Takes paper in correct hand</th>
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**TOTAL TEST SCORE:** /30  
**ADJUSTED SCORE:** /

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CLOSE YOUR EYES