

Polygraph Suitability Interview Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

1. Sleep	SUITABLE	MARGINAL	UNSUITABLE	(reports too tired or appears less than alert)
How many hour of sleep did you get last night? _____ How much do you normally sleep? _____				
Level of Alertness: Alert Fluctuating Stuporous Are you too tired to take a polygraph? YES / NO				
2. Meals	SUITABLE	MARGINAL	UNSUITABLE	(skipped 2 meals or too hungry to concentrate)
Did you eat... Breakfast? Lunch? Dinner?				
Are you too hungry to concentrate? YES / NO				
3. Illness	SUITABLE	MARGINAL	UNSUITABLE	(illness beyond minor cold or allergy symptoms)
Are you sick today? YES / NO What is wrong?				
How badly do you feel? REALLY BAD IN THE MIDDLE NOT TOO BAD Can you ignore it and concentrate? YES / NO				
4. Pain/Injury	SUITABLE	MARGINAL	UNSUITABLE	(high level of pain, distracting discomfort)
Are you injured right now? YES / NO Are you having any pain right now? YES / NO				
How much pain are you having? HIGH IN THE MIDDLE LOW Can you ignore it and concentrate? YES / NO				
5. Medications	SUITABLE	MARGINAL	UNSUITABLE	(med change in past 2 weeks, or sedated)
Do you take any meds? YES / NO What kind?				
How long have you taken those meds? > 3 months / > 2 weeks / < two weeks Pain meds?				
6. Alcohol	SUITABLE	MARGINAL	UNSUITABLE	(intoxicated in last 24 hours, presently hungover)
Have to drank any alcoholic drink in the last 24 hour? YES / NO				
What kind of alcohol? Beer Wine Liquor How much did you drink? How do you feel right now?				
7. Drugs	SUITABLE	MARGINAL	UNSUITABLE	(any illegal drug use, misuse prescription or OTC)
Have you used any illegal drugs in the past 3 days? YES / NO				
What kind of drugs? Have you taken someone else's meds besides your own?				
8. Health	SUITABLE	MARGINAL	UNSUITABLE	(poor health by report or observation / pregnant)
How is your heath today? Are you pregnant? YES / NO				
Excellent Good Average Poor (unsuitable)				
9. Preparation	SUITABLE	MARGINAL	UNSUITABLE	(less than 24 hr. notice of exam)
Are you ready to take a polygraph? YES / NO How long have you known about this exam?				
Did you bring your homework (disclosure forms)? YES / NO Are they done? YES / NO				
10. Orientation	SUITABLE	MARGINAL	UNSUITABLE	(orientation less than 3, disoriented, floridly psychotic)
Name? Date? Location? Who is the president?				
Hallucinations Dellusions Flashback episodes Overtly dissociative Major loss/trauma in past 72 hrs. IQ <55				
11. Prior Polygraph	SUITABLE	MARGINAL	UNSUITABLE	(no resolution of deceptive or inc.)
Have you had a polygraph before? YES / NO How did that one turn out? TRUTHFUL / DECEPTIVE				
Why did it turn out that way?				
12. Truthfulness	SUITABLE	MARGINAL	UNSUITABLE	(no ability to describe in own words)
What does it mean to tell the truth?				
How do you tell someone the truth? Readily IDs example? YES / NO				
13. Deception	SUITABLE	MARGINAL	UNSUITABLE	(no ability to describe in own words, fails example)
What does it mean to tell a lie?				
How do you tell someone a lie? Readily IDs example? YES / NO				
14. Rewards	SUITABLE	MARGINAL	UNSUITABLE	(no ability to describe in own words)
What good things will happen if you are truthful today?				
What will your tx/PO/family think/do? Readily engages suggestion? YES / NO				
15. Consequences	SUITABLE	MARGINAL	UNSUITABLE	(no ability to describe in own words)
What's going to happen if you are not truthful today?				
What will your tx/PO/family think/do if you fail your polygraph? Readily engages suggestion? YES / NO				
16. Voluntary Consent	SUITABLE	MARGINAL	UNSUITABLE	(no/ inadequate cooperation)
Do you want or agree to take a polygraph today? YES / NO				
Level of Cooperation: high adequate inadequate				

Any UNSUITABLE issue may be sufficient basis for a decision of unsuitability for polygraph examination at this time. MARGINAL issues may be used to formulate hypotheses regarding the possible causes underlying inconclusive results.

Completed by (signature): _____ Date: _____