The Juvenile Love Scale: A Child’s Version of the Passionate Love Scale

We are trying to find out how children feel when they love somebody in a very special way. Some children think about a special person a lot, get very excited about him or her and what to get very, very close. Sometimes we call this a “crush”. Please list on the lines that follow the name of the eight people you have loved or liked most in your life:

Name Male or female
1.______ _______

Now draw a circle around the name of the person you’d feel most excited about seeing right now or used to get excited about seeing if that person isn’t around anymore. Do not choose mother, father or brother or sister. If you aren’t excited about him/her right now, try to remember how you felt when you did feel the most excited. If you don’t think you have ever felt very excited, try to answer anyway, remembering how you did feel.

Each question is followed by a nine point rating scale. If you circle the 9 it means you agree very much with what the item says. If you circle the 1, it means you agree very little with what the item says. Try to circle which most closely explains how you do feel.

Form A: 15 Item Version)
1. I feel like things would always be sad and gloomy if I had to live without _____ forever.
2. Did you ever keep thinking about ____ when you wanted to stop and couldn’t?
3. I feel happy when I am doing something to make _____ happy.
4. I would rather be with _____ than anybody else.
5. I’d feel bad if I thought _____ liked somebody else better than me.
6. I want to know all I can about _____.
7. I’d like _____ to belong to me in every way.
8. I’d like it a lot if _____ played with me all the time.
9. If I could, when I grow up I’d like to marry (live with) _____.
10. When _____ hugs me my body feels warm all over.
11. I am always thinking about _____.
12. I want _____ to know me, what I am thinking, what scares me, what I am wishing for.
13. I look at _____ a lot to see if he/she likes me.
14. When _____ is around I really want to touch him/her and be touched.
15. When I think _____ might be mad at me, I feel really sad.

Possible answers range from:

1              2
3      4      5      6      7       8         9

Agree very little                                                        Agree very much

Form B, 15-item Version. A and B comprise a 30-Item Version

1. When _____ is around I laugh and cry more often.
2. I feel like things would always be sad and gloomy if I had to live without _____ forever.
3. Sometimes I feel shaky all over when I see _____.
4. Sometimes I think it is fun just to watch _____ move around.
5. Did you ever keep thinking about ____ when you wanted to stop and couldn’t?
6. I feel happy when I am doing something to make _____ happy.
7. I would rather be with _____ than anybody else.
8. I’d feel bad if I thought _____ liked somebody else better than me.
9. No one else could like _____ as much as I do.
10. I want to know all I can about _____.
11. I’d like _____ to belong to me in every way.
12. I will always like _____.
13. I feel all happy inside when _____ looks at me and I look at _____.
14. I’d like it a lot if _____ played with me all the time.
15. If I could, when I grow up I’d like to marry (live with) _____.
16. _____ is the person who can make me feel the happiest.
17. When _____ hugs me my body feels warm all over.
18. I feel all soft and happy inside about _____.
19. I am always thinking about _____.
20. If I were always from _____ for a long time I would be very lonely.
21. Sometimes I can’t do my school work because I am thinking about _____.
22. I want _____ to know me, what I am thinking, what scares me, what I am wishing for.
23. Knowing that _____ cares about me makes me feel more like I am OK.
24. I look at _____ a lot to see if he/she likes me.
25. If _____ needed help from me, I’d stop what I was doing, even if it was lots of fun and go help him (her).
26. _____ can make me feel bubbly, like coke.
27. When _____ is around I really want to touch him/her and be touched.
28. Living without _____ would be very, very sad.
29. I want to hug _____ very, very tight.
30. When I think _____ might be mad at me, I feel really sad.

Possible answers range from: 

1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9
Agree very little                                    Agree very much

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