

**WRITTEN STRESS TEST RESULTS**

Based on Excerpt from FEDERAL EX-STRESS U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

DATE OF THE TEST: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ DATE OF THE REPORT \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

TEST NAME:	TEST DATA:
Simple Stress and Tension Test:	___ Often ___ Few times per week ___ Rarely ___ Never
Life Style Considerations:	___ "no" out of necessary 6 ___ "yes" out of necessary 8
Stress Affects on the Physical Body:	___ "yes" with permitted 2
Stress Affects on the Mentality:	___ "yes" with permitted 3
Stress Check List	___ "yes" ___ "sometimes" ___ "no"

**SUGGESTIONS FOR LIFE STYLE CHANGE (based on the results of the Written Stress Test):**

- \_\_\_ Avoid working more than 5-1/2 days weekly (without learning to de-stress & re-energize)
- \_\_\_ Avoid working more than 10 hrs. in a work day (without learning to de-stress & re-energize on the regular bases)
- \_\_\_ Do not take less than half an hour for each meal
- \_\_\_ Stop eating quickly and not chewing enough
- \_\_\_ Avoid smoking
- \_\_\_ Sleep no less than seven hours daily
- \_\_\_ Listen to relaxing music daily - on the way home from work (if you are not overly tired), during work or household chores.  
Purchase and use Inner Peace for Busy People music CD by Joan Borysenko, PhD
- \_\_\_ Practice daily relaxation or meditation  
Purchase and read 3 Minute Meditator by David Harp
- \_\_\_ Find a creative hobby (gardening, painting, reading for pleasure) and perform it at least on weekly bases
- \_\_\_ Play or participate in a non-competitive sport (walking, swimming, cycling) or belong to a yoga or exercise class
- \_\_\_ Try to have a 20-30 min. rest period during the day and a 3-5 min. "Mind Clearing Meditation"- bring your concentration upon a clears space (on the wall, sheet of paper, etc.), allowing for all of the thoughts & feelings to slow down & stay clear for 3-5 min.
- \_\_\_ Take a relaxing bath 20 min. \_\_\_ times weekly before bedtime  
Purchase and take a bath with sea-salt for relaxation of the muscles or lavender candles / bath bubbles for aromatherapy relaxation effect.
- \_\_\_ Spend at least half an hour outdoors in the daylight each day
- \_\_\_ Find someone in your life to share your difficulties with (family member, friend, priest or counselor/psychologist)

### SIMPLE STRESS AND TENSION TEST

Directions: please circle the column that matches frequency of the following signs of stress

- |     |       |                  |        |       |                                                                                                          |
|-----|-------|------------------|--------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Often | Few times a week | Rarely | Never | I feel tense or anxious.                                                                                 |
| 2.  | Often | Few times a week | Rarely | Never | I have nervous indigestion.                                                                              |
| 3.  | Often | Few times a week | Rarely | Never | People at work/home arouse my anger.                                                                     |
| 4.  | Often | Few times a week | Rarely | Never | I eat / drink / smoke in response to tension.                                                            |
| 5.  | Often | Few times a week | Rarely | Never | I have tension or migraine headaches, pain in the neck or shoulders, or insomnia.                        |
| 6.  | Often | Few times a week | Rarely | Never | I can't turn off my thoughts at night or weekends long enough to feel relaxed or refreshed the next day. |
| 7.  | Often | Few times a week | Rarely | Never | I find it difficult to concentrate on what I'm doing because of worrying about other things.             |
| 8.  | Often | Few times a week | Rarely | Never | I take tranquilizers (or other drugs) to relax.                                                          |
| 9.  | Often | Few times a week | Rarely | Never | I have difficulty finding enough time to relax.                                                          |
| 10. | Yes   | No               |        |       | Once I find the time, it's hard for me to relax.                                                         |
| 11. | Yes   | No               |        |       | My workday is made up of too many deadlines                                                              |

### LIFESTYLE CONSIDERATIONS

Directions: please circle the column that matches frequency of the following signs of stress

- |     |    |           |    |                                                                                                                             |
|-----|----|-----------|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Yes | No | Sometimes | 1. | Do you work more than 5-1/2 days weekly?                                                                                    |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | 2. | Do you work more than 10 hours in a work day?                                                                               |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | 3. | Do you take less than half an hour for each meal?                                                                           |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | 4. | Do you eat quickly and not chew enough?                                                                                     |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | 5. | Do you smoke?                                                                                                               |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | 6. | Do you get less than seven hours sleep daily?                                                                               |
|     |    |           |    |                                                                                                                             |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | 1. | Do you listen to relaxing music?                                                                                            |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | 2. | Do you practice daily relaxation or meditation?                                                                             |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | 3. | Do you have a creative hobby (gardening, painting, reading for pleasure)?                                                   |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | 4. | Do you play or participate in a non-competitive sport (walking, swimming, cycling) or belong to a yoga or exercise class?   |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | 5. | Do you try to have a siesta or a short rest period during the day?                                                          |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | 6. | Do you have regular massage or relaxing bath?                                                                               |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | 7. | Do you spend at least half an hour outdoors in the daylight each day?                                                       |
| Yes | No | Sometimes | 8. | Do you have someone in your life to share your difficulties with (family member, friend, priest or counselor/psychologist)? |

Please list the topics that bother you: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list your fears: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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## HOW STRESS AFFECTS YOU

Directions: **please circle the column that matches frequency of the following signs of stress**

**Yes** = more than once a week / **weekly**

**Sometimes** = if once or twice a month / **monthly**

**No** = if less than monthly

There are common responses to stress, none are good or bad, right or wrong

### Is stress currently affecting you physically?

- |     |     |    |           |                                                                                     |
|-----|-----|----|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Are you experiencing difficulty in getting to asleep?                               |
| 2.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Are you waking frequently in the night?                                             |
| 3.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you wake up in the early hours, unable to return right back to sleep?            |
| 4.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Are you experiencing sexual difficulties? (impotence, lack of desire for sex, etc.) |
| 5.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you have difficulty in sitting still without fidgeting?                          |
| 6.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you have headaches?                                                              |
| 7.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you bite nails?                                                                  |
| 8.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you feel unusually tired?                                                        |
| 9.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you have frequent indigestion such as heartburn?                                 |
| 10. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you crave food other than at meal times?                                         |
| 11. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you have no appetite at mealtimes?                                               |
| 12. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Is your bowel function erratic - sometimes constipation, sometimes loose?           |
| 13. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you sweat for no obvious reason?                                                 |
| 14. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you have any "tics" such as touching the face, hair, mustache, repeatedly?       |
| 15. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you frequently feel nauseous?                                                    |
| 16. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you ever faint or have dizzy spells without obvious cause?                       |
| 17. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you feel breathless and tight-chested when not exerting yourself?                |
| 18. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you cry or feel the desire to cry?                                               |
| 19. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Are you suffering from high blood pressure?                                         |
| 20. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you feel obliged to take a drink to "unwind"?                                    |
| 21. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you smoke to calm your nerves?                                                   |

### Is stress affecting you mentally?

- |     |     |    |           |                                                                                  |
|-----|-----|----|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you lack interest in life?                                                    |
| 2.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you feel helpless and unable to cope?                                         |
| 3.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Are you irritable without obvious cause?                                         |
| 4.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you feel yourself to be a failure?                                            |
| 5.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you dislike yourself?                                                         |
| 6.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you find it difficult to make up your mind?                                   |
| 7.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Are you disinterested in other people?                                           |
| 8.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Is it difficult to show your true feelings?                                      |
| 9.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you feel suppressed (i.e., unexpressed) anger?                                |
| 10. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you feel your appearance has altered for the worst?                           |
| 11. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Is it difficult to relax and laugh?                                              |
| 12. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you feel yourself a victim of other people's dislike or animosity?            |
| 13. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you feel you are neglected, or have been let down?                            |
| 14. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you feel you have "failed" in your role as parent, spouse, or child?          |
| 15. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you have a fear of what the future holds?                                     |
| 16. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you feel isolated and that there is no one to turn to?                        |
| 17. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you feel it difficult to concentrate?                                         |
| 18. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you find it difficult to complete one job well before rushing on to the next? |
| 19. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you fear enclosed or open spaces?                                             |
| 20. | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you feel uncomfortable in touching or being touched?                          |

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

## Analysis of the General Emotional Condition:

EMOTION:	FREQUENCY:	DEGREE: 1-mild to 10 extreme										
Nervousness	daily__ weekly__ monthly__	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Reasons (if known)	_____											
Worries	daily__ weekly__ monthly__	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Reasons (if known)	_____											
Anger	daily__ weekly__ monthly__	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Reasons (if known)	_____											
Depression	daily__ weekly__ monthly__	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Reasons (if known)	_____											
Fear	daily__ weekly__ monthly__	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Reasons (if known)	_____											
Hatred	daily__ weekly__ monthly__	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Reasons (if known)	_____											
Insecurity	daily__ weekly__ monthly__	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Reasons (if known)	_____											
Loneliness	daily__ weekly__ monthly__	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Reasons (if known)	_____											
Sadness	daily__ weekly__ monthly__	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Reasons (if known)	_____											
Low Self-confidence	daily__ weekly__ monthly__	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Reasons (if known)	_____											
Jealousy	daily__ weekly__ monthly__	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Reasons (if known)	_____											
Envy	daily__ weekly__ monthly__	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Reasons (if known)	_____											

**Additional:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**STRESS CHECKLIST:** This checklist is a special opportunity to learn about yourself, to help you recognize how you respond to stress, so that you can help yourself enjoy more of life.

Directions: **please circle the space next to those items that describe your common response to stress**  
There are common responses to stress, none are good or bad, right or wrong

- |     |     |    |           |                                                                                                         |
|-----|-----|----|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you become upset over little things                                                                  |
| 2.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you change your mind; do you become indecisive                                                       |
| 3.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | Do you become bored; nothing excites you                                                                |
| 4.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | I can't concentrate                                                                                     |
| 5.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | I become cranky and irritable                                                                           |
| 6.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | I judge people                                                                                          |
| 7.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | I feel dissatisfied                                                                                     |
| 8.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | I forget things                                                                                         |
| 9.  | Yes | No | Sometimes | I can't sleep                                                                                           |
| 10. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I wake up in the middle of the night                                                                    |
| 11. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I put things off                                                                                        |
| 12. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I have no energy                                                                                        |
| 13. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I can't eat                                                                                             |
| 14. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I eat too much                                                                                          |
| 15. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I lose weight                                                                                           |
| 16. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I gain weight                                                                                           |
| 17. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I notice changes in my complexion and / or my skin                                                      |
| 18. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I have difficulty breathing (shortness of breath)                                                       |
| 19. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I smoke more                                                                                            |
| 20. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I drink more (alcohol)                                                                                  |
| 21. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I develop allergies                                                                                     |
| 22. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I don't socialize                                                                                       |
| 23. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I feel my heart racing                                                                                  |
| 24. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I perspire more                                                                                         |
| 25. | Yes | No | Sometimes | My face feels flushed                                                                                   |
| 26. | Yes | No | Sometimes | My body aches                                                                                           |
| 27. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I have frequent headaches                                                                               |
| 28. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I grind my teeth                                                                                        |
| 29. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I feel tired in the afternoon                                                                           |
| 30. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I am more distrustful                                                                                   |
| 31. | Yes | No | Sometimes | My confidence has eroded                                                                                |
| 32. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I lose my sense of humor                                                                                |
| 33. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I am often sick, particularly with colds and fever                                                      |
| 34. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I have a recurring physical ailment                                                                     |
| 35. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I can't relax and do nothing                                                                            |
| 36. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I work too much                                                                                         |
| 37. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I shuffle papers; I can't get organized                                                                 |
| 38. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I have no interest in sex                                                                               |
| 39. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I find it hard to show emotion                                                                          |
| 40. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I find it hard to be around people who are acting emotionally                                           |
| 41. | Yes | No | Sometimes | My behavior becomes inflexible; my body tends to stiffen                                                |
| 42. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I feel overwhelmed by thoughts, memories, or fantasies when I encounter a specific emotion or situation |
| 43. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I feel numb in emotional situations                                                                     |
| 44. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I am intolerant of specific people, places, or things                                                   |
| 45. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I am "Accident Prone"                                                                                   |
| 46. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I overreact                                                                                             |
| 47. | Yes | No | Sometimes | I feel like a time bomb about to explode                                                                |

**What pattern of your behavior have you noticed from answering the questions?**

**Ex.:** You react in a visible, physical, or concealed manner. \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you acknowledge the need for stress management?** Yes No

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_