McGill Friendship Questionnaire–FF

The items on this form concern the kind of friend your friend is to you. Imagine that the blank space in each item contains your friend's name. With him or her in mind, decide how often the item applies. On the scale directly to the right of each item circle the number that indicates how often your friend is or does what the item says. There are no right or wrong answers because adult friendships are very different from one another. Just describe your friend as he or she really is to you.

Once in \hspace{1em} Fairly \hspace{1em} Never \hspace{1em} Rarely \hspace{1em} A While \hspace{1em} Often \hspace{1em} Always

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1. ___ helps me when I need it.

2. ___ would make me feel comfortable in a new situation.

3. ___ is someone I can tell private things to.

4. ___ has good ideas about entertaining things to do.

5. ___ would want to stay my friend if we didn't see each other for a few months.

6. ___ makes me feel smart.

7. ___ makes me laugh.

8. ___ knows when I'm upset.

9. ___ helps me do things.

10. ___ points out things that I am good at.

11. ___ would be good to have around if I were frightened.

12. ___ would still want to be my friend even if we had a fight.

13. ___ lends me things that I need.

14. ___ would make me feel better if I were worried.

15. ___ is someone I can tell secrets to.

16. ___ would stay my friend even if other people criticized me.

17. ___ compliments me when I do something well.

18. ___ is exciting to talk to.

19. ___ makes me feel special.

20. ___ would stay my friend even if other people did not like me.

21. ___ knows when something bothers me.

22. ___ is exciting to be with.

23. ___ would make me feel calmer if I were nervous.

24. ___ helps me when I'm trying hard to finish something.

25. ___ makes me feel that I can do things well.

26. ___ would still want to stay my friend even if we argued.

27. ___ shows me how to do things better.

28. ___ is fun to sit and talk with.

29. ___ is easy to talk to about private things.

30. ___ makes me feel better when I'm upset.

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MFQ-FF (Friendship Functions) Scoring

The following SPSS commands may be helpful:

```spss
COMPUTE MFQMP = MEAN (MFQF04, MFQF07, MFQF18, MFQF22, MFQF28).
COMPUTE MFQLP = MEAN (MFQF01, MFQF09, MFQF13, MFQF24, MFQF27).
COMPUTE MFQNT = MEAN (MFQF03, MFQF08, MFQF15, MFQF21, MFQF29).
COMPUTE MFQEL = MEAN (MFQF05, MFQF12, MFQF16, MFQF20, MFQF26).
COMPUTE MFQEC = MEAN (MFQF02, MFQF11, MFQF14, MFQF23, MFQF30).
COMPUTE MFQAL = MEAN (MFQF06, MFQF10, MFQF17, MFQF19, MFQF25).
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If your data are skewed, you can try the following transformations:

```spss
COMPUTE SQCMP = SQRT(8)-SQRT(8-MFQCMP).
COMPUTE SQHLP = SQRT(8)-SQRT(8-MFQHLP).
COMPUTE SQINT = SQRT(8)-SQRT(8-MFQINT).
COMPUTE SQREL = SQRT(8)-SQRT(8-MFQREL).
COMPUTE SQSEC = SQRT(8)-SQRT(8-MFQSEC).
COMPUTE SQVAL = SQRT(8)-SQRT(8-MFQVAL).
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