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INSTRUCTIONS: The statements listed below describe attitudes toward men and women which different people have. There are no right or wrong answers, only opinions. Indicate how much you agree or disagree with each statement, using the following scale:

- A = Strongly Disagree.
 - B = Slightly Disagree.
 - C = Neither agree nor disagree.
 - D = Slightly Agree.
 - E = Strongly Agree.
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1. Women are less dominating than men.
2. Women are more passive than men are.
3. Women are more vulnerable than men are.
4. Women can deal with their emotions better than men can.
5. Women are more interpersonally concerned than men.
6. Women are less career motivated than men.
7. Women are inferior to men in their cognitive ability.
8. Men can make decisions easier than women.
9. Women don't generally like to be active in their sexual relationships.
10. Women are not very responsible during their menstrual cycles.
11. Women are more concerned with their physical appearance than men are.
12. Women like to tease men sexually.
13. Women set the standards for moral behavior.
14. Women are more frivolous than men.
15. Women tend to pout if they don't get their way.
16. Women are more competitive than men.
17. Women comply more often than men do.
18. Men are more excitable in a major crisis than women are.
19. Women are more emotional than men.
20. Men cannot relate to other persons as well as women can.
21. Women care as much as men do about developing a job career.
22. Men are superior to women in intelligence.
23. Women are more self-reliant than men.
24. Most women don't like to express their sexuality.
25. When they are on their periods, women are easily distracted.
26. Men are as conceited about their appearance as women are.
27. Women use seductive behavior to lead men on.
28. Women should be treated with great respect.
29. Women are more likely than men to act in silly ways.
30. Withholding favors is one of the primary ways women obtain their goals.
31. Women are more interested than men in being in control of their lives.
32. Men are as submissive as women are.
33. Women's feelings are more easily hurt than men's.
34. Women have more insight into their feelings than men do.
35. Women are usually more aware of other people's feelings than men are.
36. Women are as skillful in business-related activities as men are.
37. Men are not as analytical as women are.
38. Men make better leaders than women do.
39. Most women want their partner to take the initiative in their sexual relationships.
40. Women are very emotional during their periods.
41. Women spend more time attending to their physical appearance than men do.
42. Women usually say no (sexually) when they really mean yes.
43. Women are more devout individuals than men are.
44. Women are more childish than men are.
45. Women try to get what they want by being manipulative.
46. Men want power more than women do.
47. Women tend to give up more easily than men do.

48. Women have more need for security than men.
49. Men can express tender emotions better than women can.
50. Men are usually more loyal to their partner/spouse than women are.
51. Women dislike being in leadership positions more than men do.
52. Women have greater mechanical aptitude than men.
53. Women are usually less well-organized than men.
54. Women are as interested in sex as men are.
55. When a woman is on her period, she cannot concentrate very well.
56. Women pay more attention to their looks than most men do.
57. Women act in seductive ways just to play around with men.
58. Men are not as sensitive to profanity as women.
59. Men are less sophisticated than women.
60. Women tend to use their emotions to control others.
61. Women are more aggressive than men are.
62. Women are more easily influenced than men are.
63. Women are more fearful than men are.
64. Women are more honest in expressing their emotions than men are.
65. Women are more understanding of people than men are.
66. Women don't like responsibility as much as men do.
67. Men are better at science and math than women are.
68. Women are generally not as competent as men are.
69. Women's sexual desires are less intense than men's
70. Women's menstrual cycle makes them unfit for major leadership positions.
71. Women gain more status through their physical appearance than men do.
72. Women like to flirt and tantalize men.
73. Women are more spiritual than men.
74. Women are more innocent-looking than men.
75. Women usually threaten to cry if they can't have their own way.

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Scoring Instructions for the Beliefs About Women Scale (BAWS).

The BELIEFS ABOUT WOMEN SCALE (BAWS) consists of fifteen (15) separate subscales.

The items for each of these subscales are listed below:

1. Women are less dominating than men. (Items 1,16,31,46,61)
2. Women are more passive than men. (Items 2,17,32,47,62)
3. Women are more vulnerable than men. (Items 3,18,33,48,63)
4. Women have more emotional insight than men. (Items 4,19,34,49,64)
5. Women are more interpersonal than men. (Items 5,20,35,50,65)
6. Women are less career interested than men. (Items 6,21,36,51,66)
7. Women are less intelligent than men. (Items 7,22,37,52,67)
8. Women are less decisive than men. (Items 8,23,38,53,68)
9. Women are less sexual than men. (Items 9,24,39,54,69)
10. Menstruation debilitates women. (Items 10,25,40,55,70)
11. Women are more appearance conscious than men. (Items 11,26,41,56,71)
12. Women are sexual teases. (Items 12,27,42,57,72)
13. Women are more moral than men. (Items 13,28,43,58,73)
14. Women act sillier than men do. (Items 14,29,44,59,74)
15. Women use manipulative strategies. (Items 15,30,45,60,75)

CODING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ITEMS

The items are scored so that: Strongly Agree = +2 Slightly Agree = +1 Neither agree Nor Disagree = 0 Slightly Disagree = -1 Strongly Disagree = -2. After several items are reverse coded (items 16, 31, 61, 32, 18, 49, 50, 21, 36, 37, 52, 23, 54, and 26), the relevant items on each subscale are then averaged, so that higher positive (negative) scores correspond to greater agreement (disagreement) with the relevant stereotype about women measured by each BAWS subscale. ITEMS 37, 52, AND 59 ARE CURRENTLY TREATED AS FILLER ITEMS AND ARE NOT ENTERED INTO THE COMPUTATION OF SCALE SCORES.

