## **VAK Learning Styles Self-Assessment Questionnaire**

Place a '1' against the answer that most represents how you generally behave.

There are no wrong or right answers on this assessment, but it is important for you to be honest.

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| 1. When I operate new equipment I gene                        | erally:    |   |   |   |   |  |
|---|------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| a) read the instructions first                                | 1          | b) listen to an explanation from someone who has used it before     |   | c) go ahead and have a go, I can figure it out as I use it          |   |  |
| 2. When I need directions for travelling                      | usually:   |   |   |   |   |  |
| a) look at a map  |            | b) ask for spoken directions  | 1 | c) follow my nose and maybe use a compass                           |   |  |
| 3. When I cook a new dish, I like to:                         | •          |   |   |   |   |  |
| a) follow a written recipe                                    | 1          | b) call a friend for an explanation                                 |   | c) follow my instincts, testing as I cook                           |   |  |
| 4. If I am teaching someone something                         | new, I ten | nd to:  |   |   |   |  |
| a) write instructions down for them                           |            | b) give them a verbal explanation                                   |   | c) demonstrate first and then let them have a go                    | 1 |  |
| 5. I tend to say:   | •          |   |   |   |   |  |
| a) watch how I do it  | 1          | b) listen to me explain   |   | c) you have a go  |   |  |
| 6. During my free time I most enjoy:                          | •          |   |   |   |   |  |
| a) going to museums and galleries                             |            | b) listening to music and talking to my friends                     |   | c) playing sport or doing DIY                                       | 1 |  |
| 7. When I go shopping for clothes, I ten                      | d to:      |   |   |   |   |  |
| a) imagine what they would look like on                       |            | b) discuss them with the shop staff                                 |   | c) try them on and test them out                                    | 1 |  |
| 8. When I am choosing a holiday I usual                       | lly:       |   |   |   |   |  |
| a) read lots of brochures                                     |            | b) listen to recommendations from friends                           | 1 | c) imagine what it would be like to be there                        |   |  |
| 9. If I was buying a new car, I would:                        |            |   |   |   |   |  |
| a) read reviews in newspapers and magazines                   | 1          | b) discuss what I need with my friends                              |   | c) test-drive lots of different types                               |   |  |
| 10. When I am learning a new skill, I am                      | most co    | mfortable:  |   |   |   |  |
| a) watching what the teacher is doing                         |            | b) talking through with the teacher exactly what I'm supposed to do | 1 | c) giving it a try myself and work it out as I go                   |   |  |
| 11. If I am choosing food off a menu, I tend to:              |            |   |   |   |   |  |
| a) imagine what the food will look like                       |            | b) talk through the options in my head or with my partner           | 1 | c) imagine what the food will taste like                            |   |  |
| 12. When I listen to a band, I can't help:                    |            |   |   |   |   |  |
| a) watching the band members and other people in the audience |            | b) listening to the lyrics and the beats                            |   | c) moving in time with the music                                    | 1 |  |
| 13. When I concentrate, I most often:                         | •          |   |   |   |   |  |
| a) focus on the words or the pictures in front of me          | 1          | b) discuss the problem and the possible solutions in my head        |   | c) move around a lot, fiddle with pens and pencils and touch things |   |  |
| 14. I choose household furnishings bec                        | ause I lik | e:  |   |   |   |  |
| a) their colours and how they look                            | 1          | b) the descriptions the sales-people give me                        |   | c) their textures and what it feels like to touch them              |   |  |
| 15. My first memory is of:                                    |            |   |   |   |   |  |
| a) looking at something                                       | 1          | b) being spoken to  |   | c) doing something  |   |  |
| 16. When I am anxious, I:                                     | •          |   |   |   |   |  |

| a) visualise the worst-case scenarios                                |           | b) talk over in my head what worries me most                      | 1 | c) can't sit still, fiddle and move around constantly                                   |   |  |  |
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| 17. I feel especially connected to other people because of:          |           |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| a) how they look   |           | b) what they say to me  |   | c) how they make me feel  | 1 |  |  |
| 18. When I have to prepare for an exam, I generally:                 |           |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| a) write lots of revision notes and diagrams                         |           | b) talk over my notes, alone or with other people                 | 1 | c) imagine making the movement or creating the formula                                  |   |  |  |
| 19. If I am explaining to someone I tend to:                         |           |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| a) show them what I mean   |           | b) explain to them in different ways until they understand        | 1 | c) encourage them to try and talk them through my idea as they do it                    |   |  |  |
| 20. I really love:   |           |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| a) watching films, photography, looking at art or people watching    |           | b) listening to music, the radio or talking to friends            |   | c) taking part in sporting activities, eating fine foods and wines or dancing           | 1 |  |  |
| 21. Most of my free time is spent:                                   |           |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| a) watching television   |           | b) talking to friends   |   | c) doing physical activity or making things   | 1 |  |  |
| 22. When I first contact a new person, I                             | usually:  |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| a) arrange a face to face meeting                                    |           | b) talk to them on the telephone                                  | 1 | c) try to get together whilst doing<br>something else, such as an activity or a<br>meal |   |  |  |
| 23. I first notice how people:                                       |           |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| a) look and dress  | 1         | b) sound and speak  |   | c) stand and move   |   |  |  |
| 24. If I am angry, I tend to:  |           |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| a) keep replaying in my mind what it is that has upset me            | 1         | b) raise my voice and tell people how I feel                      |   | c) stamp about, slam doors and physically demonstrate my anger                          |   |  |  |
| 25. I find it easiest to remember:                                   |           |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| a) faces   | 1         | b) names  |   | c) things I have done   |   |  |  |
| 26. I think that you can tell if someone is                          | lying if: |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| a) they avoid looking at you   | 1         | b) their voices changes   |   | c) they give me funny vibes   |   |  |  |
| 27. When I meet an old friend:                                       |           |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| a) I say "it's great to see you!"                                    |           | b) I say "it's great to hear from you!"                           |   | c) I give them a hug or a handshake   | 1 |  |  |
| 28. I remember things best by:                                       |           |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| a) writing notes or keeping printed details                          | 1         | b) saying them aloud or repeating words and key points in my head |   | c) doing and practising the activity or imagining it being done                         |   |  |  |
| 29. If I have to complain about faulty goods, I am most comfortable: |           |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| a) writing a letter  |           | b) complaining over the phone                                     | 1 | c) taking the item back to the store or posting it to head office                       |   |  |  |
| 30. I tend to say:   |           |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| a) I see what you mean   |           | b) I hear what you are saying                                     |   | c) I know how you feel  | 1 |  |  |

Total:

Visual 12 Auditory 9 Kinesthetic 9