# Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE)

Patient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

### Instructions: Score one point for each correct response within each question or activity.

Maximum Score	Patient's Score	Questions
5		"What is the year? Season? Date? Day? Month?"
5		"Where are we now? State? County? Town/city? Hospital? Floor?"
3		The examiner names three unrelated objects clearly and slowly, then the instructor asks the patient to name all three of them. The patient's response is used for scoring. The examiner repeats them until patient learns all of them, if possible.
5		"I would like you to count backward from 100 by sevens." (93, 86, 79, 72, 65,) Alternative: "Spell WORLD backwards." (D-L-R-O-W)
3		"Earlier I told you the names of three things. Can you tell me what those were?"
2		Show the patient two simple objects, such as a wristwatch and a pencil, and ask the patient to name them.
1		"Repeat the phrase: 'No ifs, ands, or buts.'"
3		"Take the paper in your right hand, fold it in half, and put it on the floor." (The examiner gives the patient a piece of blank paper.)
1		"Please read this and do what it says." (Written instruction is "Close your eyes.")
1		"Make up and write a sentence about anything." (This sentence must contain a noun and a verb.)
1		"Please copy this picture." (The examiner gives the patient a blank piece of paper and asks him/her to draw the symbol below. All 10 angles must be present and two must intersect.)
30		TOTAL

### Interpretation of the MMSE:

Method	Score	Interpretation
Single Cutoff	<24	Abnormal
Range	<21	Increased odds of dementia
Kange	>25	Decreased odds of dementia
	21	Abnormal for 8 <sup>th</sup> grade education
Education	<23	Abnormal for high school education
	<24	Abnormal for college education
	24-30	No cognitive impairment
Severity	18-23	Mild cognitive impairment
	0-17	Severe cognitive impairment

### Interpretation of MMSE Scores:

Score	Degree of Impairment	Formal Psychometric Assessment	Day-to-Day Functioning
25-30	Questionably significant	If clinical signs of cognitive impairment are present, formal assessment of cognition may be valuable.	May have clinically significant but mild deficits. Likely to affect only most demanding activities of daily living.
20-25	Mild	Formal assessment may be helpful to better determine pattern and extent of deficits.	Significant effect. May require some supervision, support and assistance.
10-20	Moderate	Formal assessment may be helpful if there are specific clinical indications.	Clear impairment. May require 24-hour supervision.
0-10	Severe	Patient not likely to be testable.	Marked impairment. Likely to require 24-hour supervision and assistance with ADL.

Source:
Folstein MF, Folstein SE, McHugh PR: "Mini-mental state: A practical method for grading the cognitive state of patients for the clinician." J Psychiatr Res 1975;12:189-198.

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#### THE MODIFIED MINI-MENTAL STATE EXAMINATION

### Exhibit 8.9 The Modified Mini-Mental State Test

Note: alternatives printed in parentheses after items 6 and 10 may be used for people in institutional care settings

#### THE 3MS

Now I am going to ask some questions of a different kind. Some of the questions that I ask you will be easy; others may be more difficult. They are all routine questions that we ask of everyone. I may also ask you the same question twice. Just answer all of them as best you can.

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### 5. \_\_\_\_\_ TODAY'S DATE

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	Missed		0 <b>G</b>					
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	Shoulder	1 <b>G</b>	0 <b>G</b>					
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9.		SIMILARITIES	(Write answer)
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Arm-leg	
Limbs, extremities	2 <b>G</b>
Body parts, bend, move, joint	1 <b>G</b>
Very weak similarity or no similarity	0 <b>G</b>
Laughing-crying	
Feeling, emotion	2 <b>G</b>
Expressions, sounds, relieve tension	1 <b>G</b>
Very weak similarity or no similarity	0 <b>G</b>
Eating-sleeping	
Necessary bodily functions	2 <b>G</b>
Bodily functions, relaxing, good for you	1 <b>G</b>
Very weak similarity or no similarity	0 <b>G</b>

# 10. \_\_\_\_ REPETITION

I would like	to go home	e (out)	
Correct 1 or 2 missed More than 2 r	U		2 <b>G</b> 1 <b>G</b>
No ifs ands or buts	1 G 1 G 1 G	0 G 0 G 0 G	

11 READ AND OBEY "CLOSE YOUR EYES"	(Use Cue Card)
Obeys without prompting	3 <b>G</b>
Obeys after prompting	2 <b>G</b>
Read aloud only	1 <b>G</b>
None of the above	0 <b>G</b>
Not completed: subject blind	66 <b>G</b>
subject illiterate	67 <b>G</b>

12	WRITING	Ø	(Timed	l item)	(	1 min	ute)	
5	(I) would like to go home	(out)	0 <b>G</b>	1 <b>G</b>	2 <b>G</b>	3 <b>G</b>	4 <b>G</b>	5 <b>G</b>
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<b>13.</b> COPYING TWO PENTAGONS	$\bigcirc$	(Timed item)	(1 minute)
10			

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### Editor:

### Note that there is a little diagram to include here: the two overlapping pentangles (camera-ready, and same as in 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, page 316, near bottom of page)

	Pentagon 1	Pentagon 2
5 approx equal sides	4 <b>G</b>	4 <b>G</b>
5 unequal (2:1) sides	3 <b>G</b>	3 <b>G</b>
Other enclosed figures	2 <b>G</b>	2 <b>G</b>
2 or more lines	1 <b>G</b>	1 <b>G</b>
Less than 2 lines	0 <b>G</b>	0 <b>G</b>
	Intersection	
4 corners	2 <b>G</b>	
Not 4 corner enclosure	1 <b>G</b>	
No intersection or no enclosure	0 <b>G</b>	
Not completed: Physically unable	66 <b>G</b>	
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Take this paper with your		
Left/right hand	1 <b>G</b> 0 <b>G</b>	
fold it in half	1 <b>G</b> 0 <b>G</b>	
and hand it back to me	0 <b>G</b> 66 <b>G</b> Physically u	11

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#### THE MODIFIED MINI-MENTAL STATE EXAMINATION

15	SECOND RECALL		
9	Spontaneous recall: Shoes		3 <b>G</b>
	Cue: Something to wear	2 <b>G</b>	
	Multiple: Shirt, shoes, socks		1 <b>G</b>
	Missed completely		0 <b>G</b>
	Spontaneous recall: Blue		3 <b>G</b>
	Cue: A colour		2 <b>G</b>
	Multiple: Black, brown, blue		1 <b>G</b>
	Missed completely		0 <b>G</b>
	Spontaneous recall: Modesty		3 <b>G</b>
	Cue: A good personal quality		2 <b>G</b>
	Multiple: Modesty, charity, honesty		1 <b>G</b>
	Missed completely		0 <b>G</b>

### **3MS TOTAL SCORE**

The 3MS test as administered in the Canadian Study of Health and Aging. Adapted from an original provided by Dr. E. Teng. With permission.



# **Instructions for Administration & Scoring**

ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Step 1: Three Word Registration**

Look directly at person and say, "Please listen carefully. I am going to say three words that I want you to repeat back to me now and try to remember. The words are [select a list of words from the versions below]. Please say them for me now." If the person is unable to repeat the words after three attempts, move on to Step 2 (clock drawing).

The following and other word lists have been used in one or more clinical studies.<sup>1-3</sup> For repeated administrations, use of an alternative word list is recommended.

Version 1	Version 2	Version 3	Version 4	Version 5	Version 6
Banana	Leader	Village	River	Captain	Daughter
Sunrise	Season	Kitchen	Nation	Garden	Heaven
Chair	Table	Baby	Finger	Picture	Mountain

### Step 2: Clock Drawing

Say: "Next, I want you to draw a clock for me. First, put in all of the numbers where they go." When that is completed, say: "Now, set the hands to 10 past 11."

Use preprinted circle (see next page) for this exercise. Repeat instructions as needed as this is not a memory test. Move to Step 3 if the clock is not complete within three minutes.

### Step 3: Three Word Recall

Ask the person to recall the three words you stated in Step 1. Say: "What were the three words I asked you to remember?" Record the word list version number and the person's answers below.

Word List Version: \_\_\_\_\_ Person's Answers: \_\_\_\_\_

### Scoring

Word Recall: (0-3 points)	1 point for each word spontaneously recalled without cueing.
Clock Draw: (0 or 2 points)	Normal clock = 2 points. A normal clock has all numbers placed in the correct sequence and approximately correct position (e.g., 12, 3, 6 and 9 are in anchor positions) with no missing or duplicate numbers. Hands are pointing to the 11 and 2 (11:10). Hand length is not scored. Inability or refusal to draw a clock (abnormal) = 0 points.
Total Score: (0-5 points)	Total score = Word Recall score + Clock Draw score. A cut point of <3 on the Mini-Cog™ has been validated for dementia screening, but many individuals with clinically meaningful cognitive impairment will score higher. When greater sensitivity is desired, a cut point of <4 is recommended as it may indicate a need for further evaluation of cognitive status.

ID:\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_

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# AD8 Dementia Screening Interview

Patient ID#:	
CS ID#:	
Date:	

Remember, "Yes, a change" indicates that there has been a change in the last several years caused by cognitive (thinking and memory) problems.	YES, A change	NO, No change	N/A, Don't know
<ol> <li>Problems with judgment (e.g., problems making decisions, bad financial decisions, problems with thinking)</li> </ol>			
2. Less interest in hobbies/activities			
<ol> <li>Repeats the same things over and over (questions, stories, or statements)</li> </ol>			
<ol> <li>Trouble learning how to use a tool, appliance, or gadget (e.g., VCR, computer, microwave, remote control)</li> </ol>			
5. Forgets correct month or year			
<ol> <li>Trouble handling complicated financial affairs (e.g., balancing checkbook, income taxes, paying bills)</li> </ol>			
7. Trouble remembering appointments			
<ol> <li>Daily problems with thinking and/or memory</li> </ol>			
TOTAL AD8 SCORE			

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### The AD8 Administration and Scoring Guidelines

A spontaneous self-correction is allowed for all responses without counting as an error.

The questions are given to the respondent on a clipboard for self–administration or can be read aloud to the respondent either in person or over the phone. It is preferable to administer the AD8 to an informant, if available. If an informant is not available, the AD8 may be administered to the patient.

When administered to an informant, specifically ask the respondent to rate change in the patient.

When administered to the patient, specifically ask the patient to rate changes in his/her ability for each of the items, *without* attributing causality.

If read aloud to the respondent, it is important for the clinician to carefully read the phrase as worded and give emphasis to note changes due to cognitive problems (not physical problems). There should be a one second delay between individual items.

No timeframe for change is required.

The final score is a sum of the number items marked "Yes, A change".

**Interpretation of the AD8** (Adapted from Galvin JE et al, The AD8, a brief informant interview to detect dementia, Neurology 2005:65:559-564)

A screening test in itself is insufficient to diagnose a dementing disorder. The AD8 is, however, quite sensitive to detecting early cognitive changes associated many common dementing illness including Alzheimer disease, vascular dementia, Lewy body dementia and frontotemporal dementia.

Scores in the impaired range (see below) indicate a need for further assessment. Scores in the "normal" range suggest that a dementing disorder is unlikely, but a very early disease process cannot be ruled out. More advanced assessment may be warranted in cases where other objective evidence of impairment exists.

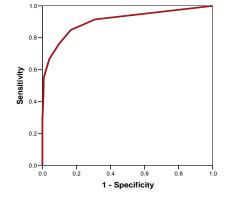
Based on clinical research findings from 995 individuals included in the development and validation samples, the following cut points are provided:

- 0 1: Normal cognition
- 2 or greater: Cognitive impairment is likely to be present

Administered to either the informant (preferable) or the patient, the AD8 has the following properties:

- Sensitivity > 84%
- Specificity > 80%
- Positive Predictive Value > 85%
- Negative Predictive Value > 70%
- Area under the Curve: 0.908; 95%CI: 0.888-0.925

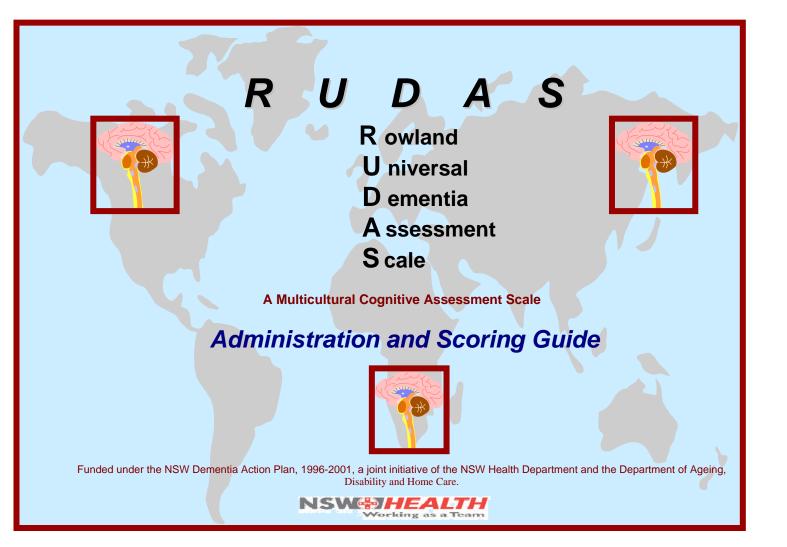
Reciever Operator Characteristics (ROC) curve for AD8



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### **Introduction**

The Rowland Universal Dementia Assessment Scale (RUDAS): A Multicultural Cognitive Assessment Scale – (Storey J, Rowland J, Basic D, Conforti D & Dickson H [2004] *International Psychogeriatrics*, 16(1) 13-31) is a short cognitive screening instrument designed to minimise the effects of cultural learning and language diversity on the assessment of baseline cognitive performance.

When administering the RUDAS it is important that the respondent is encouraged to communicate in the language with which they are most competent and comfortable.

Test administrators should read the following instructions carefully before using the RUDAS.

### The Assessment Context – General Guidelines:

### **Test Anxiety**

• Make sure the test taker is as relaxed as possible, as test anxiety can interfere with performance on cognitive tests.

### Hearing

Conduct the RUDAS in a quiet area and make sure the test taker can hear clearly. It is
important to identify at the beginning of the assessment if the test taker has impaired
hearing and accommodate for this as much as possible by speaking slowly and clearly.
Encourage the test taker to wear any hearing aids. Be careful not to speak too loudly as
this may result in distortion. (There is a large print version of the RUDAS for test takers
with severe hearing impairment).

### Vision

• Ensure that the test taker is using reading glasses where necessary and that there is sufficient light in the room.

### Seating

• Sit opposite the test taker. This is important for communication reasons as well as controlling for the difficulty of some items on the RUDAS. Do not sit behind a desk, as this will inhibit the giving of instructions for some items on the RUDAS and may also be intimidating for the test taker.

### **Recording Responses**

• It is important to record the test taker's full response to each item.

### **Physical Disability**

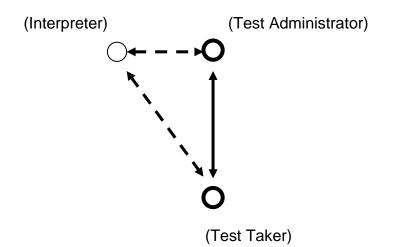
 For test takers who have a physical disability (e.g. vision, hearing, hemiparesis, amputee, stroke, aphasia) which may affect their ability to perform certain items on the RUDAS, it is important to complete the RUDAS as fully as possible but to interpret any total score less then 22 with caution (further research is necessary to assess validity of the RUDAS in this sub-group of patients)

### The Language/ Cultural Context:

### Using a Professional Interpreter

If you are utilising a professional interpreter to administer the RUDAS it is important to consider the following:

- 1. Interpreters should be used in all situations where the test taker's preferred language is not spoken fluently by the test administrator.
- 2. Make sure that the language spoken by the interpreter (including the dialect) is the same one with which the test taker is familiar.
- 3. It is important to explain to the test taker that the interpreter is the facilitator and that you will be asking the questions. This may help to avoid confusion during the assessment.
- 4. It is better for the interpreter to sit next to the test administrator while the test taker sits opposite. This will reinforce the adjunctive role of the interpreter and make it easier for the test taker to synthesise the non-verbal cues from the test administrator and the verbal cues from the interpreter.



- 5. It is important to brief the interpreter before starting the assessment:
- The interpreter should be aware of the general nature of the interaction i.e. that it is a cognitive assessment
- Remind the interpreter of the importance of concurrent and precise interpreting. Explain that your instructions and the test taker's responses should be interpreted as exactly as possible.
- Ask the interpreter to take note of any instances during the assessment where the test taker's performance may have been affected by subtle or unintended changes to the meaning of the test instructions due to language or cultural factors
- Inform the interpreter that it may be necessary at the end of the test for you to clarify a
  concept covered in the assessment to further make the distinction between the test
  taker's actual cognitive capacity and potential cultural bias which may arise as a result of
  the translation process.

### **Multilingual Test Administrators**

If, as the test administrator, you are multilingual it is important to consider all of the same issues which are relevant to the use of a professional interpreter, as well as the following:

- You may need to be careful when translating the RUDAS questions as you might find it more difficult when you have to read in one language and speak in another.
- It is important that you translate the RUDAS questions precisely. Be aware of the differences between formal and informal word usage when translating the RUDAS instructions and recording the test taker's responses.

# Item 1 – Memory

### **Grocery List**

1. I want you to imagine that we are going shopping. Here is a list of grocery items. I would like you to remember the following items which we need to get from the shop. When we get to the shop in about 5 minutes time I will ask you what it is that we have to buy. You must remember the list for me.

Tea Cooking Oil Eggs Soap

Please repeat this list for me (Ask person to repeat the list 3 times). (If person did not repeat all four words, repeat the list until the person has learned them and can repeat them, or, up to a maximum of five times.)

- Important to give enough learning trials so that test taker registers and retains the list as well as they can (max. of 5 learning trials)
- Ask the test taker to repeat the list back to you at least three times until they can repeat it correctly or as well as they are going to
- Use realistic nature of the scenario and a little humour (if appropriate) to build rapport and make the task less confrontational i.e. WE are going shopping; I am relying on YOU to remember the list FOR ME, so don't forget. When WE get to the shop . . .
- To facilitate learning of the list, use your fingers to list off items on the list when teaching it to the test taker to make the task as concrete as possible e.g. thumb = tea, index finger = cooking oil etc.

### Scoring:

This is the learning part of the memory question. There are no points for this part of the question but the memory recall component later in the test has a maximum score of 8 points.

Item 2 - Body C	Drientation
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# **Body Orientation**

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<ul> <li>I am going to ask you to identify/show me different parts of the body. (Correct = 1, Incorrect = 0).</li> </ul>		
Once the person correctly answers 5 parts of this question, do not continue as the maximum score is 5.		
(1) show me your right foot	1	
(2) show me your left hand	1	
(3) with your right hand touch your left shoulder	1	
(4) with your left hand touch your right ear	1	
(5) which is (point to/indicate) my left knee	1	
(6) which is (point to/indicate) my right elbow	1	
(7) with your right hand point to/indicate my left eye	1	
(8) with your left hand point to/indicate my left foot	1	
		/5

- Important to sit opposite the test taker (controls for difficulty of the tasks)
- There doesn't need to be a lot of explanation before starting, just say "I am going to ask you to indicate various parts of the body . . ." the task is explicit as it evolves

### Scoring:

- Although there are 8 parts, this item has a maximum score of 5 points. Once the test taker has 5 correct answers there is no need to continue.
- Be careful with scoring remember you are sitting opposite the test taker it is easy to make mistakes so concentrate to make sure you score the person accurately
- There are no half marks, the test taker must get each task 100% correct to be marked correct (e.g. if test taker is asked "with your right hand indicate my left eye" and they use their left hand but still point to your left eye mark as incorrect)

I	Item 3 - Praxis	
Fist / Palm		
watch me and co put one hand in a and then alternate doing this action	w you an action/exercise with my hands. I want you to by what I do. Copy me when I do this (i.e. demonstrate ist, and the other hand palm down on the table or your knees simultaneously.) Now do it with me. I would like you to ke at this pace until I tell you to stop - approximately 10 seconds. (Demonstrate at moderate walking pace).	eep
Score as:		
Score as: Normal	<ul> <li>2 (very few if any errors; self-corrected; progressivel, better; good maintenance; only very slight lack of synchrony between hands)</li> </ul>	ly
		ly

- It is important to sit opposite the test taker (controls for difficulty of the task)
- When teaching the task use the following steps:

**Step 1:** I want you to put your hands on your knees like this (i.e. put both your hands palm down on your knees (i.e. if no table surface)

**Step 2:** Now watch carefully as I do this (put one hand in a fist in the vertical position and leave the other hand palm down) - I want you to do this just like I did.

**Step 3:** Watch me again now as I am doing this (alternate hands simultaneously - one in a fist and the other palm down and keep alternating for 5 - 6 trials).

**Step 4:** Ask test taker to copy exactly what you are doing. If test taker is confused and has not learned the task successfully then repeat Steps 1, 2 and 3

**Step 5:** Once test taker has learned the task (i.e. understands as well as possible what they are meant to do - regardless of whether or not they can do it 100%), ask them to repeat the exercise at the pace you demonstrate until you tell them to stop (now demonstrate task - intervals between change of hands should reflect moderate walking pace). Do not allow the test taker to copy you when scoring – must demonstrate the task independently

### Scoring:

This question has a maximum score of 2 points.

In order to help distinguish between the three levels of competence, refer to the following:

Score	Fist / Palm Integrity	No. of Errors	Fluency	Ability to Self- Correct	Progressive Improvement	Synchrony
Normal	Good adherence to 'palm down' and 'fist' actions with few intrusions or incorrect variations	Minimal	Good	Good	Clearly evident	Only very slight lack of synchrony
Partially Adequate	Obvious intrusions and incorrect variations in 'palm down' and 'fist' actions	Noticeable	Some attempt to maintain	Some attempt	Some indication	May be noticeable lack of synchrony
Failed	Barely able to identify correct 'palm down' and 'fist' actions because of many intrusions and incorrect variations	Many	Poor or none	None	Very little or none	Little or no synchrony

### Normal

A person who performs normally on this task should exhibit signs of intact learning and should be able to replicate clearly, the 'fist in the vertical position' and 'palm down' actions. Their performance on the task should improve with progressive learning trials to a point where they can do the task fluently with minimal errors. The test taker should demonstrate the ability to self- correct, show progressive improvement over the course of the task and have only very slight lack of synchrony between the hands.

### **Partially Adequate**

A person whose response is partially adequate will make noticeable errors e.g. occasionally places palm up instead of palm down or may place palm up instead of converting to the fist or may form the fist in the horizontal position. They may have to stop occasionally in order to self-correct but even if they are unable to perform the task perfectly there should be some evidence that they have learned the task, some attempt to self-correct and some indication of an attempt to maintain the fluency of the alternating hands. There may be a noticeable lack of synchrony between the hands.

### Failed

A person who fails this task shows very little if no ability to understand and execute the task. There are many errors, very little or no evidence of improvement, inability to self-correct, poor maintenance, and obvious inability to emulate correct hand positions and to perform the simultaneous changing of hands with any synchrony. A person who fails may not be able to form a fist or distinguish between palm up and palm down, may not alternate the actions across hands and may not be able to use both hands together at all.

Item 4 - Drawing		
Visuo-Constructional Cube Drawing	]	
<ul> <li>4. Please draw this picture exactly as it looks to you (Show cube on back of page). (Yes = 1; No = 0)</li> <li>Score as:</li> </ul>	K	
(1) Has person drawn a picture based on a square?	1	
(2) Do all internal lines appear in person's drawing?	1	
(3) Do all external lines appear in person's drawing?	1 <i>I</i> :	3

This question has a maximum of 3 points.

- Show test taker cue card of cube drawing
- If there is no cue card, the test administrator can draw the cube onto plain (not lined) paper.
- Make sure that test taker can see the drawing clearly (check that they are wearing prescription glasses if applicable)
- Ask test taker to draw the picture of the cube as well as they can

### Scoring:

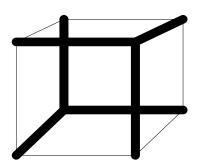
Has test taker drawn a picture based on a square? (i.e. There is a square somewhere in the drawing)

YES / NO

Do all internal lines (i.e. dark lines) appear in test taker's drawing?

YES / NO

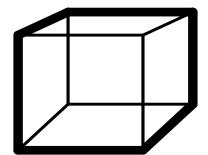
i.e.



Do all external lines (i.e. dark lines) appear in test taker's drawing?

YES / NO

i.e.



# Item 5 - Judgement

## **Judgement - Crossing the Street**

5. You are standing on the side of a busy street. There is no pedestrian crossing and no traffic lights. Tell me what you would do to get across to the other side of the street safely. (If person gives incomplete answer use prompt: "Is there anything else you would do?") Record exactly what patient says and circle all parts of response which were prompted.
Score as:
Did person indicate that they would look for traffic?
(YES = 2; YES PROMPTED = 1; NO = 0)
Did person make any additional safety proposals?
....2

- If the test taker gives no response to the question or says "I don't know", then repeat the question once only.
- Except where the test taker answers both parts of the question on the first attempt, use the prompt 'Is there anything else you would do' in all situations. This is to gain as complete a response as possible from the test taker.
- Use only the general prompt 'Is there anything else you would do' do not prompt the person in any other way
- Record test taker's response to this question.
- Circle any part of test taker's response which was prompted and score accordingly.
- If the test taker says that they never cross the road by themselves (e.g. they are in a wheelchair or their eyesight is poor), then ask them the question again but modify as follows:

"What would anyone who wanted to cross the road have to do to get across safely?"

### Scoring:

This item has a maximum score of 4 points. Each of the two parts:

- 1. look for traffic, and
- 2. additional safety proposal

has a total score of 2 points i.e. Yes = 2; Yes Prompted = 1; No = Zero

i.e.

• Did test taker indicate that they would look for traffic?

YES / YES PROMPTED / NO 2 1 0

Examples of Correct Responses	Examples of Incorrect Responses
I would look for traffic.	Just go across.
Look left and right.	Put my hand up so the traffic knows I want to
	Cross.
Check the cars.	Go to the corner and cross.
Check that it's clear.	Wave at the cars so they can see me.
Go across when there is nothing coming.	I wouldn't go across.

• Did test taker make any additional safety proposals in road crossing scenario?

YES / YES PROMPTED / NO 2 1 0

Examples of Correct Responses	Examples of Incorrect Responses
Cross to the middle of the road and then look	Run as fast as I can.
again to make sure there was no traffic before	
going right across.	
Keep looking for traffic while crossing.	Cross when the walk sign is green.
Go across quickly but without running.	Cross at the crossing.
Be careful.	Just put my head down and go.
Wait till I could cross with some other people.	
Ask for help.	

### Scoring Examples:

### Example 1

"I don't know. (Repeat the question).

"I'd look for the cars. (I can't think of anything else except be careful.")

This response would score 3 points out of a total of 4 because the person said that they would look for the cars (2/2) and when prompted (i.e. circle indicates that it was prompted) said that they would be careful (1/2) i.e. 2/2 + 1/2 = 3/4

### Example 2

"Just go across. Check for the cars."

This response would score 1 point only out of a total of 4 because the first part of the answer 'just go across' was incorrect (0/2), and the second part of the answer 'check for the cars' while correct, was prompted (i.e. because it was circled to indicate that it was prompted) (1/2) i.e. 0/2 + 1/2 = 1/4

### Example 3

"Put my hand up so the traffic knows I want to cross and then walk to the middle of the road before going right across."

This response would score 2 points out of a total of 4 because the first part of the answer is incorrect (0/2) and the second part of the answer 'then walk to the middle of the road before going right across' is correct (2/2) i.e. 0/2 + 2/2 = 2/4

# Item 1 – Memory

## Memory Recall (Item 1 Revisited - 4 Grocery Items)

1. We have just arrived at the shop. (Can you remember the list of groceries we need to buy? (Prompt: If person cannot recall any of the list, say "The first one was 'tea'."		
(Score 2 points each for any item recalled which was not prompted.)		
Circle 'Tea' if used as a prompt and score as 0 out of 2)		
Tea	2	
Cooking Oil	2	
Eggs	2	
Soap	2	
		/8

- Ask test taker to repeat the 4 items on the grocery list
- If after 20 30 seconds the test taker cannot remember learning the list OR any of the items on the list then use the prompt i.e. the first one was 'tea' and then circle 'tea' or write a 'P' in parentheses after it to indicate that it was prompted and score as zero
- Use the prompt 'the first one was 'tea', only if the person cannot remember any of the grocery items
- Do not use any other prompts in this task (e.g. if the person says 'cooking oil' but cannot remember any of the other grocery items on the list do not use the 'tea' prompt or any other prompt)

### Scoring:

The recall component of the memory item has a maximum score of 8 points.

- There are no part marks, the person scores either zero or 2 points for each item on the grocery list
- If 'tea' was used as a prompt then the maximum score the person can get on this task is 6/8
- mark as correct if the person says 'cooking oil' or ' oil'

	6 - Language	
Language Generativity – Anima	I Naming	
tell me the names of as many differe many different animals you can nam	te. In that one minute, I would like you to ent animals as you can. We'll see how he in one minute. (Repeat instructions if a item is 8. If person names 8 new animals heed to continue.	
1	5	
2	6	

This item has a maximum score of 8 points.

- Time the test taker for one minute ONLY make sure that it is clear to the test taker when to start i.e. "When I say 'Go' you should start listing animals. Don't worry about me writing them down, say the animals as quickly as you can."
- If test taker does not speak English make sure that interpreter also understands the instructions and the importance of simultaneous interpreting.

### Scoring:

If test taker says for example – 'big horse' and 'little horse', then record these as two separate animal names. Then at the end of the assessment, if the person is from an NESB country, check with the interpreter that these two names actually represent different concepts in the relevant language (e.g. in English – 'big horse' and 'little horse' are not separate animal names therefore an ESB person would score only one point (BUT, if the ESB person had said 'horse' and 'foal' then these are two separate concepts and the person would score two points). An NESB person depending on the language spoken may score two points if they used the correct two words for 'big horse' and 'little horse'. It is important here to distinguish between perseveration (i.e. repetition of the same animal name) and linguistic peculiarities of different languages which conceptualise/describe animals differently.

### TOTAL SCORE

Add up the scores for each item to get a total score out of 30.

Any score of 22 or less should be considered as possible cognitive impairment and referred on for further investigation by the relevant physician.