Smith Relaxation States Inventory 3 (SRSI3)

The Smith Relaxation States Inventory 3 (SRSI3) is a revised and expanded version of the Smith Relaxation States Inventory. It assesses 19 relaxation states (R-States) hypothesized to be associated with relaxation (Smith, 2007). These are divided into four categories loosely based on factor analytic research (Smith, Wedell, Kolotylo, Lewis, Beyers, and Segin, 2000): Basic Relaxation, Mindfulness, Positive Energy, and Transcendence. In addition three stress states are measured: Somatic Stress, Worry, and Negative Emotion. SRSI3 includes all items present in previous R-State inventories.

The SRSI3 consists of 38 items. The state version (SRSI3s) asks how one “feels right now” on 6-point likert scale (1 = “not at all, 6 = maximum). The disposition version asks how often each item has been experienced (6 = “A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY,” 5 = “ONCE A DAY,” 4 = “About once EVERY OTHER DAY,” 3 = “About ONCE A WEEK,” 2 = “About ONCE A MONTH, less than once a week,” and 1 = “RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month.”

Reliability for the SRSI3 has yet to be determined. Chronbach alpha reliabilities for previous versions of this inventory (excluding three new mindfulness items) range from .60 to .88 (Smith, 2001).


The Smith Inventory Series

Overview and Conditions for Use

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The Smith Inventory Series is a set of self-report questionnaires designed to measure various aspects of stress, relaxation, meditation, and mindfulness. The complete series includes:

Relaxation, Meditation, and Mindfulness

**SRSI3**  The Smith Relaxation States Inventory 3. Measures 18 Relaxation States (R-States) and three stress states (somatic stress, worry, negative emotion). State ("How do you feel right now?") format.

**SRSI3d**  The Smith Relaxation States Inventory 3d. Disposition version of the SRSI3 that taps how often one experiences R-States and stress states (how many times a day, week, month, year).

**SRRAI3**  The Smith Relaxation Recalled Activity Inventory 3. Taps R-States and stress states recalled for one’s “most effective relaxation and renewal activity” practiced during the prior two weeks.

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Technique Evaluation

**SRES**  The Smith Relaxation Evaluation Scale. Three-item scale for quickly assessing the overall effectiveness of a just-practiced technique.

Stress

**SSSI**  The Smith Stress Symptoms Inventory. Measures Worry, Negative Emotion, Autonomic Arousal/Anxiety, Striated Muscle Tension, Depression, Interpersonal Conflict / Anger. State Version ("How do you feel right now?").

**SSSI*  Dispositional (“How do you generally feel?”) version of the SSSI.

**SJSI**  The Smith Job Stress Inventory. Personal Symptoms, Sources of Job Stress (Design of Work Tasks, Management Style, Interpersonal Relationships, Work Roles, Career Concerns, Environmental Conditions, Feedback), and “What I Think this Job Needs.” Scales based on categories delineated by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

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HOW DO YOU FEEL RIGHT NOW? PLEASE CHECK ALL THE ITEMS USING THIS KEY.

RIGHT NOW, I FEEL THIS

Not at All     A Little     Moderately     A Lot     Maximum

1. My mind is SILENT and calm (I am not thinking about anything).
2. My muscles feel TIGHT and TENSE (clenched fist or jaws; furrowed brow).
3. I feel AT PEACE.
4. I feel DROWSY and SLEEPY.
5. Things seem AMAZING, AWESOME, and EXTRAORDINARY.
6. Right now I recognize the wisdom of sometimes ACCEPTING things as they are.
7. My muscles are SO RELAXED that they feel LIMP.
8. I am HAPPY.
9. I am WORRYING
10. I feel AT EASE.
11. I feel DISTANT and FAR AWAY from my cares and concerns.
12. I feel ENERGIZED, CONFIDENT, and STRENGTHENED.
13. I am DOZING OFF or NAPPING.
14. I feel THANKFUL.
15. I feel like I am living fully and SIMPLY in the PRESENT, not distracted by past or future concerns.
16. Things seem TIMELESS, BOUNDLESS, or INFINITE
17. I feel IRRITATED or ANGRY.
18. I feel JOYFUL.
19. I feel SAD, DEPRESSED, or BLUE.
20. I feel AWARE, FOCUSED, and CLEAR.
21. My hands, arms, or legs are SO RELAXED that they feel WARM and HEAVY.
22. I feel INNOCENT and CHILDLIKE.
23. My BREATHING is NERVOUS and UNEVEN (Or shallow and hurried).
24. I feel LOVING.
25. Things seem FRESH and NEW, as if I am seeing them for the first time.
26. I feel INDIFFERENT and DETACHED from my cares and concerns.
27. I feel PRAYERFUL or REVERENT.
28. I feel PHYSICAL DISCOMFORT or PAIN (backaches, headaches, fatigue)
29. My mind is QUIET and STILL.
30. I feel ANXIOUS.
31. I sense the DEEP MYSTERY of things beyond my understanding.
32. I feel RESTED and REFRESHED
33. I feel CAREFREE.
34. TROUBLESOME THOUGHTS are going through my mind.
35. My body is PHYSICALLY RELAXED.
36. Presently I feel there’s no need to try to change things that simply can’t be changed.
37. I feel fully focused and ABSORBED in what I am doing
38. I feel OPTIMISTIC, HOPEFUL, or TRUSTING that I can rely on someone or something.

Your age: ___________  Gender:  □ M  □ F

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SRSI3d

Below are feelings people sometimes have.

HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU FELT THIS WAY?

1. My mind was SILENT and calm (I wasn’t thinking about anything).
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
   - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

2. My muscles felt TIGHT and TENSE (clenched fist or jaws; furrowed brow).
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
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   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
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3. I felt AT PEACE.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
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4. I felt DROWSY and SLEEPY before taking a nap or retiring for sleep.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
   - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

5. Things seemed AMAZING, AWESOME, and EXTRAORDINARY.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
   - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

6. I recognized the wisdom of sometimes ACCEPTING things as they are.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
   - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

7. My muscles were SO RELAXED that they felt LIMP.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
   - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

8. I was HAPPY.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
   - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

9. I WORRIED
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
   - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

10. I felt AT EASE.
    - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
    - ONCE A DAY
    - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
    - About ONCE A WEEK
    - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
    - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

11. I felt DISTANT and FAR AWAY from my cares and concerns.
    - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
    - ONCE A DAY
    - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
    - About ONCE A WEEK
    - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
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12. I felt ENERGIZED, CONFIDENT, and STRENGTHENED.
    - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
    - ONCE A DAY
    - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
    - About ONCE A WEEK
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    - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

13. I DOZED OFF or took a NAP when I wanted to.
    - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
    - ONCE A DAY
    - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
    - About ONCE A WEEK
    - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
    - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

14. I had feelings of THANKFULNESS.
    - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
    - ONCE A DAY
    - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
    - About ONCE A WEEK
    - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
    - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

15. I felt like I was living fully and SIMPLY in the PRESENT, not distracted by past or future concerns.
    - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
    - ONCE A DAY
    - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
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16. Things seemed TIMELESS, BOUNDLESS, or INFINITE
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    - ONCE A DAY
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17. I felt IRRITATED or ANGRY.
    - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
    - ONCE A DAY
    - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
    - About ONCE A WEEK
    - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
    - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

18. I felt JOYFUL.
    - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
    - ONCE A DAY
    - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
    - About ONCE A WEEK
    - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
    - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

PLEASE CONTINUE ON OTHER SIDE!
19. I felt PHYSICAL DISCOMFORT or PAIN (backaches, headaches, fatigue)
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
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20. I felt AWARE, FOCUSED, and CLEAR.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
   - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

21. My hands, arms, or legs were SO RELAXED that they felt WARM and HEAVY.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
   - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

22. I felt INNOCENT and CHILDLIKE.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
   - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

23. My BREATHING was NERVOUS and UNEVEN (Or shallow and hurried).
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
   - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

24. I felt LOVING.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
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   - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

25. Things seemed FRESH and NEW, like seeing them for the first time.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
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   - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

26. I felt INDIFFERENT and DETACHED from my cares and concerns.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
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27. I felt PRAYERFUL or REVERENT.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
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29. My mind was QUIET and STILL.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
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30. I felt ANXIOUS.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
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31. I sensed the DEEP MYSTERY of things beyond my understanding.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
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32. I felt RESTED and REFRESHED.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
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33. I felt CAREFREE.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
   - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

34. TROUBLING THOUGHTS were going through my mind.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
   - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

35. My body was PHYSICALLY RELAXED.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
   - About ONCE A MONTH (less than once a week)
   - RARELY or NEVER, less than once a month

36. I felt there’s no need to try to change things that simply can’t be changed.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
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37. I felt fully focused and ABSORBED in what I was doing.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
   - About once EVERY OTHER DAY
   - About ONCE A WEEK
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38. I felt OPTIMISTIC, HOPEFUL, or TRUSTING that I could rely on someone or something.
   - A LOT, more than ONCE A DAY
   - ONCE A DAY
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The Smith Relaxation States Inventory 3rd Edition (SRSI3) has both a traditional and experimental scoring key. The traditional scoring key targets the same scales addressed by all earlier versions of the Smith Relaxation States Inventory. It is based only on common items. This scoring key is presented below:

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SRSI3 introduces several refinements over previous versions. The 4-point Likert scale has been expanded to a 6-point scale to increase sensitivity. Both verbal and visual (like cell-phone battery indicators) anchors are presented. Most importantly, SRSI3 is closely coordinated with new thinking on relaxation, meditation, and mindfulness. Specifically, the concept of mindfulness has been extensively incorporated in item content. The new key for this experimental inventory is:
## SCORING KEY

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