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**CHARACTERISTICS OF GIFTEDNESS SCALE**

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Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed \_\_\_\_\_

*Compared to other children your child's age, to what extent do these descriptors fit your child?*

<u>Characteristic</u>	<u>Not true</u>	<u>Uncertain</u>	<u>True</u>	<u>Very True</u>
1. Reasons Well	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Learns Rapidly	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Has Extensive Vocabulary	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Has an excellent memory	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. Has a long attention span	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. Sensitive (feelings hurt easily)	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. Shows compassion	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. Perfectionistic	_____	_____	_____	_____
9. Intense	_____	_____	_____	_____
10. Morally sensitive	_____	_____	_____	_____
11. Has strong curiosity	_____	_____	_____	_____
12. Perseverant when interested	_____	_____	_____	_____
13. Has high degree of energy	_____	_____	_____	_____
14. Prefers older companions or adults	_____	_____	_____	_____
15. Has a wide range of interests	_____	_____	_____	_____
16. Has a great sense of humour	_____	_____	_____	_____
17. Early or avid reader	_____	_____	_____	_____
18. Concerned with justice, fairness	_____	_____	_____	_____
19. Judgement mature for age <i>at times</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____
20. Is a keen observer	_____	_____	_____	_____
21. Has a vivid imagination	_____	_____	_____	_____
22. Is highly creative	_____	_____	_____	_____
23. Tends to question authority	_____	_____	_____	_____
24. Shows ability with numbers	_____	_____	_____	_____
25. Good at jigsaw puzzles	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please give examples:

1. Reasons Well \_\_\_\_\_
2. Learns Rapidly \_\_\_\_\_
3. Has Extensive Vocabulary \_\_\_\_\_
4. Has an excellent memory \_\_\_\_\_
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In 1988, a presentation at the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, entitled, "The Silverman/Waters Checklist: A New Culture Fair Identification Instrument" brought forth numerous requests from school districts to use the instrument. Later, an unpublished study was conducted with 1,000 children whose parents sought assessment at the Center. In this study, 84% of the children whose parents indicated that they fit three-fourths of the characteristics( true or very true) tested above 120 IQ. Another 11% demonstrated superior abilities in some areas, but had weaknesses that depressed their IQ scores below 120.

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