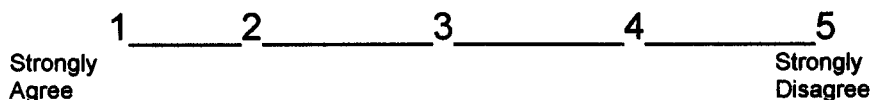


## Appendix 8

### Empathy Scale (Em Pat Scale)



**High score:** Indicates a high level of empathy for others (i.e., an ability to understand another's emotions or feelings).

**Low score:** Indicates a low level of empathy for others.

**Range:** Empat-A (34-170); Empat-G (18-90); Total Empat (52-260)

**Scoring:** Score all items (except those which are reverse scored) according to the value indicated by the subject; e.g., if a number "5" is circled, score 5 points.

Reverse score the following items: 2, 4(a), 4(b), 4(c), 4(d), 4(e), 5(a), 5(b), 5(c), 5(d), 6, 7, and 31. For example, if the number "2" is circled, score 4 points (see above Likert type scale).

#### Subscales:

##### General empathy (Emp-G)

The following items deal with general empathy; i.e., issues other than sexual abuse; e.g., minority groups, victims of non-sexual offenses, etc. Total the following items for subscale score:

1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 12, 15, 20, 23, 25, 29, 30, 32, 34, 37, 43, 44, 45

##### Victim empathy (Emp-A)

The remaining 34 items deal with empathy for victims of sexual abuse: Total the following items for subscale score:

2, 4(a), 4(b), 4(c), 4(d), 4(e), 5(a), 5(b), 5(c), 5(d), 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 26, 27, 28, 31, 33, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42      Total these items for subscale score.

Subscales may be combined for a total score

## Em Pat Scale

### **Instructions:**

Read each of the statements below carefully, and then circle the number that indicates your agreement or disagreement with it, according to the following scale:

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Agree		Agree	Neutral	Disagree
				Strongly Disagree

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|---|-------------------|
| 1. There is no reason for so many people being overweight:<br>All they have to do is leave the table sooner.  | 1   2   3   4   5 |
| 2. A man who ends up paying \$5,000 to his lawyer when he is charged with molesting a child should be just as willing to pay \$5,000 to his victim.                               | 1   2   3   4   5 |
| 3. A lot of minority groups complain about protecting their "rights", but in reality, they have the same advantages as the rest of us.  | 1   2   3   4   5 |
| 4. If a man was found guilty of sexually engaging in the following activity with a 9 year old girl, it would be reasonable to fine him \$5,000 and to give the money to the girl: |                   |
| (a)     fondling  | 1   2   3   4   5 |
| (b)     making her perform oral sex on him  | 1   2   3   4   5 |
| (c)     performing oral sex on her  | 1   2   3   4   5 |
| (d)     intercourse   | 1   2   3   4   5 |
| (e)     anal intercourse  | 1   2   3   4   5 |
| 5. If a man was found guilty of sexually engaging in the following activity with a 9 year old boy, it would be reasonable to fine him \$5,000 and to give the money to the boy:   |                   |
| (a)     fondling  | 1   2   3   4   5 |
| (b)     making him perform oral sex   | 1   2   3   4   5 |
| (c)     performing oral sex on him  | 1   2   3   4   5 |
| (d)     anal intercourse  | 1   2   3   4   5 |
| 6. A woman should receive the same pay as a man if they are both doing similar jobs.  | 1   2   3   4   5 |
| 7. It is fair for the court to order a man to pay \$5,000 to someone he molested, if the money is going to be used to pay for therapy for that victim.                            | 1   2   3   4   5 |

1      2      3      4      5  
 Strongly Agree      Agree      Neutral      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

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|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8. People often get too caught up about security after a robbery: Putting bars on their windows, installing an alarm system, or buying a guard dog is overdoing it.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9. People should pay their own way in life. We should have fewer social programs.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10. It is unreasonable for the court to order a man to pay \$5,000 for emotional harm to someone he molested if the victim's therapy is paid for by someone else.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 11. It would be wrong for the court to order a man to pay \$5,000 to someone he molested, if the victim ended up using the money to buy a car, clothes, trips, etc.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 12. People take too much aspirin. If they wait, their headaches will just go away.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 13. Child molesters should not be given such long sentences, for example, 5 years: After all, it is not as if they killed anyone.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 14. If a man, who sexually assaulted his 18 year old daughter, has served his time and received treatment, he should be allowed to move back into the home if his wife wants him to. If his daughter doesn't want him to come back, she should move out. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 15. Just because a child is afraid of something doesn't mean that we should rush in and reassure them; that makes them soft.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 16. A man who molested a child 20 years ago should be given a lighter sentence than someone who did it last month.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 17. An adult who was sexually assaulted as a child 15 years ago should be able to forgive and forget the abuser by now, if the person who did it has led a good life and not assaulted anyone since.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 18. If someone was molested 18 years ago, they should be over it by now.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 19. If a 15 year old girl was sexually abused by her father 10 years ago, she's probably gotten over it. If she says that she has problems because of the abuse, she's probably saying it to be the center of attention.                                 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 20. If I were honest about it, I would admit that I am tired of seeing all these ads on television which ask for money for starving children.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

1      2      3      4      5  
 Strongly Agree      Agree      Neutral      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

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|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21. Police investigators and the courts have to be careful not to be fooled by victims of sexual assault, since they often exaggerate, describing the abuse as worse than it actually was.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 22. The public knows that people who are charged with sexual abuse sometimes lie. They forget that victims also lie to have things go their way too.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 23. All people on welfare should be made to work.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 24. Some adults press charges against someone who abused them when they were children, not because they have actually suffered any long term problems, but just because they want revenge against the adult.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 25. People who have AIDS weren't careful enough and that's why they got it.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 26. Most women who have been victims of childhood sexual abuse auToMatically blame their problems, even problems like promiscuity, on being victimized in childhood, rather than the choices which they have made in life.                                 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 27. If an adult was molested as a child, it would be better for the adult not to keep on talking about it. If they keep it up, it does them more harm than good.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 28. There is too much talk about sexual abuse on TV and in school; it is putting ideas into children's minds that they would not have thought about by themselves.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 29. A lot of war veterans exaggerate their problems to get money from the government.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 30. It's best to ignore a young child's crying in the night. Otherwise the child gets spoiled.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 31. It would be fair if the courts ordered every man who is convicted of sexually playing with a young child to pay for that child's therapy, no matter what the therapy would cost.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 32. Individuals who have moved to Canada from other countries are being given jobs that rightfully belong to Canadians.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 33. It would be unfair if the courts ordered every man who is convicted of having intercourse with a girl who is 13, 14, or 15 to pay for the girl's therapy, no matter what the therapy would cost; some girls who are that age know what they are doing. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 34. There is no good reason for so many beggars on the streets: They could find a job, like washing dishes in a restaurant, if they really wanted to.  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

