

This is the key for the **Childhood Psychopathy Scale** (Lynam, 1997). I added a few experimental items in an attempt to get slightly better representation and internal consistency; these additional items are in bold in the following lists. The alphas given in parentheses are based on mother reports of 435 adolescents and do not include the bold items. For each scale, reverse the appropriate items and average the items on the scale (this puts all scale in the same metric). As for the new items, I suggest using them. Norman Poythress has been using the scale with the additional items and has reported good results in several incarcerated samples. You could also look to see if they increase the internal consistency of the scale; if they do increase the internal consistency, I would use them.

All of the following scales are scored such that higher scores (if you code “YES” as 1 and “NO” as 0) reflect more of the trait and can be combined to form a total psychopathy scale.

Items and Subscales of the Childhood Psychopathy Scale

Glibness ($\alpha = .55$)

- 6. Does he try to be the center of attention?
(Does he show off to get people to pay attention to him?)
- 33. Is he talkative?
- 42. Is he shy? (R)
- 47. Does he tell stories to make himself look good?

Untruthfulness ($\alpha = .55$)

- 5. Is he open and straightforward? (R)
- 11. Will he usually tell a lie if he thinks he can get away with it?**
- 28. Can he be trusted? (R)
- 30. Do people usually believe him when he tells a lie?**
- 52. Is he a good liar?

Boredom Susceptibility ($\alpha = .47$)

- 7. Does he stay away from scary things and places? (R)**
- 12. Is he easily bored?
- 27. Does he do dangerous things for the fun of it?**
- 32. Does he need to have things be exciting?
- 46. Does he concentrate on things? (R)

Manipulation ($\alpha = .66$)

- 8. Does he try to act charming in order to get his way?
- 16. Does he try to take advantage of other people?
- 40. Does he try to get others to do what he wants by playing up to them?

Lack of Guilt ($\alpha = .68$)

- 26. Does he usually feel guilty after doing something wrong? (R)
- 35. Does it bother him when he does something wrong? (R)
- 38. Does he regret many of the things that he has done? (R)**

Poverty of Affect ($\alpha = .52$)

1. Is he a warm and kind person? (R)
3. Does he make close friendships with other people? (R)
10. Are his moods unpredictable?
(*Do his feelings change often and quickly?*)
13. Does he show his feelings openly? (R)
15. Is he protective of people who are close to him? (R)
21. Do his feelings come and go quickly?
- 34. Do his feelings sometimes seem fake?**
- 49. Does he feel things very strongly? (R)**

Callousness ($\alpha = .63$)

18. Is he considerate and thoughtful of other people? (R)
20. Is he mean to other people?
31. Does he tease and pick on other people?
36. Is he able to see how other people feel? (R)
50. Does he try not to hurt other people's feelings? (R)

Parasitic Lifestyle ($\alpha = .51$)

14. Does he try to see how much he can get away with?
17. Does he give, lend, and share things? (R)
- 24. Does he usually pay back what he borrows? (R)**
45. Does he take a lot and not give much in return?

Behavioral Dyscontrol ($\alpha = .75$)

2. Is he easily frustrated?
37. Does he get irritated or mad over little things?
48. Does he have a quick temper?

Lack of Planning ($\alpha = .57$)

- 9. Does he think about what he wants to do with the rest of his life? (R)**
25. Does he plan things ahead? (R)
39. Does he set goals for himself and try to reach them? (R)

Impulsiveness ($\alpha = .54$)

22. Does he use his head before doing or saying something? (R)
23. Does he have a hard time waiting for things that he wants?
43. Does he think about his actions and behavior? (R)

Unreliability ($\alpha = .60$)

19. When he starts working on something, does he stick with it? (R)
29. Is he reliable and dependable? (R)
- 51. Does he often break his promises?**

Failure to Accept Responsibility ($\alpha = .45$)

- 4. Does he try to blame other people for things that he has done?
- 41. Does he feel unfairly blamed for things that he did not do?**
- 44. When he gets in trouble, is he a smooth talker?