

## **DERAILERS**

## SELECT

Pat Participant

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### Introduction



#### The Assessment

The Derailers personality assessment is a measure of a person's risk of exhibiting limiting behaviours commonly referred to as 'the dark side'. The premise is that traits typically associated with positive work outcomes can also exhibit counterproductive behaviours.

Derailers was designed to screen for prediction of job performance and identify behaviours that can interfere with interpersonal work relationships and prevent employees achieving their work goals. It measures six limiting behavioural areas, all associated with extreme scores on the big 5 personality model.

#### **Trait**

#### **Associated Positive Behaviours**

#### **Associated Limiting Behaviours**

#### **Reserved**

Preference for being private and independent.

- Being able to work independently of others
- Preferring a few close friends.
- Tending to focus on their own issues.
- Avoiding others and maintaining interpersonal distance.
- Lacking affection and disinterest in other people or building relationships.
- Feeling or appearing dejected or glum.

#### **Sensitive**

Preference for focusing on shortcomings and displaying emotions.

- Unlikely to overestimate their likelihood of success.
- Being better prepared for challenges by bracing themselves mentally for unpleasant possibilities.
- Having a negative outlook and low selfesteem.
- Being moody or anxious.
- · Feeling insecure and suspicious of others.

#### **Competitive**

Preference for being competitive with others and direct in their communication style.

- Being very goal-oriented.
- Speaking their mind and standing up for what they believe.
- Being a tough negotiator who seeks to get the best outcomes themselves.
- Hostility and aggression towards others.
- Desire to achieve their goals at any expense and being manipulative in their interactions with others.
- Self-centeredness, selfishness and little regard for others' opinions and feelings.

#### **Adventurous**

Preference for being impulsive and taking risks.

- Easily adapting to changing plans.
- Tolerating uncertainty and being be more willing than most to take risks.
- Look at situations from a broad perspective, rather than get bogged down by process and rules.
- Having short attention spans and unable to concentrate for long.
- Being irresponsible and not following through with commitments.
- Acting recklessly and making rash impulsive decisions.

#### **Diligent**

Preference for being organised and meticulous with a strong sense of duty.

- Being dedicated to work; believing that failure is the result of a lack of effort.
- Having a strong preference for order and striving for perfection.
- Being very persevering and meticulous.
- Being rigid and inflexible.
- Setting unrealistic targets for themselves and others.
- Being intolerant of mistakes and view any shortcomings as a failure.

#### **Unconventional**

Preference for being creative and looking beyond the obvious.

- Offering a unique perspective on matters and considering issues others have overlooked.
- Seeing connections between ideas not easily apparent to others.
- Having unusual thought processes and unconventional beliefs.
- Seeming eccentric to other people.
- Being unable to explain how or why they did things.



#### The Report

This report has been designed to support interview and reference checking processes. The report presents Pat's profile results and provides probing interview questions to help users elicit information about his preferences, past behaviour and performance.



#### **Private and Confidential**

This is a confidential assessment report. It was requested for a specific purpose and has influenced the information and conclusions drawn. The information contained in this report should only be interpreted by a trained professional and in the context of other relevant information (i.e., actual experience, interests, skills, and aptitudes).



#### **Waiver**

Derailers is an indicator of behaviour and preference only. The publishers, therefore, accept no responsibility for selection or other decisions made using this tool and cannot be held responsible for the consequences of doing so.



#### Rating Scale

Charts in this report are described in terms of a standardised Sten score that is presented on a scale of I to I0 and which allows us to compare respondent results. The scale is described in terms of the risk of exhibiting maladaptive behaviours, whereby scores of I to 3 are considered low risk, scores of 5 to 6 are moderate risk, and scores of 8 to I0 are considered high risk.



### **Comparison Group (Norm)**

Pat's results have been compared against the following norm group.

Assessment	Name	Size
Derailers	International Participants	925

#### **Impression Management**

The impression management indicators would suggest that Pat was happy to present himself openly, honestly and without wishing to project a positive or distorted image of himself.

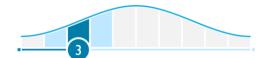
## Profile Summary

Detailed below is a summary of Pat's results. What this means on-the-job is detailed more fully in the remainder of this report.



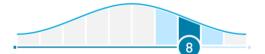
#### **Reserved**

Pat's score indicates a **low** risk of displaying limiting behaviours associated with being 'reserved'.



#### **Sensitive**

Pat's score indicates a **high** risk of displaying limiting behaviours associated with being 'emotionally sensitive'.



#### **Competitive**

Pat's score indicates a **low** risk of displaying limiting behaviours associated with being 'competitive'.



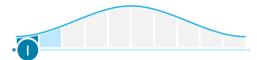
#### **Adventurous**

Pat's score indicates a **moderate** risk of displaying limiting behaviours associated with being 'adventurous'.



#### **Diligent**

Pat's score indicates a **low** risk of displaying limiting behaviours associated with being 'diligent'.



#### Unconventional

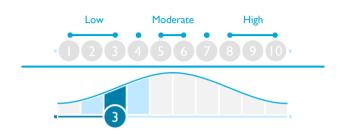
Pat's score indicates a **low** risk of displaying limiting behaviours associated with being 'unconventional'.



## Results in Detail

#### Reserved

Pat's score indicates a **low** risk of displaying limiting behaviours associated with being 'reserved'.



#### **Potential Strengths**

- Pat has a strong preference for social activities and enjoys being around others very much.
- He should find it relatively easy to build relationships and make new friends and should generally be open to expanding his network.
- He will almost always be in a good mood.
- He should be genuinely interested in what is happening in the lives of those around him and it is likely that others will often come to him when in need.

- Pat's preference for teamwork may hinder his ability to work independently when the situation requires it.
- While he is likely to enjoy building and maintaining close relationships, he may display his emotions very openly, regardless of the context.
- He may have a stronger desire than most to be liked.
- Pat may get distracted by the social aspects of working in a team.
- Because of Pat's enthusiasm in getting to know others and tendency to initiate contact easily with anyone, he may sometimes come across as 'over the top' to those who are more reserved and shy.
- His high levels of energy and interest in engaging many things may sometimes distract him from important tasks.

#### **Sensitive**

Pat's score indicates a **high** risk of displaying limiting behaviours associated with being 'emotionally sensitive'.

Although highlighted as a high risk, such behaviours may only display themselves when under stress or extreme work conditions.



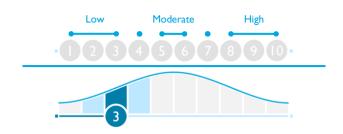
#### **Potential Strengths**

- Pat's high level of anxiety means he is not likely to overestimate his likelihood of success.
- It may also allow him to be better prepared by bracing himself mentally for unpleasant possibilities.

- Many events and situations are likely to arouse
  Pat's emotions or trigger a change in his emotions.
- He may often feel intensely depressed, guilty and anxious about things and will most likely not be able to bounce back from these feelings without help.
- Pat may have difficulty trusting other people and may have a tendency to question the sincerity of existing relationships.
- He will most likely worry about both past experiences and future negative eventualities and find uncertainty daunting.
- It is likely that Pat will perceive others to be much better than him and may believe he cannot do well in the tasks assigned to him at work.

#### **Competitive**

Pat's score indicates a **low** risk of displaying limiting behaviours associated with being 'competitive'.



#### **Potential Strengths**

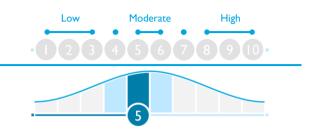
- Pat is unlikely to use flattery or influence to try and achieve a goal.
- He is likely to only have honest interactions with others, making sure that co-workers understand how and why he went about doing something.
- He will most likely find it easy to follow instructions and is very likely to consider others' feelings before adopting any course of action. Thus, it is likely that colleagues will enjoy working with him.

- Pat strongly dislikes conflict and is likely to avoid confrontation at any cost.
- Pat is careful about how he goes about achieving his goals and does not like being in the limelight.
- He would be expected to be quite reluctant to express his views and opinions in meetings. When he does express himself he may do so in an indirect and overly-cautious manner.

#### **Adventurous**

Pat's score indicates a **moderate** risk of displaying limiting behaviours associated with being 'adventurous'.

Although highlighted as a moderate risk, such behaviours may still display themselves when under stress or extreme work conditions.



#### **Potential Strengths**

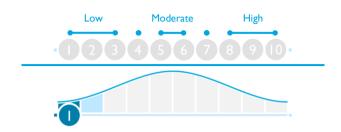
- Depending on the circumstances, Pat may tolerate some uncertainty and might be willing to take some risks.
- Pat is likely to carefully consider important decisions, especially when he is made aware of the scale of the situation.

- Although Pat will most likely plan some actions in advance, he is just as likely to take risks and act on impulse.
- He may become distracted and may need breaks so as not to become bored with the task at hand.
- Pat will generally follow through on his plans, but may not honour all commitments, especially if he considers them to be overly rigid, boring or unimportant.



### **Diligent**

Pat's score indicates a **low** risk of displaying limiting behaviours associated with being 'diligent'.



#### **Potential Strengths**

- Rather than focusing on every single detail Pat is likely to prefer taking a holistic approach to tasks and should acknowledge that people are allowed to make mistakes.
- He is not likely to consider failure to be the result of a lack of effort. As a result, when a plan fails, he is much more willing than the average person to implement a different strategy to fulfil a plan.
- He has realistic expectations for himself and others and recognises that depending on the circumstances, it may not always be possible to meet them.

- Pat will most likely dislike structure and order and will prefer to deal with things as they come.
- Pat is likely to enjoy having a lot of flexibility and may feel constrained by routine.
- He may be laid-back and tolerant of mistakes.

#### **Unconventional**

Pat's score indicates a **low** risk of displaying limiting behaviours associated with being 'unconventional'.



#### **Potential Strengths**

- Pat tends to believe in things that can be backed up by objective evidence and his convictions are usually held by many others as well.
- He is likely to be very conscious of his surroundings and is expected to pay attention to how things are unfolding around him.
- His thoughts are usually very clear and unfold logically from each other.
- He is also likely to be very articulate and knows how to logically convey his thoughts to others.
- More conventional than the average person, he is likely to dress and act appropriately and according to the context he finds himself in.

- Pat's personal convictions and beliefs are usually aligned with cultural norms, though he may struggle to connect with more creative colleagues.
- He may lack imagination and creativity and may be overly literal in his thinking.





The following questions have been designed to support the interview and reference checking process for Pat by attempting to elicit information about his preferences, past behaviour and performance.

Each Derailers scale has been mapped to a series of interview questions and colour coded using the following convention:



reflects a moderate-high to high risk of displaying limiting behaviours



reflects a moderate risk of displaying limiting behaviours



reflects a low to moderatelow risk of displaying limiting behaviours

Use the interview questions as a guide to probe Pat's preferences, past behaviour and performance as well as how these may be applied to future role requirements.

## Reserved



- How do you feel about socialising with your co-workers?
- Would you say you prefer working independently or with other people?
- How would you describe your mood in general?
- Would you say that your co-workers contribute to how you feel on a day-to-day basis? If so, how?

Notes:

## Sensitive



- Can you describe a situation in which you found yourself very emotional at work? What triggered this emotion?
- What would you say worries you during your average workday?
- Can you describe your relationship with past co-workers?
- How would you describe your competence in the workplace? What about compared to other people?

Notes:

## Competitive



- Could you name a time in which you responded angrily during a disagreement with a co-worker?
- How would you say you usually go about achieving your goals?
- Have you ever used your connections or flattery to achieve something?
- Can you tell me a bit about your achievements? How did you manage to achieve what you did?
- Tell me about a time you refrained from voicing your opinion in a meeting. Do you regret your decision and why?

#### Notes:

# **Adventurous**



- Would you say that you are more spontaneous or more likely to act upon carefully constructed plans? Please explain why you describe yourself in this way.
- Can you describe a time in which you had to think outside of the box and take a risk?
- Do you tend to take breaks while working? If so, how often and why?
- How much do past experiences play a role in your current decision-making?
- How organized would others say that you are?

#### Notes:

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- How do you feel about schedules and routines?
- Would you call yourself a perfectionist? Please elaborate as to why you do/don't describe yourself in this way.
- Would you say that failure is the result of a lack of effort? What would you do to try and prevent future failures?

#### Notes:

# Unconventional

- How would someone be able to convince you of his or her standpoint?
- How important is objective and scientific evidence to you?
- How observant would you say that you are?
- Have you ever had an unusual experience?
- How logical do you find your own thoughts?
- Are you generally able to convince others of your standpoint?

#### Notes:

