

Appendix E

Adolescent Dissociative Experiences Scale-II (A-DES)

Scoring the Adolescent Dissociative Experience Scale

Initial validation research reported a mean score of 4.8 for dissociative adolescents (S.D. 1.1). Armstrong et al. (1997) concluded that a score of 3.7 would be concerning and suggestive of significant dissociation. A Turkish sample found a mean score of 6.2 among dissociative adolescents (S.D. 1.98), a mean score of 3.94 among adolescents with PTSD (S.D. 1.54), and the non-clinical group, mood disorders group, and anxiety disorders groups had mean scores hovering around 2.4 (Zoruglu et al., 2002).

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Date: _____ Age: _____ Sex: M F _____

1. I get so wrapped up in watching TV, reading, or playing a video game that I don't have any idea what's going on around me. . . .

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

2. I get back tests or homework that I don't remember doing

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

3. I have strong feelings that don't seem like they are mine.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

4. I can do something really well one time and then I can't do it at all another time.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

5. People tell me I do or say things that I don't remember doing or saying.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

6. I feel like I am in a fog or spaced out and things around me seem unreal.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

7. I get confused about whether I have done something or only thought about doing it.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

8. I look at the clock and realize that time has gone by and I can't remember what has happened.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

9. I hear voices in my head that are not mine.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

10. When I am somewhere that I don't want to be, I can go away in my mind.
- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)
11. I am so good at lying and acting that I believe it myself.
- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)
12. I catch myself "waking up" in the middle of doing something.
- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)
13. I don't recognize myself in the mirror.
- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)
14. I find myself going somewhere or doing something and I don't know why.
- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)
15. I find myself someplace and I don't remember how I got there.
- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)
16. I have thoughts that don't really seem to belong to me.
- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)
17. I find that I can make physical pain go away.
- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)
18. I can't figure out if things really happened or if I only dreamed or thought about them.
- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)
19. I find myself doing something that I know is wrong, even when I really don't want to do it.
- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

20. People tell that I sometimes act so differently that I seem like a different person.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

21. It feels like there are walls inside of my mind.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

22. I find writings, drawings or letters that I must have done but I can't remember doing.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

23. Something inside of me seems to make me do things that I don't want to do.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

24. I find that I can't tell whether I am just remembering something or if it is actually happening to me.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

25. I find myself standing outside of my body, watching myself as if I were another person.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

26. My relationships with my family and friends change suddenly and I don't know why.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

27. I feel like my past is a puzzle and some of the pieces are missing.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

28. I get so wrapped up in my toys or stuffed animals that they seem alive.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

29. I feel like there are different people inside of me.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)

30. My body feels as if it doesn't belong to me.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
(never) (always)