

Name: _____ Student ID: _____ Major: _____

Please circle the letter that most closely matches your skill level.

MARIA COLLEGE ONLINE LEARNING PERSONAL READINESS ASSESSMENT

1. My motivation for taking online classes is:

- a. High motivation—my work schedule/life circumstances prevent me from taking campus classes.
- b. Moderate motivation—I would like to see if this is a possible alternative to the campus classes I can now take.
- c. Low motivation—I am not yet sure how taking online classes will benefit me.

2. I am someone who:

- a. Generally always reads directions carefully.
- b. Skims directions to get the general idea.
- c. Does not generally read directions.

3. I would rate my reading ability as:

- a. High—reading ability is one of my strengths.
- b. Average—I usually understand what I read.
- c. Lower than average—reading is not one of my strengths.

4. Choose the statement below that best fits you:

- a. I express myself best in writing.
- b. I express myself fairly well in writing.
- c. It is difficult for me to express myself in writing.

5. I best understand information when it is presented in:

- a. A visual format (written, pictures, diagrams, etc.)
- b. Both visual and auditory formats. (lecture, tapes, etc.).
- c. An auditory format.

6. I have:

- a. Highly developed computer skills.
- b. Moderately developed computer skills.
- c. Lower-than-average computer skills.

7. The amount of time I expect to spend on an online course is:

- a. More than I would on a campus course.
- b. The same as I would on a campus course.
- c. Less than I would on a campus course.

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8. I am someone who:

- a. Can manage my time effectively and always meet deadlines without having to be reminded.
- b. Has some difficulty managing my time effectively, but often meets deadlines without having to be reminded.
- c. Does not manage my time very effectively and often has difficulty meeting deadlines without being reminded.

9. Face-to-face social interaction with both my instructor and classmates is:

- a. Not important to me in my educational experience.
- b. An important part of my educational experience, but not essential.
- c. An essential part of my educational experience.

**10. Considering my work schedule/life circumstances,
the amount of time I have to work on an online course is:**

- a. 7 – 9 hours per week.
- b. 4 – 6 hours per week.
- c. 1 – 3 hours per week.

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EVALUATE YOUR ANSWERS

If you chose mostly "a's", you are a very independent learner who confidently uses technology and is ready to take an online course!

If you chose mostly "b's", although you are a fairly independent learner who uses technology with relative ease, you may spend more time with an online course than in a face-to-face course. You may need to keep in close contact with the instructor and request assistance from time to time.

If you chose mostly "c's", you may not have enough time to devote to an online course. You may need more guidance than some students and might not work well alone. In addition, your limited computer skills could impact your ability to be a successful online learner.

(If most of your "c's" were in answer to computer-related questions, and if you still want to take an online course, you may want to take CSC 100 Introduction to Computers in the semester before you take an online course.)