# EMPLOYEE SELECTION: TESTING AND ASSESSMENT

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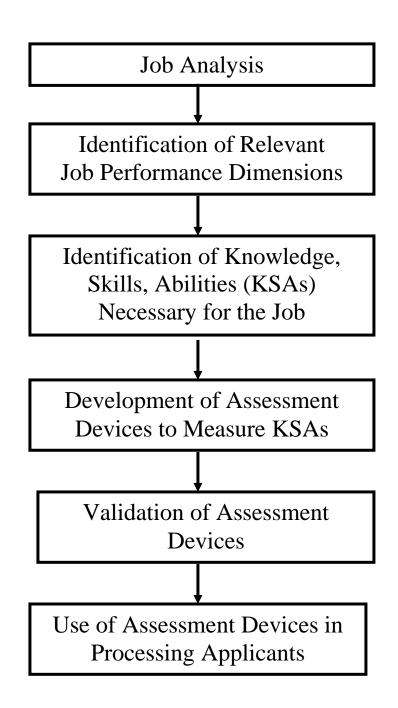
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### TESTING AND ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

- > STEPS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SELECTION PROGRAM
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# TESTING AND ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW: STEPS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SELECTION PROGRAM



# TESTING AND ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW: MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS WHEN TESTING

#### Appropriateness

- ➤ Validity
- > Reliability
- ➤ Legality

#### Usefulness

- > Job Responsibilities
- > Industry
- > Level
- > Multiple Measurements
- > Report Options and Quality

#### Logistics

- ➤ Scoring/Results Turnaround Time
- > Ease of Use
- > Administration Options
- > Cost

### User Experience

- ➤ Face Validity
- > Time to Complete

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### **COGNITIVE ABILITIES TESTS**

- ➤ WATSON-GLASER CRITICAL THINKING
- ➤ WONDERLIC PERSONNEL TEST
- ➤ MULTIPLE APTITUDE BATTERY-II

# COGNITIVE ABILITIES TESTS: WATSON-GLASER CRITICAL THINKING (WGCTA)

Source: The Psychological Corporation

http://www.pantesting.com

Purpose: Predict an employee's career path based on critical thinking skills

#### Attributes/Abilities Assessed:

- > Inference
- > Recognition of assumptions
- Deduction
- > Interpretation
- > Evaluation of arguments

- > 80 items
- ➤ Approximately 60 minutes to complete
- ➤ Paper/pencil administration; hand-scoring

# COGNITIVE ABILITIES TESTS: WONDERLIC PERSONNEL TEST (WPT)

Source: Wonderlic

http://www.wonderlic.com/

Purpose: Measures cognitive ability as an accurate predictor of employment success

#### Attributes/Abilities Assessed:

- > Candidate's ability to:
  - learn a specific job
  - > solve problems
  - > understand instructions
  - > apply knowledge to new situations
  - benefit from specific job training
  - > be satisfied with a particular job

- > 50 items
- > Exactly 12 minutes to complete
- ➤ Paper/pencil administration; hand-scoring

# COGNITIVE ABILITIES TESTS: MULTIPLE APTITUDE BATTERY-II (MAB-II)

Source: Sigma Assessment Systems

http://www.sigmahr.com

Purpose: Assess candidate's aptitudes and intelligence

#### Attributes/Abilities Assessed:

- Verbal IQ
- > Performance IQ
- Full Scale IQ

#### Logistics:

- > Subtests, which can be individually or group administered
- > 7 minutes to complete each subtest; 100 minutes to complete full battery
- ➤ Paper/pencil administration; Mail-in scoring

Output: Scales with interpretive instructions:

"...indicating a significantly higher degree of aptitude relating to knowledge of diverse facts, suggesting a wide range of interests and an excellent long term memory."

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### PERSONALITY AND TEMPERAMENT TESTS

- ➤ 16 Personality Factors (16PF)
- ➤ GUILFORD-ZIMMERMAN TEMPERAMENT SURVEY
- ➤ NEO Personality Inventory, Revised
- ► HOGAN PERSONALITY INVENTORY
- ➤ EMPLOYEE SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE
- ➤ EMOTIONAL QUOTIENT INVENTORY (EQ-I)

# Personality and Temperament Tests: 16 Personality Factors, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed. (16PF)

Source: IPAT

http://www.ipat.com/

Purpose: Assist with selection through measurement of five primary management dimensions that frequently forecast management potential and style

#### Attributes/Abilities Assessed:

> Warmth

> Reasoning

> Emotional Stability

Dominance

> Liveliness

Rule-Consciousness

Social Boldness

> Sensitivity

➤ Vigilance

➤ Abstractedness

Privateness

Apprehension

> Openness to Change

> Self-Reliance

> Perfectionism

> Tension

- > 185 items
- ➤ Approximately 35-50 minutes to complete
- > Online administration and scoring

# PERSONALITY AND TEMPERAMENT TESTS: **GUILFORD-ZIMMERMAN TEMPERAMENT SURVEY**(**GZTS**)

Source: Pearson Assessments

http://www.pearsonassessments.com

Purpose: Measures attributes related that may help predict successful performance in various occupations

#### Attributes/Abilities Assessed:

- > Personality traits
- > Temperament factors

#### Logistics:

- > 300 items
- ➤ Approximately 30-60 minutes to complete
- ➤ Paper/pencil administration; mail-in scoring

Output: Interpretive Report

"He usually avoids being surrounded by other people, and he tends not to initiate conversations with strangers."

"He does not take things too seriously and is inclined to act impulsively."

# PERSONALITY AND TEMPERAMENT TESTS: **NEO PERSONALITY INVENTORY, REVISED (NEO PI-R)**

Source: Psychological Assessment Resources http://www.parinc.com

Purpose: Provide a general description of normal personality

#### Attributes/Abilities Assessed:

- Conscientiousness
- > Agreeableness
- > Neuroticism
- > Openness to experience
- > Extraversion

- **>** 243 items
- ➤ Approximately 45 minutes to complete
- ➤ Paper/pencil administration; mail-in scoring

### **HOGAN PERSONALITY INVENTORY**

Source: Hogan Assessment Systems

800-756-0632

http://www.hoganassessments.com

Purpose: Can be used either for selecting or developing high-caliber employees

Attributes/Abilities Assessed:

7 dimensions that influence occupational success; scales divided into percentile scores (high=above 65<sup>th</sup> percentile, average=between 35<sup>th</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup> percentile, low=below 35<sup>th</sup> percentile):

- ➤ Adjustment
- > Ambition
- Sociability
- > Interpersonal Sensitivity
- > Prudence
- > Inquisitive
- ➤ Learning Approach

#### **Logistics**:

- ➤ 206 True/False items
- > 15-20 minutes to complete
- > Paper and pencil or online

#### Certifications:

User must have a BA or advanced degree in psychology or a related field, or have received accreditation through Hogan Systems; workshops are around \$1,100 and are usually held in Atlanta, GA

Output: PDF file, various report options available

Cost: onetime setup fee, plus per-report fee

## EMPLOYEE SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE (ESQ)

Source: Sigma Assessment Systems http://www.sigmahr.com/

Purpose: Predict positive and counterproductive work behaviors

#### Attributes/Abilities Assessed:

- Org commitment and job satisfaction
- > Customer service
- > Productivity
- > Accuracy
- > Promotability
- > Employee theft
- ➤ Absenteeism
- ➤ OTJ alcohol and drug abuse

- > Lateness
- > Sabotage
- > Driving delinquency
- Security, confidentiality, and safety violations
- ➤ Loafing
- Unauthorized giveaways to friends and family

#### Logistics:

- > 27 items
- ➤ Approximately 15 minutes to complete
- Online administration and scoring

Output: ESQ Narrative Report

"Will not approach clients to seek out ways to be helpful."

"Demonstrates care and attention when performing the job."

## **EMOTIONAL QUOTIENT INVENTORY (EQ-I)**

Source: Multi-Health Systems <a href="http://www.mhs.com/">http://www.mhs.com/</a>

Purpose: To assess the emotional intelligence of job candidates

#### Attributes/Abilities Assessed:

> Intrapersonal skills

Emotional self awareness

Assertiveness

Self-regard

Self-actualization

Independence

➤ Interpersonal skills, Stress Management

Interpersonal relationships

Social responsibility

**Empathy** 

> Adaptability

Problem solving Reality testing

Flexibility

General Mood

**Happiness** 

Optimism

#### Logistics:

- ➤ 133 items
- > Approximately 30 minutes to complete
- ➤ Paper and pencil or online administration and scoring

#### Certifications:

"B-level" certification from MHS

#### Output:

Individual Summary Reports provide the overall EQ score, scores for each of the 15 areas measured, and scores for validity indices.

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### SALES ABILITIES TESTS

- ➤ SIGMA SURVEY FOR SALES PROFESSIONALS
- ➤ CALIPER FIRST STEP FOR SALES
- ➤ WALDEN SALES SKILLS TEST

# SALES ABILITIES TESTS: SIGMA SURVEY FOR SALES PROFESSIONALS (3SP)

Source: Sigma Assessment Systems

http://www.sigmahr.com/

Purpose: Selection and placement for a wide range of sales positions

#### Attributes Assessed:

TechnicalOrientation

Creativity

> Thoroughness

Risk Taking

Open Mindedness

> First Impression

Interpersonal Relations

> Sensitivity

Social Astuteness

Communication

FormalPresentation

Persuasiveness

Negotiation

➤ Listening

Achievement / Motivation

> Self Discipline

> Flexibility

> Independence

➤ Self-Esteem

> Emotional Control

Dependability

> Ambition

Assuming Responsibility

➤ Vision

Organizational Spokesperson

Short-term Planning

> Strategic Planning

> Productivity

#### Logistics:

> 352 items

➤ Approximately 35-40 minutes to complete

Online administration and scoring

Output: 3SP Report

"Warm helpful people, like Mr. X, are quite ready to assist customers with creative solutions."

"His self-confidence makes him particular effective at promoting ideas, products, or services."

### SALES ABILITIES TESTS:

### **CALIPER FIRST STEP FOR SALES**

Source: Caliper

http://www.calipercorp.com

Purpose: Assess and eliminate candidates who do not have the qualities needed to succeed in sales

#### Attributes/Abilities Assessed:

- ➤ Ego Drive
- > Empathy
- Confidence
- > Sociability
- > Helpfulness
- > Thoroughness

#### Logistics:

- > 75 items
- ➤ Approximately 20 minutes to complete
- ➤ Online administration and scoring

Output: Narrative Report

"In a sales situation, her motivation to persuade will often fuel her efforts to convince her clients to make a commitment."

"...she should naturally seek out opportunities to be with prospects and clients."

### **SALES ABILITIES TESTS:**

### WALDEN SALES SKILLS TEST

Source: Walden Personnel Testing and Consulting

http://www.waldentesting.com/

Purpose: Assess the knowledge, skills and abilities required to succeed in sales positions, including Selecting Sales Representatives, District Sales Managers, and Sale Clerks

#### Attributes Assessed:

- ➤ Knowledge of general sales principles
- ➤ Knowledge of sales terms
- ➤ Relevant vocabulary skills
- ➤ Understanding of issues that can affect the sales process
- ➤ Ability to deal with several sales situations
- Basic mathematical and calculation skills
- ➤ Logic and attention to detail

### Logistics:

- ➤ 6 items
- > Exactly 65 minutes to complete
- ➤ Online administration and scoring

Output: Candidate Score and Hiring Recommendation

"With an overall score of 81%, Ms. Logan strongly demonstrates the skills needed to succeed in a sales position."