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ASSESSMENT OF SOCIAL COMMONSENSE IN MENTAL DEFICIENCY.

GROUPING OF ITEMS.

- (1) Social Understanding:
Refers to the understanding of some general social occurrences and rules.
- (2) Self Direction:
Refers to the social-moral self direction of the individual.
- (3) Social Responsibility:
Refers to the manner in which the individual relates himself to some avoidable social responsibilities.
- (4) Self Care:
Refers to the manner in which the individual deals with some personal emergencies.
- (5) Social Emergency:
Refers to the manner in which the individual deals with social emergencies.

1. Social Understanding.

- (1) Why can parents be punished for not sending their children to school?
- (2) Why do we have to pay taxes?
- (3) Why is the government elected by the people?
- (4) Why do we need a licence to drive a car?
- (5) Why do people need a licence to get married?
- (6) Why are laws necessary?
- (7) Why do we put stamps on letters?
- (8) Why is a medical certificate required before a dead person can be buried?
- (9) Why do people insure themselves?
- (10) Why are there special hospitals for certain diseases?
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2. Self Direction.

What do you do when -

- (1) You find a handbag in the street?
- (2) You are given a watch which has been stolen?
- (3) You are given too much change at a shop counter?
- (4) You are invited for a ride in a stolen car?
- (5) Your friends ask you to break into a shop with them?
- (6) You are asked to hide some stuff which has been stolen?
- (7) You knock down a man, while driving a car?
- (8) You discover that by mistake you have been overpaid at work?
- (9) A man in the street tells you to come with him, and you'll make some good money?
- (10) You made a promise that you find you cannot keep?
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2. Self-Responsibility.

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3. Social Responsibility.

- What do you do when -
- (1) You see a man lying in the middle of a road?
 - (2) You find a lost baby in the street?
 - (3) You are travelling on a train, and a man falls off it?
 - (4) A small boy you know, plans to run away from home?
 - (5) A good friend of yours suddenly gets very sick?
 - (6) A hit-and-run driver knocks down a woman?
 - (7) A blind man waits to cross a busy street?
 - (8) You see a crowd watching an accident?
 - (9) An old woman falls in the street?
 - (10) Some little boys are trampling on flowers in a public garden?
 - (11) Your little brother says a big boy down the street is teasing him?
 - (12) You find a stamped, addressed envelope in the street?

4. Self Care.

What do you do when -

- (1) You win a big sum of money on the lottery?
- (2) You are looking for a place to live?
- (3) You want some expensive clothes, but earn little money?
- (4) You want to find a job?
- (5) You earn more money than it costs you to live?
- (6) A waitress spills soup on your new clothes?
- (7) You find that your hire purchases are too heavy for your wages?
- (8) You find a big grease spot on an overcoat you have bought and just unpacked?
- (9) You are on your own, with little money and no work?
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5. Social Emergency.

What do you do when -

- (1) You pass a house and see smoke coming from the windows?
- (2) You see a man breaking into a shop?
- (3) A policeman is being beaten up by a gang of bodgies?
- (4) In a theatre you are the first one to notice fire?
- (5) You see boys forcing windows of parked cars?
- (6) There is a bush-fire near where you live?
- (7) You see a boy, smaller than yourself, hit an old woman?
- (8) In a department store, you see children stealing from a counter?
- (9) You wake up at night and find the guest house in which you are staying filled with smoke?
- (10) A drunk next door is bashing up his small children?

2. Social Inquiry.

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