

9 – The HARMony Test

Everything is numbers

(Pythagoras & Co.ⁱ)

It is not that hard to come across multiple-choice tests and quizzes. Often found in big-circulation magazines, they assess crucial aspects of life. Like our incomeⁱⁱ. Ascertaining, for instance, whether we earn above or below the average which the market remunerates for someone with similar qualification, is information more than interesting. And price disbursed for it is just the magazine value*.

Multiple-choice tests and quizzes – with their answers A, B, C, D (and sometimes E) – are also commonly related to subjects like health, love and sex. However, the list what can be measured, evaluated, classified by such questions, and their predefined set of possible replies, does not have an end. From motivational factorsⁱⁱⁱ to the right pet for somebody^{iv}, everything is able to be assessed.

Do you want to know ecologically sustainable are your actions? This is possible^v, as well to position yourself inside the controversial spectrum of BDSM^{vi}. In short, self-assessments about the most varied subjects may be created using multiple-choice questions. But if do we wish something more than that? If do we desire to assess the own life?

This would be also possible, but not with a multiple-choice test/quiz. We simply wouldn't have enough patience to accomplish

* Or nothing if the test is available free on Internet, which is the case of the end notes from [ii](#) to [vi](#), located on section *More About*.

it. Because if, in order to evaluate a certain aspect like the income, we already need to answer maybe ten, twenty, thirty questions, imagine the size of a self-assessment involving all the human existence main components, beginning with Health, but also embracing Happiness, Work, Sex and/or Love – and not forgetting Personal Finances[†]. Let's face it: choosing the right answer hundreds of times is pretty impracticable.

Fortunately, there is a way in which everyone can assess his/her life much easier (and faster) than marking uncountable X's. We can give grades to ourselves. That's one of the HARMony Test secrets. Other one is harmonic mean that is, by the way, although simple, unknown to many people.

The time is now. Are you ready to discover a bit more about the world's most important person?

Unfortunately, the rest from this essay could not be translated until now. So to make it available in English as soon as possible, please support this project financially or, in case you understand Portuguese, with translation services.

Thanks in advance, T.M.S.

[†] Personal Finances involves not only how much we earn, but also the total amount of our expenses. The essay *1.99 – Fool me 'cos I like it* shows some tips of how to deal more efficiently with subliminal pricing.

MORE ABOUT

ⁱ Wikipedia – English – Pythagoras

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ⁱⁱⁱ Test Cafe – Motivation Test

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^{iv} SelectSmart – Dog Breed Selector Quiz

<http://www.selectsmart.com/DOG/>

^v Zero Footprint Calculator

<http://www.zerofootprint.net>

^{vi} ALT.com – Teste de Castidade

<http://alt.com/p/purity.cgi?trlid=main-1>

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