somewhat more complicated than PSC. SDQ does not address suicidal ideations.

- Pros/Cons: Wording is different than PSC so this makes SDQ easier to

administration and scoring time are about 10 minutes.

- Five scales are reviewed including emotional symptoms, conduct problems,

written at the 3rd Grade reading level.

SDQ is available in 45 languages including English, Spanish, and Somali. It is

free and downloadable: www.sdqinfo.org

- Age range is 3-16 years.

- Brief questionnaire with several versions for parents, self-report for adolescents.

- For my graduate project, this assessment tool received the highest rating.

**Questionnaire**

**Strengths and Difficulties**
More detailed versions are also available including follow-up version.

This version is worded slightly differently.

- A 25 Item self-report (S 11-17) to be completed by child who is 11-17 years old.

Unable to complete self-report.

Completed by parents or caretakers if child is unwilling or unable to complete self-report.

Completed by parents or caretakers of 4-10 year olds.

A 25 item parent or teacher questionnaire (P or T 11-17) can also be completed by parents or caretakers of 4-10 year olds.

A 25 item parent or teacher questionnaire (P or T 4-10) is a questionnaire to be completed by parents or caretakers of 3 to 4 year olds. In this version, the items of reactivity are softened and 2 items on anti-social behavior are replaced by items on oppositionality.

SDQ cont
Borderline and abnormal may prompt referrals.

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- For the total difficulties score, 4-11 is determined as normal, 12 is determined borderline, and 17-40 is considered abnormal.

Interpreted separately, score that can be achieved is 40. Prosocial scale is scored and hyperactivity and peer problems are added together and the highest score from first 4 scales, emotional symptoms, conduct problems, and “Certainly True” varies with each item.

- “Certainly True” is always scored as 4 but the scoring of “Not True” somewhat true is always scored as 2.

Difficulties Questionnaire

The Parent Version score sheet in titled “Scoring the informant strengths and it is easiest to work out 5 scales first and then compiling scores.

Parent Version (P3/4, P4-10 and P1-17)
Scoring SDQ
Black and white transparency overlay is available for scoring.

- Prompt referrals.
- Borderline and 0-4 is abnormal. Borderline and abnormal may prompt referrals.
- For the prosocial behavior score, a 6-10 is normal, a 5 is separate.
- Borderline and 20-40 is abnormal. Borderline and abnormal separately.
- For the total difficulties score, 0-15 is normal, 16-19 is scored together for difficulties score. Prosocial scale is scored.
- First four scores of scales of emotional symptoms, conduct, and certainly. True or not, somewhat true is always scored as a 0. Scoring of not true always scores as a 0.

Self Report Version (S 11-17)

Scoring SDA
Immediate access to computer.

Great tool if agency has predictions. This report will also give diagnostic scores.

A report is generated regarding scores. A free computerized scoring site is available. Answers are added.