# MEIA MULTIDIMENSIONAL EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT



# Sam Sample April 21, 2024

#### **MEIA Report**

This report summarizes the above named individual's responses to the Multidimensional Emotional Intelligence Assessment (MEIA).

Emotional Intelligence (EI) has been widely recognized in research and applied settings as a potentially important contributor to personal well-being and effectiveness in the workplace.

#### MEIA Measurement of Emotional Intelligence

While EI is often treated as a raw ability or capacity, the MEIA takes a personality based approach emphasizing the willingness to engage one's emotional abilities to perceive, understand, express, and regulate emotions in the self and other people. It is not enough to be able to recognize a person is upset, for example, and know how to comfort that person. Actual helping requires, in addition, the willingness to engage those capacities.

The MEIA targets six core dimensions of EI (e.g., Regulation of Emotion in the Self) and four proximal outcomes (e.g., Creative Thinking), providing a detailed snapshot of strengths and development opportunities on 10 distinct aspects of

### Situationally Dependent

It is important to understand that the value of a given level of EI often depends on the situation. High Creative Thinking, for example, may be desirable for solving unique problems, but undesirable in more routine tasks demanding close adherence to prescribed procedures.

As a result, it is important to be aware of the optimal level of EI to apply in a given situation, and the implications of underutilization or overutilization. These implications are described in the interpretive aids on page 3.

#### Performance is Relative

MEIA scores are expressed in terms of percentiles, which indicate an individual's relative standing compared to other people. A score falling at the 73rd percentile, for example, indicates that 73 percent of other people scored lower on that scale (suggesting a moderately high relative standing). Men and women tend to differ on EI, so percentiles are presented separately for those groups along with the combined percentiles.

# Consider General Accuracy

Although the MEIA is a reliable and valid assessment, it is important to recognize that no measure is one hundred percent accurate.

#### One of Several Potential Sources of Information

The information in this report should be considered within the context of other assessment information (e.g., personality attributes, behavioral assessments, clinical interviews, etc.) to enhance decision making and planning.







### Infrequency Score



An infrequency score greater than 2.50 is considered problematic. A high infrequency score is usually a sign of careless responding. Such cases should be handled by either gathering further data to clarify the respondent's purposefulness, or, by nullifying the results.

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The chart below presents the above named individual's results on the 10 dimensions that comprise the MEIA. Dimensions are grouped by core EI dimensions and proximal outcomes, and brief dimension descriptions are provided. Depending on the percentile, the best advice for the individual could be development, enhancement, or refinement, as described below.

Develop

Weak to low tendency. Develop awareness and understanding of behaviors related to the dimension. Begin practicing behaviors or increase utilization of behaviors. Observe impact of behaviors on positive or desired outcomes.

Enhance

Moderate tendency. Strengthen tendency and develop more consistency of behaviors. Stay vigilant for situations and opportunities to apply behaviors.

Refine

Strong to high tendency. Refine behaviors to achieve desired outcomes. Monitor and adjust tendency to match situation. Work on refining or optimizing behaviors according to context. Influence others' appreciation and application of EI.

|                   | Percentile |                      | Scale Description                  |   | Range   |
|-------------------|------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---|---------|
|                   | Rec        | Male Female 85 83 86 | Recognition of Emotion in the Self | Being in touch with one's own feelings and describing those feelings in words           | Refine  |
| CORE EI           | Reg        | <b>82</b> 49 87      | Regulation of Emotion in the Self  | Controlling one's own emotional states, especially in emotionally arousing situations   | Refine  |
|                   | Rec<br>Oth | <b>65</b> 55 51      | Recognition of Emotion in Others   | Attending to others' nonverbal emotional cues (e.g., facial expressions, tone of voice) | Enhance |
|                   | Req<br>Oth | <b>75</b> 76 74      | Regulation of Emotion in Others    | Managing others' emotional states, especially in emotionally arousing situations        | Refine  |
|                   | Nv<br>Exp  | <b>13</b> 17 10      | Nonverbal Emotional Expression     | Communicating one's feelings to others through bodily (i.e., nonverbal) expression      | Develop |
|                   | Emp        | <b>26</b> 32 23      | Empathy                            | Understanding others' emotions by relating them to one's own experiences                | Develop |
| PROXIMAL OUTCOMES | IvR        | <b>36</b> 40 33      | Intuition versus Reason            | Using emotions in making important decisions  | Enhance |
|                   | Cr<br>Th   | <b>97</b> 97 98      | Creative Thinking                  | Using emotions to facilitate divergent thinking   | Refine  |
|                   | MR<br>A    | <b>84</b> 84 84      | Mood Redirected Attention          | Interpreting strong (usually negative) emotions in a positive light                     | Refine  |
| PRO               | Mot<br>Em  | <b>77</b> 75 78      | Motivating Emotions                | Pursuing one's goals with drive, perseverance, and optimism                             | Refine  |



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The table below provides additional information about MEIA dimensions to assist in interpreting MEIA results.

|  |                          | <u>,</u>   |            | Importance  | Underutilization   | Overutilization  |
|--|--------------------------|--|------------|---|--|--|
| CORE EI<br>Fundamental building blocks of EI | Self Orientation         | Inwardly focused aspects of E<br>Being in touch with and in control<br>of one's own emotions.  | Rec<br>SIf | Basis for effective communication<br>and control of emotional states,<br>critical in managing relationships   | Can obscure the impact feelings<br>may be having on one's thoughts<br>and behaviors  | Suggests an introspective nature; in<br>the extreme, others might see this<br>as self-centered/egotistical   |
|  |                          |  | Reg<br>Slf | Strong emotions can overpower<br>rational thinking, leading to errors<br>in judgment that can jeopardize<br>relationships and goal attainment                                     | Increases chance of engaging in<br>regrettable behaviors that can<br>damage relationships and one's<br>reputation as a trusted person  | Keeping feelings "bottled up" can<br>be detrimental to one's health; there<br>are times when everyone needs to<br>emotionally "let go"   |
|  | Other Orientation        |  | Rec<br>Oth | Behaving appropriately in social situations requires awareness of others' feelings; attending to others' nonverbal reactions facilitates productive exchanges                     | Missing nonverbal cues can make<br>others feel misunderstood; missed<br>opportunity to foster more prod-<br>uctive relationships by fine-tuning<br>one's behavior to others' needs | Focusing too closely on others may<br>lead them to feel they always need<br>to be "on guard"; increases risk of<br>emotional escalations in<br>interpersonal interactions          |
| COR<br>damental buil                         |                          | Outwardly focused aspects of El<br>Being perceptive and willing to<br>alter others' feelings.  | Req<br>Oth | Helping to manage others' feelings<br>can mitigate the negative impact of<br>stressful situations on performance<br>and promote better outcomes on<br>key objectives              | Failure to manage others' emotional<br>states creates missed opportunities<br>to manage the motivation of<br>individuals and groups  |  |
| Fun  |                          | is of El<br>how others are E<br>lly ex-pressing is<br>ns.  | Nv<br>Exp  | When situationally appropriate, openly expressing one's true feelings builds trust and limits misunderstandings in relationships and collaborative efforts                        | Keeping one's emotions hidden<br>limits clarity of communication (e.g.,<br>for others looking for signs of<br>approval that they are on the right<br>path)                         | Being overly expressive can reveal<br>feelings in situations where they<br>may be better concealed; in some<br>cases, emotional transparency may<br>be interpreted as a weakness   |
|  | <b>Emotional Sharing</b> | Communal aspects of El<br>Being receptive to how others are<br>feeling; authentically ex-pressing<br>one's own emotions.                                       | Emp        | Sharing others' feelings by actively relating them to one's own experiences is one way to connect with others and engender trust and cohesiveness in relationships                | Lack of empathy tends to<br>undermine interpersonal relation-<br>ships as others come to feel under-<br>appreciated and disrespected as<br>individuals                             | Being highly empathic can interfere with making the right decisions (e.g., giving more weight to others' emotions over key outcomes)   |
| PROXIMAL OUTCOMES Impacted by Core EI        |                          | Influence Longer-Range Outcomes<br>Applying emotional intelligence to facilitate decision making,<br>problem solving, and the pursuit of important life goals. | IvR        | Gut feelings can contribute to<br>decisions beyond facts and logic;<br>aligning intuitions-facts is optimal;<br>misalignment should prompt<br>deliberations and fact-finding      | Ignoring intuitions and relying<br>solely on facts and logic can make<br>one appear cold or unfeeling to<br>others (i.e., "robotic"); ignoring one's<br>emotional compass is risky | Decisions are judged by how well<br>they deal with external realities (i.e.,<br>reacting solely to "gut feelings" can<br>lead to ineffective decisions<br>inconsistent with facts) |
|  |                          |  | Cr<br>Th   | Emotions feed creativity by altering organization and use of information in memory; creativity expands one's options in making good life and work decisions                       | Emotions offer a rich source of ideas<br>and information serving creative<br>problem-solving; failure to tap into<br>this limits availability of potentially<br>viable solutions   | Sometimes the best solutions are<br>the most obvious ones; engaging<br>too much creative thinking can<br>distract one from the path with the<br>highest potential for success      |
|  |                          |  | MR<br>A    | Strong emotions can improve self-<br>awareness and reveal latent<br>priorities; bad experiences offer<br>opportunities for personal devel-<br>opment (e.g., growing from failure) | Everyone makes mistakes and at<br>times faces challenging life<br>situations; focusing on their<br>negative effects can be<br>demoralizing and constraining                        | Seeing silver linings in every cloud can inspire positive growth, but can also be a sign of over-rationalization and a pattern of putting oneself in the same bad situations       |
|  |                          | Influence Longer-<br>Applying emotiona<br>problem solving, a   | Mot<br>Em  | Performance means achieving goals;<br>positive thinking and "stick-to-it-<br>ness" are important assets in driving<br>the motivation to achieve anything<br>worthwhile to pursue  | severely limit one's motivation to   | A highly positive outlook can<br>obscure reality, potentially leading<br>one to overcommit to a fruitless<br>pursuit; at times, one must give up<br>on one goal to pursue another  |

