LEARNING STYLE: LOCUS OF CONTROL

Your motivation and your attitude, positive or negative, toward college, work, instructors, and your abilities may depend on your locus of control. Locus means place. Your locus of control is where you place responsibility for control over your life.

Check yes if you agree with a statement; check no if you do not agree.

Yes  No

1. If I can do the work, I can get a good grade in any course no matter how good or bad the instructor is.

2. If the teacher isn’t a good speaker or doesn’t keep me interested, I probably won’t do well in the class.

3. I believe that I have the power to control what happens to me.

4. I believe that I have very little control over what happens to me.

5. When I make a mistake, it’s usually my fault.

6. When I make a mistake, it’s usually because someone didn’t make clear to me what I was supposed to do.

7. My grades are the result of how much studying I do.

8. My grades don’t seem to be affected by the amount of studying I do.

9. I can adapt easily to a change of plans or events.

10. Adapting to change has always been difficult for me. I like things to be as predictable and orderly as possible.

11. When I fail a test, it’s either because I didn’t study or I didn’t understand the material.

12. When I fail a test, it’s either because the test was unfair or the instructor didn’t cover the material.

13. I usually don’t need anyone to push me or make me study.

14. I can’t seem to make myself study.

15. I am a self-motivated person.

16. I need someone to motivate me.