

# Strong Interest Inventory (SII)

*There will not be any questions about the SII on the midterm*

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# About the SII

- 291 multiple choice questions (polychotomous)
- Likert-style questions
- Takes about 25 minutes to take
- Developed in 1927 by E.K. Strong, Jr.
- Vocational placement upon leaving military
- Based partly on “Holland Codes”

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# Holland Typology

- Theory: personality and vocations share six main *factors*

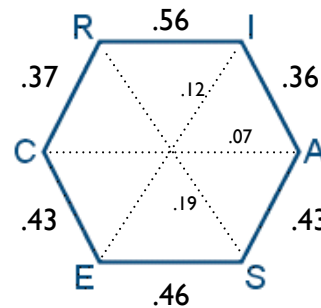
Type	Description
Realistic	practical, physical, hands-on, tool-oriented
Investigative	analytical, intellectual, scientific, explorative
Artistic	creative, original, independent, chaotic
Social	cooperative, supporting, helping, healing/nurturing
Enterprising	competitive environments, leadership, persuading
Conventional	detail-oriented, organizing, clerical

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- Type : usually expressed as top 3 factors
- Hexagon indicates correlation between factors



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# SII uses T-Scores

	Z scores	IQ scores	T scores	Scaled Scores
Mean	0	100	50	10
SD	1	15	10	3

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# The Structure of the SII

- Section 1 : General Occupational Themes
- Section 2 : Basic Interest Scales
- Section 3 : Occupational Scales
- Section 4 : Personal Style Scales
- Section 5 : Profile Summary
- Section 6 : Response Summary

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## 1 : General Occupational Themes (GIS)

Describes your interests, work activities, potential skills, and personal values in six broad areas: Realistic (R), Investigative (I), Artistic (A), Social (S), Enterprising (E), and Conventional (C).

### YOUR HIGHEST THEMES

Artistic, Investigative, Social

### YOUR THEME CODE

AIS

THEME	CODE	STANDARD SCORE & INTEREST LEVEL					STD SCORE
Artistic	A					VERY HIGH	71
Investigative	I				MODERATE		56
Social	S				MODERATE		51
Enterprising	E				MODERATE		48
Conventional	C				MODERATE		43
Realistic	R				LITTLE		37

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## 2: Basic Interest Scales (BIS)

Identifies specific interest areas within the six General Occupational Themes, indicating areas likely to be most motivating and rewarding for you.

### YOUR TOP FIVE INTEREST AREAS

1. Writing & Mass Communication (A)
2. Performing Arts (A)
3. Visual Arts & Design (A)
4. Culinary Arts (A)
5. Law (E)

### Areas of Least Interest

Management (E)  
Computer Hardware & Electronics (R)  
Military (R)

### ARTISTIC — Very High

BASIC INTEREST SCALE	STD SCORE & INTEREST LEVEL	STD SCORE
Writing & Mass Communication	VH	71
Performing Arts	VH	71
Visual Arts & Design	VH	70
Culinary Arts	VH	67

### INVESTIGATIVE — Moderate

BASIC INTEREST SCALE	STD SCORE & INTEREST LEVEL	STD SCORE
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### ENTERPRISING — Moderate

BASIC INTEREST SCALE	STD SCORE & INTEREST LEVEL	STD SCORE
Law	VH	66
Marketing & Advertising	VH	65
Politics & Public Speaking	M	58
Entrepreneurship	M	48
Sales	L	41
Management	L	33

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## 3 : Occupational Scales (OS)

Compares your likes and dislikes with those of people who are satisfied working in various occupations, indicating your likely compatibility of interests.

### YOUR TOP TEN STRONG OCCUPATIONS

1. Librarian (A)
2. Technical Writer (AIR)
3. Broadcast Journalist (AE)
4. Graphic Designer (ARI)
5. Photographer (ARE)
6. Reporter (A)
7. Chef (ERA)
8. Attorney (A)
9. Editor (AI)
10. Translator (A)

### Occupations of Dissimilar Interest

Physical Education Teacher (SRC)  
Physicist (IRA)  
Athletic Trainer (RIS)  
Mathematician (IRC)  
Mathematics Teacher (CIR)

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## 4 : Personal Style Scales (PSS)

Describes preferences related to work style, learning, leadership, risk taking, and teamwork, providing insight into work and education environments most likely to fit you best.

PERSONAL STYLE SCALE		CLEAR	MIDRANGE	CLEAR	STD SCORE
		< 25	25	75	> 75
Work Style	Prefers working alone; enjoys data, ideas, or things; reserved		♦		47
Learning Environment	Prefers practical learning environments; learns by doing; prefers short-term training to achieve a specific goal or skill			♦	65
Leadership Style	Is not comfortable taking charge of others; prefers to do the job rather than		♦		6.4

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## 5 : Profile Summary

Provides a graphic snapshot of Profile results for immediate, easy reference.

### PROFILE SUMMARY

### SECTION 5

#### YOUR HIGHEST THEMES

Artistic, Investigative, Social

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#### YOUR PERSONAL STYLE SCALES PREFERENCES

1. You are likely to prefer a balance of working alone and working with people
2. You seem to prefer to learn through lectures and books
3. You probably are comfortable both leading by example and taking charge
4. You may dislike taking risks
5. You probably enjoy both team roles and independent roles

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## 6 : Response Summary

Summarizes your responses within each category of Strong items, providing interpretive data useful to your career professional.

### RESPONSE SUMMARY

### SECTION 6

This section provides a summary of your responses to the different sections of the inventory for use in interpretation by your career professional.

ITEM RESPONSE PERCENTAGES					
Section Title	Strongly Like	Like	Indifferent	Dislike	Strongly Dislike
Occupations	23	9	17	8	42
Subject Areas	30	13	22	15	20
Activities	18	19	25	12	26
Leisure Activities	54	14	7	11	14
People	44	0	19	19	19
Characteristics	56	11	11	22	0
TOTAL PERCENTAGE	28	13	19	12	29

Total possible responses: 291 Your response total: 290 Items omitted: 1 Typicality index: 19—Combination of item responses appears consistent

Note: Due to rounding, total percentage may not add up to 100%.

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## How good is the SII

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## SII Reliability

- Generally good Reliability

Type	Cronbach's Alpha	Test-Retest
GOTs	.91 - .95	.84 - .92
BIS	0.87	
Occupational Scales		.82 - .89

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## SII Validity

- Concurrent Validity
  - measured % Hit Rate for using Occupational Scale to predict College Major
  - Excellent or Moderate hit:
    - 82% for females, 92% men
- Predictive Validity
  - % hit rate for major Senior for tests taken as Freshmen (3.5 years)
  - 69% females, 70% for males

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## SII Validity - Donnay & Borgen (1996)

- Methods: 55000 subjects took the SII at their current job. Mean age 42, 50 occupations
- Selected subjects who had:
  - “typical” job duties
  - “very” or “somewhat” satisfied
  - N= 10000 men + 10000 women
- Goal:
  - Using SII factors, predict their occupation

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## SII Validity - Donnay & Borgen (1996)

- Results:
  - predictions depended on scale used
  - 9% hit rate (personal style scales)
  - 10% hit rate (GOTs)
  - 22% hit rate (Basic Interest Scales)

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