

# MCFI-III ITEMS - CRITERIA FOR ATTRIBUTION OF NARCISSISM

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**ENTER 0 IN THE "DECLINED" COLUMN IF A STATEMENT IS INAPPLICABLE:**  
**True in reality, or otherwise of dubious relevance**

## Scale 5 Narcissistic (24 items) †

True prototypal items (weight = 2) 5, 26, 31, 67, 85, 93, 144, 159

True nonprototypal items (weight = 1) 21, 38, 57, 80, 88, 116

False (weight = 1) 35, 40, 47, 69, 84, 86, 94, 99, 141, 169

## True/Declined Prototypal items (Enter 2 if true)

- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 5. I know that I'm a superior person, so I don't care what people think.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 26. Other people envy my abilities.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 31. I think I'm a special person who deserves special attention from others.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 67. I have many ideas that are ahead of the times.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 85. I don't blame anyone who takes advantage of someone who allows it.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 93. There are members of my family who say I'm selfish and think only of myself.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 144. I guess I go out of my way to encourage people to admire the things I say or do.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 159. Someone would have to be pretty special to understand my special abilities.

\_\_\_ **TOTAL A: Prototypal items**

\_\_\_ **TOTAL A1: Declined Prototypal items**

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**True/Declined Nonprototypal items (Enter 1 if true)**

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 21. I like to flirt with members of the opposite sex.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 38. I do what I want without worrying about its effect on others.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 57. I think I am a very sociable and outgoing person.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 80. It is very easy for me to make many friends.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 88. I never sit on the sidelines when I'm at a party.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 116. I have had to be really rough with some people to keep them in line.

\_\_\_ **TOTAL B: Nonprototypal items**

\_\_\_ **TOTAL B1: Declined Nonprototypal items**

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**False/Declined False items (Enter 1 if false)**

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 35. I often give up doing things because I'm afraid I won't do well.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 40. I guess I'm a fearful and inhibited person.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 47. I tend to always blame myself when things go wrong.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 69. I avoid most social situations, because I expect people to criticize or reject me.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 84. I'm too unsure of myself to risk trying something new.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 86. For some time now I've been feeling sad and blue and can't seem to snap out of it.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 94. People can easily change my ideas, even if I thought my mind was made up.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 99. In social groups I am almost always very self-conscious and tense.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 141. I feel that most people think poorly of me.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 169. I'm always willing to give in to others in a disagreement because I fear their anger or rejection.

\_\_\_ **TOTAL C: False items**

\_\_\_ **TOTAL C1: Declined False items**

*"... a large number of items... are keyed False... the absence of pathology will tend to elevate [this] scale." †*

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## MCFI-III Scoring for Narcissism

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL A + B + C = RAW SCORE**

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL A1 + B1 + C1 = DECLINED RAW SCORE**

### **Translate Raw Score into Base Rate (from Appendix C.1)**

<b>RAW SCORE</b>	<b>BASE RATE</b>
<b>≥ 13</b>	<b>≥ 60 "Feature" - notable tendency</b>
<b>≥ 17</b>	<b>≥ 75 "Trait" - prominent characteristic</b>
<b>≥ 18</b>	<b>≥ 85 "Disorder" - character pathology</b>

*Many nonclinical populations attain elevated scores on Scale 5 including Air Force Pilots in basic training.  
- MILLON CLINICAL MULTIAXIAL INVENTORY-III - Robert J. Craig*

*Narcissistic individuals are noted by their egotistic self-involvement, experiencing primary pleasure simply by passively being or focusing on themselves... their air of snobbish and pretentious superiority requires little confirmation through genuine accomplishment or social approval.  
- MCFI-III Manual p. 17*

*† Patients with their highest score on Scale 5 (Narcissistic) exhibit arrogance and a contemptuous attitude towards those who seek to pry into their illusions about themselves. - MCFI-III Manual p. 70.*

*... an individual with this disorder may complain about a clumsy waiter's "rudeness" or "stupidity" or conclude a medical evaluation with a condescending evaluation of the physician. - DSM-IV p. 659, "301.81 Narcissistic Personality Disorder".*

*† ... as an inspection of item assignments shows, these three personality scales [Narcissistic, Dependent, and Compulsive] include a large number of items that are keyed False. Thus, when an individual without significant personality pathology completes the instrument, the absence of pathology will tend to elevate these three scales. **When the elevation of one or more of these scales is judged to reflect health rather than pathology, the procedure described in the previous section, which advocates the creation of personality characterizations on based on the domain descriptions, cannot be followed in a rigorous manner.** - MCFI-III Manual p. 145 - [see **Narcissistic Domain Boilerplate**].*

*"Not everything that counts can be counted,  
and not everything that can be counted counts."*

*- Sociologist William Bruce Cameron PhD*

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## **Grossman Facet Scales & Boilerplate**

Associated with Millon's "Functional and Structural Domains"

### **Narcissistic Facet 5.1: "Admirable Self-Image"**

**True:** 5, 31, 57, 80 - **False:** 35, 40, 47, 69, 99, 141  
≥ 7 ==> BR 76, ≥ 8 ==> BR 93 or higher

*Believes him- or herself to be meritorius, special, unique, and deserving of great admiration. Acts in a grandiose or self-assured manner, often without parallel achievements. Has a very strong sense of self-worth despite being seen by others as egotistic, inconsiderate, and arrogant.*

### **Narcissistic Facet 5.2: "Cognitively Expansive"**

**True:** 21, 26, 42, 67, 87, 139, 144  
≥ 3 ==> BR 77, ≥ 4 ==> BR 97 or higher

42: I never forget an insult or forget an embarrassment that somebody caused me.

87: I often get angry with people who do things slowly.

*Has an undisciplined imagination and exhibits a preoccupation with immature and self-glorifying fantasies of success, beauty, or love. Is minimally constrained by objective reality, takes liberties with facts, and often lies to redeem illusions about him- or herself.*

### **Narcissistic Facet 5.3: "Interpersonally Exploitive"**

**True:** 9, 33, 38, 64, 85, 93, 95, 101, 116, 159  
≥ 3 ==> BR 79, ≥ 4 ==> BR 88 or higher

9: I often criticize people strongly if they annoy me.

33: If someone criticized me for making a mistake, I would quickly point out some of that person's mistakes.

64: I don't know why, but I sometimes say cruel things just to make others unhappy.

95: I often make people angry by bossing them.

101: I guess I don't take many of my family responsibilities as seriously as I should.

*Feels entitled, is unempathic, and expects special favors without assuming reciprocal responsibilities. Shamelessly takes others for granted and uses them to enhance self and indulge desires.*

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## **Narcissistic Domain Boilerplate:**

### **Behavioral Level**

**(F) Expressively Haughty** (e.g., acts in an arrogant, supercilious, pompous, and disdainful manner, flouting conventional rules of shared social living, viewing them as naive or inapplicable to self; reveals a careless disregard for personal integrity and a self-important indifference to the rights of others).

**(F) Interpersonally Exploitive** (e.g., feels entitled, is unempathic and expects special favors without assuming reciprocal responsibilities; shamelessly takes others for granted and uses them to enhance self and indulge desires).

### **Phenomenological Level**

**(F) Cognitively Expansive** (e.g., has an undisciplined imagination and exhibits a preoccupation with immature and self-glorifying fantasies of success, beauty or love; is minimally constrained by objective reality, takes liberties with facts and often lies to redeem self-illusions).

**(S) Admirable Self-Image** (e.g., believes self to be meritorious, special, if not unique, deserving of great admiration, and acting in a grandiose or self-assured manner, often without commensurate achievements; has a sense of high self-worth, despite being seen by others as egotistic, inconsiderate, and arrogant).

**(S) Contrived Contents** (e.g., internalized representations are composed far more than usual of illusory and changing memories of past relationships; unacceptable drives and conflicts are readily refashioned as the need arises, as are others often simulated and pretentious).

### **Intrapsychic Level**

**(F) Rationalization Dynamics** (e.g., is self-deceptive and facile in devising plausible reasons to justify self-centered and socially inconsiderate behaviors; offers alibis to place oneself in the best possible light, despite evident shortcomings or failures).

**(S) Spurious Architecture** (e.g., morphologic structures underlying coping and defensive strategies tend to be flimsy and transparent, appear more substantial and dynamically orchestrated than they are in fact, regulating impulses only marginally, channeling needs with minimal restraint, and creating an inner world in which conflicts are dismissed, failures are quickly redeemed, and self-pride is effortlessly reasserted).

### **Biophysical Level**

**(S) Insouciant Mood** (e.g., manifests a general air of nonchalance, imperturbability, and feigned tranquility; appears coolly unimpressionable or buoyantly optimistic, except when narcissistic confidence is shaken, at which time either rage, shame, or emptiness is briefly displayed).

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