Self-Administered Gerocognitive Examination (SAGE)  
Administration and Scoring Instructions

SAGE is a brief self-administered cognitive screening instrument to identify Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) and early dementia. Average time to complete the test is 15 minutes. The maximum score is 22. A score of 17 and above is considered normal.

**Administration:**

The test is self-administered. It should be filled out in ink without the assistance of others. Inform the examinee that there are four pages to complete. Calendars and clocks should not be available during the testing. Do not answer specific questions. Just say, “Do the best that you can”.

**Non-Scored Items:**

Demographics

Insight: Have you had any problems with memory or thinking?

Family History

Motor symptoms

Stroke symptoms

Depression symptoms

Personality changes

Functional abilities

**Scored Items:**

1. Orientation: Total possible points are 4
   - **Month:**
     - 1 = Correct
     - 0 = Incorrect
   - **Date:**
     - 2 = exact
     - 1 = ± 3 days
     - 0 = All else
   - **Year:**
     - 1 = Correct
     - 0 = Incorrect
2. Naming: Total possible points are 2. Correct spelling not required.
   Each Picture: 1 = Correct
                 0 = Incorrect

3. Similarities: Total possible points are 2. Correct spelling/grammar not required.
   2 = Abstract
   1 = Concrete
   0 = All else

4. Calculation: Total possible point is 1.
   1 = Correct
   0 = Incorrect

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   1 = Correct
   0 = Incorrect

6. Memory: Points given below in twelve.

7. Construction: Total possible points are 2.
   3-D figure: 2 = 3-D, parallel lines within 10° and correct shape
                1 = 3-D but lines not parallel within 10° or otherwise
                   incorrect shape
                0 = All else

8. Construction: Total possible points are 2.
   Clock: 4 components: Clock face, clock numbers (all 12 numbers in
          correct order clockwise and approximately correct quadrant
          position), hand positions (hands to correct time and must be joined
          near clock center), and hand size (actual or if labeled correctly)

   2 = 4 of 4 components correct
   1 = 3 of 4 components correct; one of the three correct
       components must be hand positions
   0 = All else

9. Verbal fluency: Total possible points are 2. Correct spelling not required.
   2 = 12 different items listed
   1 = 10 or 11 different items listed
   0 = 9 or less different items listed
10. Executive: Total possible points are 2.
   Modified Trails: An error is if two items that should be connected are not or if two
   items that should not be connected are.
   
   - 2 = Perfect or self-corrected errors only
   - 1 = 1 or 2 errors
   - 0 = More than 2 errors

11. Executive: Total possible points are 2.
    Problem solving: Forms 1 and 2:
   
   - 2 = Correct lines moved or marked and final diagram correct
   - 1 = Correct lines moved or marked and no final diagram drawn or
     Correct lines moved or marked but final diagram incorrect or
     No lines moved or marked and final diagram correct
   
   - 0 = All else including lines moved or marked incorrectly but final diagram correct

    Forms 3 and 4:
   
   - 2 = Correct lines crossed out and final diagram correct
   - 1 = Correct lines crossed out and no final diagram drawn or
     Correct lines crossed out but final diagram incorrect or
     No lines crossed out and final diagram correct
   
   - 0 = All else including lines crossed out incorrectly but final diagram correct

12. Memory: Total possible points are 2.
    Forms 1 and 2:
   
   - 2 = Exact wording only, nothing extra: “I am done”
   - 1 = Must contain the word “done”: “Yes, I am done”,
     “done”, others
   
   - 0 = All else

    Forms 3 and 4:
   
   - 2 = Exact wording only, nothing extra: “I have finished”
   - 1 = Must contain the word “finished”: “Yes, I have
     finished”, “I am finished”, “finished”, others
   
   - 0 = All else

Total points = 0 (minimum) – 22 (maximum)