

DEPRESSION ANXIETY STRESS SCALE (DASS – 21)

For each statement below, please circle the number in the column that best represents how you have been feeling in the last week. The letter in bracket stands for the component seen wherein (s) stands for stress, (a) stands for anxiety and (d) stands for depression.

Sr. No:	Statement	Did not apply to me at all	Applied to me to some degree or some of the time	Applied to me a considerable degree or a good part of the time	Applied to me very much or most of the time
1 (s)	I found it hard to wind down.	0	1	2	3
2 (a)	I was aware of dryness of my mouth.	0	1	2	3
3 (d)	I couldn't seem to experience any positive feeling at all.	0	1	2	3
4 (a)	I experienced breathing difficulty. (e.g. excessively rapid breathing, breathlessness in the absence of physical exertion)	0	1	2	3
5 (d)	I found it difficult to work up the initiative to do things.	0	1	2	3
6 (s)	I tended to over-react to situations.	0	1	2	3
7 (a)	I experienced trembling. (eg, in the hands)	0	1	2	3
8 (s)	I felt that I was using a lot of nervous energy.	0	1	2	3
9 (a)	I was worried about situations in which I might panic and make a fool of myself.	0	1	2	3
10 (d)	I felt that I had nothing to look forward to.	0	1	2	3
11 (s)	I found myself getting agitated.	0	1	2	3
12 (s)	I found it difficult to relax.	0	1	2	3
13 (d)	I felt down-hearted and blue.	0	1	2	3
14 (s)	I was intolerant of anything that kept me from getting on with what I was doing.	0	1	2	3
15 (a)	I felt I was close to panic.	0	1	2	3
16 (d)	I was unable to become enthusiastic about anything.	0	1	2	3
17 (d)	I felt I wasn't worth much as a person.	0	1	2	3

18	(s)	I felt that I was rather touchy.	0	1	2	3
19	(a)	I was aware of the action of my heart in the absence of physical exertion. (e.g. sense of heart rate increase, heart missing a beat)	0	1	2	3
20	(a)	I felt scared without any good reason.	0	1	2	3
21	(d)	I felt that life was meaningless.	0	1	2	3

Aspect	Depression (d)	Anxiety (a)	Stress (s)
Total Score of Questions			
Final Score (Multiply by 2)			
Cut-off	Normal: 0-9 Mild: 10-13 Moderate: 14-20 Severe: 21-27 Extremely severe: 28+	Normal: 0-7 Mild: 8-9 Moderate: 10-14 Severe: 15-19 Extremely severe: 20+	Normal: 0-14 Mild: 15-18 Moderate: 19-25 Severe: 26-33 Extremely severe: 34+

