

Adult GQ-ASC Scale

(Brown, Attwood, Garnett & Stokes (2020), *Autism in Adulthood*, 2(3), 216-226)

Adult GQ-ASC	Definitely disagree	Slightly disagree	Slightly agree	Definitely agree
Imagination and play				
1. I enjoy fantasy worlds	1	2	3	4
2. I am interested in fiction	1	2	3	4
3. When I was 5-12 years old, I played as imaginatively as other girls	1	2	3	4
4. When I was 5-12 years old, I had imaginary friends or imaginary animals	1	2	3	4
5. When I was 5-12 years old, I created my own complex 'set ups' with toys	1	2	3	4
Camouflaging				
6. I copy or 'clone' myself on other females	1	2	3	4
7. I avidly observe other females socialising	1	2	3	4
8. I am attracted to females with strong personalities who tell me what to do	1	2	3	4
9. I adopt a different persona in different situations	1	2	3	4
Sensory Sensitivities				
10. I am attached to certain objects or toys (e.g. favourite toy, pillow, piece of cloth) which I carry, touch, or rub to calm myself	1	2	3	4
11. I expressed distress during grooming (e.g. I fought or cried during fingernail cutting, haircutting, combing) or when I am touched (e.g. someone touches my feet)	1	2	3	4
12. Some social situations make me mute	1	2	3	4
13. I am distressed by certain smells or I avoid certain tastes that are a typical part of a diet	1	2	3	4
Socialising				
14. I socialise quite well for a while, but subsequently feel exhausted	1	2	3	4
15. I often have a facial 'mask' that hides my social confusion	1	2	3	4
16. I have intense emotions	1	2	3	4
17. I apologise when I make a social error	1	2	3	4

Interests				
18. When I was 5-12 years old, I preferred to play with girls' toys	1	2	3	4
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20. My interests were advanced for my age (e.g. opera)	1	2	3	4
21. I am talented in music	1	2	3	4

Note: To score, simply add up all the item numbers. There are no reversals. A total score of >56 sensitive to 80% of cases