## Metacognitive Awareness Inventory (MAI) Scoring Guide

Directions: For each *True* and *rather true* give yourself 1 point in the score column. For each *false* and *rather false*, give yourself 0 points in the score column. Total the score of each category and place in box.

## **KNOWLEDGE ABOUT COGNITION**

| Ι.  | (8 points max) |  |
|---|----------------|--|
| I understand my intellectual strengths and weaknesses.      |                |  |
| I know what kind of information is most important to learn. |                |  |
| I am good at organizing information.                        |                |  |
| I know what the teacher expects me to learn.                |                |  |
| I am good at remembering information.                       |                |  |
| I have control over how well I learn.                       |                |  |
| I am a good judge of how well I understand something.       |                |  |
| I learn more when I am interested in the topic.             |                |  |
|   | TOTAL          |  |

| II.  | (4 points max) |  |
|--|----------------|--|
| I try to use strategies that have worked in the past.          |                |  |
| I have a specific purpose for each strategy I use.             |                |  |
| I am aware of what strategies I use when I study               |                |  |
| I find myself using helpful learning strategies automatically. |                |  |
|  | TOTAL          |  |

| III. (5 poi  | nts max) |  |
|--|----------|--|
| I learn best when I know something about the topic.              |          |  |
| I use different learning strategies depending on the situation.  |          |  |
| I can motivate myself to learn when I need to.                   |          |  |
| I use my intellectual strengths to compensate for my weaknesses. |          |  |
| I know when each strategy I use will be most effective.          |          |  |
|  | TOTAL    |  |

## **REGULATION OF COGNITION**

| I. (7 poin  | ts max) |  |
|---|---------|--|
| I pace myself while learning in order to have enough time.          |         |  |
| I think about what I really need to learn before I begin a task.    |         |  |
| I set specific goals before I begin a task.                         |         |  |
| I ask myself questions about the material before I begin.           |         |  |
| I think of several ways to solve a problem and choose the best one. |         |  |
| I read instructions carefully before I begin a task                 |         |  |
| I organize my time to best accomplish my goals.                     |         |  |
|   | TOTAL   |  |

| II. (10 point   | s max) |  |
|---|--------|--|
| I slow down when I encounter important information.                 |        |  |
| I consciously focus my attention on important information.          |        |  |
| I focus on the meaning and significance of new information.         |        |  |
| I create my own examples to make information more meaningful.       |        |  |
| I draw pictures or diagrams to help me understand while learning.   |        |  |
| I try to translate new information into my own words.               |        |  |
| I use the organizational structure of the text to help me learn.    |        |  |
| I ask myself if what I'm reading is related to what i already know. |        |  |
| I try to break studying down into smaller steps.                    |        |  |
| I focus on overall meaning rather than specifics.                   |        |  |
|   | TOTAL  |  |

| III. (7 points max)   |  |
|---|--|
| I ask myself periodically if I am meeting my goals.                       |  |
| I consider several alternatives to a problem before I answer.             |  |
| I ask myself if I have considered all options when solving a problem.     |  |
| I periodically review to help me understand important relationships.      |  |
| I find myself analysing the usefulness of strategies while I study.       |  |
| I find myself pausing regularly to check my comprehension.                |  |
| I ask myself questions about how well I am doing while learning something |  |
| new.  |  |
| TOTAL   |  |

| IV.  | (5 points max) |  |
|--|----------------|--|
| I ask others for help when I don't understand something.   |                |  |
| I change strategies when I fail to understand.             |                |  |
| I re-evaluate my assumptions when I get confused.          |                |  |
| I stop and go back over new information that is not clear. |                |  |
| I stop and reread when I get confused.                     |                |  |
|  | TOTAL          |  |

| V. (6 poin  | its max) |  |
|---|----------|--|
| I know how well I did once I finish a test.                               |          |  |
| I ask myself if there was an easier way to do things after I finish a tas | sk.      |  |
| I summarize what I've learned after I finish.                             |          |  |
| I ask myself how well I accomplish my goals once I'm finished.            |          |  |
| I ask myself if I have considered all options after I solve a problem.    |          |  |
| I ask myself if I learned as much as I could have once I finish a task.   |          |  |
|   | TOTAL    |  |
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