Persistence Scale for Children

Note. Children have to answer yes or no to all of the items.

*a*Indicates validity items.  *b*Answer of no indicates persistence.

1. I often do not complete many activities I begin.  
2. I usually persist in what I am doing.  
3. When I read a book, I do not like to take breaks until I finish it.  
4. Even if I fail to solve a problem, I try again and again and hope that I will find a solution.  
5. When I read a newspaper, I read all the articles on the front page.  
6. While I am doing my homework, I like to take breaks.  
8. I need lots of encouragement in order to complete many things.  
9. I do not keep on working after the time given for the work is over.  
10. I often stay up all night to study.  
11. If I have decided not to eat chocolate, I will not eat it even if someone offers me some.  
12. If I have started a game of chess and it seems like it is going to take a long time, I prefer to stop playing.  
13. When I am at a party, I will stay even if it is boring.  
14. When I do not understand something, I will ask my teacher again and again until I understand.  
15. When I fail in something, I am willing to try again and again forever.  
16. If I go fishing, I will continue fishing even if I do not succeed in the first hour.  
17. When I go to a movie and find it boring, I do not stay to the end.  
18. I help other children when I can.  
19. I won’t try to solve a problem again and again if I don’t find the solution in the first time I try it.  
20. I always tell the truth.  
21. When I take part in an argument, I do not stop until everything is clear.  
22. When I do not understand something, I usually ask for an explanation.  
23. Only the knowledge that I will succeed on a test makes me study.  
24. I do not stop my work even if it is very difficult.  
25. I like all the people I know.  
26. I will stop my work on time even if I do not finish it.  
27. I will continue my hobby even though I haven’t had much success at it.  
28. When I am in the classroom, I try to answer all the questions asked in the class.  
29. I will not go to school when I feel bad.  
30. When I have difficulties doing something, I prefer to get help from an adult rather than doing it by myself.
31. When I watch television, I like to see the program from the beginning to the end.
32. I study at home only when I have to be prepared for class the next day.\(^b\)
33. When I clean my room, I prefer not to do it all at once.\(^b\)
34. When I check my bicycle, I do it carefully.
35. If I was kicked out of work for no reason, I would not leave until I got a proper explanation.
36. When I go jogging (running), I like to take breaks.\(^b\)
37. If I try to solve a mathematical problem, I will not stop until I find a solution or a different approach.
38. Usually I do not watch television programs to the end.\(^b\)
39. I do not persist in most of the things I do.\(^b\)
40. I usually give up easily when I do not succeed.