

CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT

XYZ Ltd
Hickory Bay

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Poppleton Allen Sales Aptitude Test (PASAT)

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PASAT PROFILE

HICKORY BAY

INTRODUCTION

This report is based only on the PASAT questionnaire results. Further feedback is available to both the client and candidate by phoning Steve Evans at People Central on 0508 736 753.

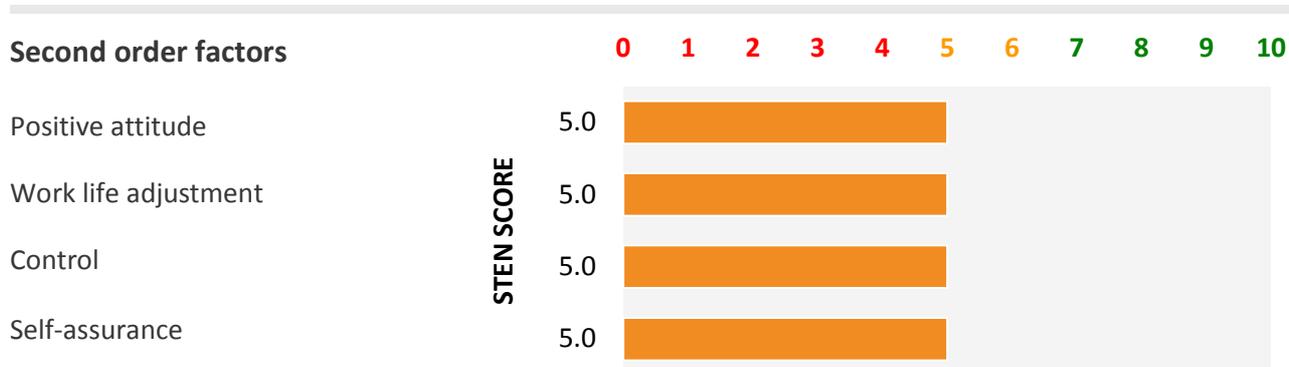
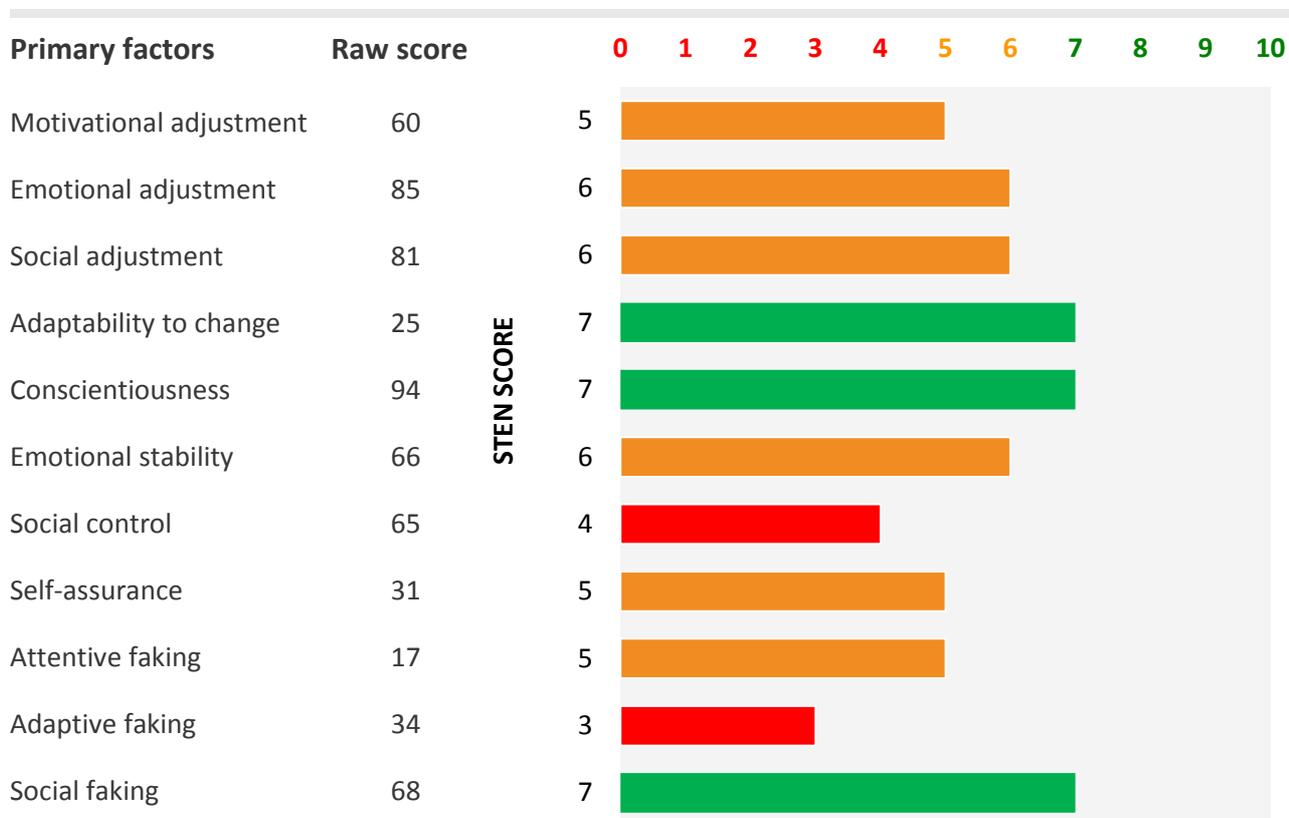
PASAT is a personality questionnaire designed specifically to measure strengths associated with success in sales orientated roles and is the result of rigorous research into what makes sales people effective in a variety of settings. Although each of us is unique, a sales environment requires particular combinations of personality, skills and behaviours. PASAT differentiates between those elements of behaviour and personality that are likely to be the most effective in a sales environment, and those which are generally less effective.

It is important to note that the PASAT report should not be considered in isolation and should be read in conjunction with other information about the candidate gained from CV's, interview, ability test scores, assessment exercises and references.

Data collected is analysed and presented in an occupational setting under the following headings:

- Overall sales orientation and positive attitude
- Higher order factors:
 - Motivation
 - Building effective relationships
 - Change management
 - Conscientiousness
 - Self-assurance
- Impression management
- Conclusion and recommendations
- Interview Questions

PASAT Profile Chart – Hickory Bay



Key:

- 1-4: Low
- 5-6: Average
- 7-10: High

OVERALL SALES ORIENTATION AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE

SCORE:

5

A combination of the first 8 factors on the above profile is produced to give a reliable indicator of Hickory's likelihood to succeed in a sales orientated environment.

Her overall score suggests that Hickory could perform as well as most sales people in a sales environment.

Strengths were identified from Hickory's PASAT profile relating to her adaptability to change and the importance she places on presenting a positive social image to others

Potential areas of concern were identified from Hickory's PASAT profile relating to her desire and ability to influence others and how she adapts her behaviour to suit or compliment the behaviour of others.

Whilst this overview is helpful, much closer attention needs to be paid to the detail in the following pages to gain a fuller picture of Hickory's strengths and development areas in a sales environment.

HIGHER ORDER FACTORS (WORK LIFE ADJUSTMENT)

SCORE:

5

From the information self-reported by Hickory, an adjustment score firmly 'average' for sales orientated people was recorded.

Looking more closely at the factors making up this score, this is likely to manifest itself in an individual who is as goal directed as most sales people. Hickory is likely to set herself challenging targets and then strive to meet those targets to the same extent as most people in sales environments.

Hickory reported an 'average' degree of Emotional Adjustment and is likely to cope with difficulties and setbacks as well as most sales people.

Hickory's average score in Social Adjustment suggests an ability to get on well with others by establishing and maintaining effective relationships to the same extent as most.

When faced with change, Hickory reports herself to be slightly more change focused than most. She is likely to seek out new ways and methods, respond positively to training opportunities, be adaptable and pick up on unplanned opportunities and generally buy into change

Hickory reported a slightly higher degree of Conscientiousness than most sales people and is likely to put effort into planning, organising and generally being ethical and conscientious in her work. People are likely to value Hickory's tendency to do things when she said she would, follow up on requests and enquiries and pay attention to detail

CONTROL

SCORE:

5

Hickory recorded a degree of Emotional Stability typical of most sales people and is likely to have control of her own emotions. Hickory is also likely to be consistent in her dealings with others and remain calm under pressure to the same extent as most.

Hickory also reports a slightly lower score in Social Control, which is concerned with the desire and ability to influence and control others. She is likely to be seen by others as natural, easy-going and talkative. She may behave spontaneously to new situations, be prepared to compromise and go along with others and lack influence.

SELF-ASSURANCE

SCORE:

5

Hickory recorded an 'average' score in Self Assurance, which is essentially concerned with showing confidence in a broad range of situations. She is likely to relate to other people, show confidence in both group settings and his own abilities to an extent typical of most sales people.

IMPRESSION MANAGEMENT

Attentive faking

Hickory recorded an average score, suggesting she is likely to pay as much to the behaviour of other people as a cue for how to behave herself as most sales people.

Adaptive faking

Hickory also reports a low score in adaptive faking score and is less likely to adapt her own behaviour to match or compliment the behaviour of others compared to most sales people. She may be seen to have a 'one size fits all' approach to sales and miss opportunities to make sales to people with a very different outlook on life to her own.

Social faking

Hickory also reported a slightly higher social faking score, suggesting she is likely to put more effort than most sales people into presenting an attractive social image to others. People are likely to describe their interactions with Hickory as being friendly, approachable, being listened to and carrying out any tasks agreed upon in good time.

CONCLUSION

An overall PASAT sten score of 5.0 places Hickory firmly 'average' in the behaviours associated with success among sales orientated people.

On the strength of PASAT results alone, Hickory could be recommended for appointment into a sales role, although there is are two traits scoring below 5 that would need to be thoroughly addressed at interview. It should also be noted that Hickory recorded 'average' scores in six of the eleven traits measured by PASAT, with no very high scores in traits strongly associated with success in a sales environment. This suggests that Hickory is unlikely to exceed the average in sales performance, which may cause concerns for employers only seeking high performers.

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

In making selection decisions, any PASAT traits scoring below '5' should be addressed with appropriate interview questions. The interviewer should be familiar with Competency Based Interviewing Techniques and seek specific examples of:

- Where the candidate has encountered the situation
- What options were available to the candidate
- How the candidate reacted and the actions they took
- Any tangible outcomes from their actions

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Slightly Lower Social Control Score – 4

- Describe an occasion where you had to stretch your influencing skills to get a result.
- What did you do to overcome that clients concerns or objections to your proposal?

Low Adaptive Faking Score – 3

- Talk me through what you pay attention to when meeting a prospect for the first time.
- Find an example of where you have formed a working relationship with someone who has a very different outlook on life to your own. How did this person differ from you?
- How did you adapt your approach to appeal to this person?
- What affect did your adapted approach have on your working relationship?

Remember – no candidate is going to find perfect answers to every question and you can build any shortcomings into a candidate's personal development plan once appointed.