

## **Information and Consent Form**

**Title:** Dissertation on Evaluating Measures in Cognitive Assessment

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**Dear Potential Research Participant:**

My name is Andrea Pellegrini and I am a doctoral candidate at Spalding University. I am conducting a research study as part of my doctoral program in Clinical Psychology.

**Description:** The purpose of the current study is to re-examine the validities of selected tests from a measure of general cognitive abilities. The tasks involved in the tests include a puzzle-type exercise, solving verbal problems, and a short memory test. These tests will be evaluated individually and are not diagnostic of one's true cognitive abilities. Three questionnaires will be presented after the cognitive tasks that are intended to gather information about general personality variables and about the experience of participating in the present study.

**Risks/Benefits:** There are no foreseeable serious risks involved in participating in this study. The entire battery of tests will take approximately 35 minutes to complete and all individual test scores will be kept anonymous. Testing data will be analyzed in a group format and therefore you will not receive individual feedback on your test results. Results of the study will be presented during the dissertation defense, which is open to the public, once results have been analyzed and interpreted. The primary benefit of this research is adding to the further understanding of how effective the particular subtests chosen for the study are in measuring different cognitive domains.

**Voluntary Participation and Right to Withdraw:** We will be available to answer your questions throughout the procedure. In addition, you are free to stop participating at any point. Your participation in this research is completely voluntary. You can withdraw from the study at any time without penalty.

**Confidentiality:** The results of this study will be analyzed in terms of groups of adults. All information obtained, including testing results, will be strictly confidential. Your test results will be used for research purposes only but may be shown to people outside of the research team. However, your results will never be associated to your name. Your name will only appear on this consent form and will not be identified in any future publication of this study.

Please contact Andrea Pellegrini, LCSW, M.S. at XXX-XXX-XXXX to request the results of this study or if you have any further questions.

**Consent:** I have read this statement and agree to participate in the research under the conditions presented.

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Participant's Signature

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Date