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HEARING HANDICAP INVENTORY FOR THE ELDERLY

Name: _____

Date: _____

Instructions: The purpose of the scale is to identify the problems your hearing loss may be causing you. Mark YES, SOMETIMES, or NO for each question. DO NOT skip a question if you avoid a situation because of your hearing problem. If you use a hearing aid, please answer the way you hear **WITHOUT** your aid.

	YES 4	SOMETIMES 2	NO 0
S1 Does your hearing problem cause you to use the phone less often than you would like?			
E2 Does a hearing problem cause you to feel embarrassed when meeting new people?			
S3 Does a hearing problem cause you to avoid groups of people?			
E4 Does a hearing problem make you irritable?			
E5 Does a hearing problem cause you to feel frustrated when talking to members of your family?			
S6 Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when attending a party?			
E7 Does a hearing problem cause you to feel 'stupid' or 'dumb'?			
S8 Do you have difficulty hearing when someone speaks in a whisper?			
E9 Do you feel handicapped by a hearing problem?			



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	YES 4	SOMETIMES 2	NO 0
S10 Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when visiting friends, relatives, or neighbours?			
S11 Does a hearing problem cause you to attend religious services less often than you would like?			
E12 Does a hearing problem cause you to be nervous?			
S13 Does a hearing problem cause you to visit friends, relatives or neighbours less often than you would like?			
E14 Does a hearing problem cause you to have arguments with family members?			
S15 Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when listening to TV or radio?			
S16 Does a hearing problem cause you to go shopping less often than you would like?			
E17 Does any problem or difficulty with your hearing upset you at all?			
E18 Does a hearing problem cause you to want to be by yourself?			
S19 Does a hearing problem cause you to talk to family members less often than you would like?			
E20 Do you feel that any difficulty with your hearing limits or hampers your personal or social life?			

