Learning Style Inventory

Directions: Circle the answer or answers that best describe your response for each situation.

1. You are about to give directions to a friend. She is staying in a hotel in town and wants to visit your house. She has a rental car. Would you

   V) draw a map on paper?
   A) tell her the directions?
   R) write down the directions (without a map)?
   K) collect her from the hotel in your car?

2. You are staying in a hotel and have a rental car. You would like to visit a friend whose address/location you do not know. Would you like him to

   V) draw a map on paper?
   A) tell you the directions?
   R) write down the directions (without a map)?
   K) collect you from the hotel in his car?

3. You have just received a copy of your itinerary for a world trip. This itinerary is of interest to a friend. Would you

   A) call her immediately and tell her about it?
   R) send her a copy of the printed itinerary?
   V) show her your route on a map of the world?

4. You are to cook a dessert as a special treat for your family. Do you

   K) cook something familiar without need for directions?
   V) thumb through the cookbook looking for ideas from the pictures?
   R) refer to a specific cookbook that has a good recipe?
   A) ask for advice from others?

5. A group of tourists has been assigned to you to find out about national parks. Would you

   K) drive them to a national park?
   V) show them slides and photographs?
   R) give them a book on national parks?
   A) give a talk to them about national parks?

6. You are about to purchase a car. Other than price, what would most influence your decision?

   A) talking with a friend about it
   R) reading the details about it
   K) driving it
   V) the car's appearance

7. Recall a time in your life when you learned how to do something like playing a new board game. (Try to avoid choosing a very physical skill, e.g. riding a bike.) How did you learn best?

V) by visual clues – pictures, diagrams, charts
R) by written instructions
A) by listening to somebody explaining it
K) by doing it

8. Which of these games do you prefer?

V) Pictionary
R) Scrabble
K) Charades

9. You are about to learn a new program on a computer. Would you

K) ask a friend to show you?
R) read the manual that comes with the program?
A) telephone a friend and ask questions about it?

10. You are not sure whether a word should be spelled *dependent* or *dependant*. Do you

R) look it up in the dictionary?
V) see the word in your mind and choose the way that looks best?
A) sound it out in your mind?
K) write both versions down?

11. Apart from price, what would most influence your decision to buy a particular book?

K) using a friend's copy
A) talking with a friend about it
R) skimming parts of it
V) It looks okay.

12. A new movie has arrived in town. What would most influence your decision to go or not go?

A) Friends talk about it.
R) You read a review of it.
V) You saw a preview of it.

13. Do you prefer a lecturer who likes to use

R) handouts and/or a textbook?
K) field trips, labs, practical sessions?
V) flow diagrams, charts, slides?
A) discussions or guest speakers?

Total A (auditory) responses _____/11 = _____%
Total V (visual) responses _____/12 = _____%
Total K (kinesthetic) responses _____/11 = _____%
Total R (reading/writing) responses _____/13 = _____%