

Do you have James Ziegler Personality Disorder? That is a mental health condition proposed for the upcoming version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. It's an interesting condition as it fits into the odd/eccentric cluster, the dramatic/erratic cluster AND the anxious cluster as well. In fact, a new fourth cluster has just been invented because of James, that being the confounding/antagonistic cluster. Now take the test below!

1. You miss the first second of the year 2,000. How do you feel? (Choose one answer).

- A. I'm sorry, I don't understand the question... (0 points)
- B. You're suggesting missing such a second would be annoying? I THINK I get what you're saying. If so, I wouldn't really care very much at all. Well maybe a tiny bit. (1 point)
- C. A bit low. (2 points)
- D. You end up being hospitalised in Broadmoor after finally snapping, 20 or so years later. (3 points)

2. Someone else makes you miss that second. What do you do think? (Choose one answer).

- A. WHAT'S THE QUESTION MEAN?! (0 points)
- B. A hilarious prank! (1 point)
- C. You've crossed a line, there. (2 points)
- D. You have NO idea what's coming for you. :S (3 points)

3. How do you feel if you miss the time 12:34:56? (Choose one answer).

- A. FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, WHY ARE YOU BEING SO WEIRD? How would YOU feel if you jibblybobbed the bibbly bob??? You like that?? (0 points)
- B. Happens all the time. Who cares? (0 points)
- C. Darn. (1 point)
- D. No, no, no, no, no!!! (2 points)

4. You miss the time 15:23:02 how do you feel? (Choose one answer).

- A. If I was confused before, now truly I'm confounded! (0 points)
- B. I admit I have an unusual love of numbers, but that number doesn't do anything at all for me. (1 points)
- C. That number... it has something about it. :O But I'm not THAT upset for missing it. Well maybe a little. (2 points)
- D. ARGH!!!! (3 points)

Simon: For a break, we have James Ziegler here to interview. Hello James, are you well?

James: Pretty good, thanks. You?

Simon: Not bad. How do you feel having a new personality disorder named after you?

James: Pretty good, pretty good.

Simon: And why is that?

James: All my life I've been told something is wrong with me. Now there is a diagnosis that explains my behaviour I feel at peace. Next time I steal and burn a car, I can proudly say 'not my fault.'

Simon: It seems you don't understand what the point of the test is for. It's not to justify your behaviour, it's to help diagnose similar people and then treat them.

James: Treat them??

Simon: Yep.

James: What's that mean?

Simon: Stop your behaviour from happening.

James: Oh. Out of curiosity, what's 'disorder' mean?

Simon: Something that's wrong.

James: Ohhhh. It doesn't mean 'excellence'?

Simon: James's personality excellence?

James: That's what I thought. I feel a fool, now. Unless I misinterpreted your tone of voice and it DOES mean excellence?

Simon: You consider your personality excellent yet you admit something has always been wrong with you?

James: No, that's confused thinking, a symptom of schizophrenia. Someone put coffee in my drink as a joke, I think it was Dan. As you know caffeine worsens my symptoms. :)

Simon: Please stop smiling. What is it about your personality you think of as 'excellent'?

James: Sorry, what does 'excellent' mean?

Simon: Really good.

James: I just need to sleep off the coffee. Contact me later, and we can have a more reasonable discussion. :)

Simon: Ok. Bye.

5. You have a job interview coming up. Which of the following do you wear/have with you?

- A. A suit. (0 points)
- B. A tie. (0 points)
- C. An oversized, novelty lollipop. (1 point)
- D. A pink dress if you are a man. A viking costume if you are a woman. (3 points)
- E. An offensive message written on your face. (3 points)
- F. A gun. (4 points)
- G. A dead squirrel. (4 points)

6. You get your own podcast. What do you talk about?

- A. Best/worst numbers. (Add a point)
- B. Your theories on what various numbers could mean. (Add 2 points)
- C. The illuminati subconsciously forcing unknowing citizens to look at various numbers, with the goal of influencing behaviour. Never say the number 6! It's evil! The number 2 suggests anger. (Add 3 points)
- D. Serious acts of criminal damage that you laugh off, hoping no one will take you seriously. (Add 3 points)
- E. None of the above. (Add no points)

7. You get sponsored by a random company. How do you treat the company?

- A. Mention the company briefly, but then talk about numbers. (Add one point)
- B. Tell them to (expletive) off. (Add two points)
- C. Accuse the company of stealing your friend's car, actually it was you. (Add three points)
- D. Steal the company's cars and blame it on them. (Add three points)
- E. None of the above. (Add no points)

8. How many friends do you have? (Choose one answer).

- A. I have lots of friends. Good friends. Friends who would never freak me out to the extent I feel right now. (0 points)
- B. I have a few friends. (0 points)
- C. I have a few friends, but they go weird around me when I discuss the topic of palindromes. (2 points)
- D. I do have friends technically speaking, I just crash their cars and burn them. (4 points)

9. It's suggested this questionnaire should have just 9 questions, not the super round

10. How do you react? (Choose one answer).

- A. Actually I want this experience to be over right now. It's weirding me out. (0 points)
- B. You know what? In a weird way, that's kinda annoying. But not really. (1 point)
- C. I need to see the number 10 right now! I NEED to see it! (2 points)
- D. You've made a big mistake, question designer. A BIG one. (3 points)

Still question 9: Tough luck James, this test has only 9 questions!

To conclude, the prior questions could appear to signify a mix of antisocial PD and very severe OCD, but actually no, if you meet someone with the two conditions just mentioned, would he act like James? Probably not.

Score meanings:

0: You are most definitely not James Ziegler. You could be Dan!

1-3: The normal range.

4-11: The quirky range.

12: Getting a bit mental, now.

13: My score.

14-30: Getting seriously unstable.

31- 46: Psychopathically unstable!

47: Congratulations, you are James Ziegler!

48-50: A man to be avoided at all costs. Cancel your plans if you have to, you must NOT sit next to him or even see him. You'll be scarred for life.

51: You are more James than James himself. :(A 'super' Ziegler. :S

Simon: Hi, James. How are you now?

James: I'm seriously going to kill Dan. He went way too far.

Simon: Ok, would you like to comment on the scoring system?

James: Fine.

Simon: James, your score was very high.

James: Well it would be.

Simon: Would you like to comment on it?

James: To all those at least kind of like me, keep working on your personality and you can be the best like me.

Simon: The best?

James: Yes the best, the top score.

Simon: Highest score. It's like having high blood pressure. It may sound impressive, but it's a negative thing.

James: And now the coffee has worn off, that makes sense. :)

Simon: So, now you understand what you score means, how do you feel?

James: Amazing!

Simon: I see. And how do you feel about the test only having 9 questions, not 10?

James: It cuts like steel.

Simon: I'm so sorry to hear that. James, did you actually look at the scoring system?

James: Briefly...

Simon: It's just that actually you didn't get the highest score possible.

James: Oh. I thought I would.

Simon: Me too! But there is actually someone more extreme than you.

James: Oh.

Simon: Well bye James, it was nice talking to you.

James: :D