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The 20 Questions Test (substance use disorder)

The State Bar

of California

- 1. Do you lose time from work due to drinking/using?
- 2. Is drinking/using making your home life unhappy?
- 3. Do you drink/use because you are shy with other people?
- 4. Is drinking/using affecting your reputation?
- 5. Have you ever felt remorse after drinking/using?
- 6. Have you had financial difficulties as a result of drinking/using?
- 7. Do you turn to inferior companions and environments when drinking/using?
- 8. Does your drinking/using make you careless of your family's welfare?
- 9. Has your ambition decreased since drinking/using?
- 10. Do you crave a drink/drug at a definite time or day?
- 11. Do you want a drink/drug the next morning?
- 12. Does drinking/using cause you to have difficulty sleeping?
- 13. Has your efficiency decreased since drinking/using?
- 14. Is drinking/using jeopardizing your job or business?
- 15. Do you drink/use to escape worries or trouble?
- 16. Do you drink/use alone?
- 17. Have you ever had a loss of memory as a result of drinking/using?
- 18. Has your physician ever treated you for drinking/using?
- 19. Do you drink/use to build up self-confidence?

20. Have you ever been to a hospital or institution (jail, etc.) because of drinking/using?

Scoring:

- If you answered YES to any one of these questions, there is a DEFINITE WARNING that you have a problem with alcohol/drugs.

- If you answered YES to any two of these questions, the CHANCES ARE that you have a problem with alcohol/drugs.

- If you answered YES to three or more of these questions, you DEFINITELY have a problem with alcohol/drugs.

Disclaimer: This self-assessment is not intended to take the place of a professional evaluation. If you have any questions or concerns, you should talk to a mental health professional.

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