

The F Scale: Form 78

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- 2. Although many people may scoff, it may yet be shown that astrology can explain a lot of things.
- 3. America is getting so far from the true American way of life that force may be necessary to restore it.
- 6. It is only natural and right that women be restricted in certain ways in which men have more freedom.
- 9. Too many people today are living in an unnatural, soft way; we should return to the fundamentals, to a more red-blooded, active way of life.
- 10. It is more than a remarkable coincidence that Japan had an earthquake on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1944.
- 12. The modern church, with its many rules and hypocrisies, does not appeal to the deeply religious person; it appeals mainly to the childish, the insecure, and the uncritical.
- 14. After we finish off the Germans and Japs, we ought to concentrate on other enemies of the human race such as rats, snakes, and germs.
- 17. Familiarity breeds contempt.
- 19. One should avoid doing things in public which appear wrong to others, even though one knows that these things are really all right.
- 20. One of the main values of progressive education is that it gives the child great freedom in expressing those natural impulses and desires so often frowned upon by conventional middle-class society.
- 23. He is, indeed, contemptible who does not feel an undying love, gratitude, and respect for his parents.
- 24. Today everything is unstable; we should be prepared for a period of constant change, conflict, and upheaval.
- 28. Novels or stories that tell about what people think and feel are more interesting than those which contain mainly action, romance, and adventure.
- 30. Reports of atrocities in Europe have been greatly exaggerated for propaganda purposes.
- 31. Homosexuality is a particularly rotten form of delinquency and ought to be severely punished.
- 32. It is essential for learning or effective work that our teachers or bosses outline in detail what is to be done and exactly how to go about it.
- 35. There are some activities so flagrantly un-American that, when responsible officials won't take the proper steps, the wide-awake citizen should take the law into his own hands.
- 38. There is too much emphasis in college on intellectual and theoretical topics, not enough emphasis on practical matters and on the homely virtues of living.

- 39. Every person should have a deep faith in some supernatural force higher than himself to which he gives total allegiance and whose decisions he does not question.
- 42. No matter how they act on the surface, men are interested in women for only one reason.
- 43. Sciences like chemistry, physics, and medicine have carried men very far, but there are many important things that can never possibly be understood by the human mind.
- 46. The sexual orgies of the old Greeks and Romans are nursery school stuff compared to some of the goings-on in this country today, even in circles where people might least expect it.
- 47. No insult to our honor should ever go unpunished.
- 50. Obedience and respect for authority are the most important virtues children should learn.
- 53. There are some things too intimate or personal to talk about even with ones' closest friends.
- 55. Although leisure is a fine thing, it is good hard work that makes life interesting and worthwhile.
- 56. After the war, we may expect a crime wave; the control of gangsters and ruffians will become a major social problem.
- 58. What a man does is not so important so long as he does it well.
- 59. Human nature being what it is, there will always be war and conflict.

- 60. Which of the following are the most important for a person to have or to be? *Mark X the three most important.*

artistic and sensuous
 popular, good personality
 drive, determination, will power
 broad, humanitarian social outlook
 neatness and good manners
 sensitivity and understanding
 efficiency, practicality, thrift
 intellectual and serious
 emotional expressiveness, warmth, intimacy
 kindness and charity

- 65. It is entirely possible that this series of wars and conflicts will be ended once and for all by a world-destroying earthquake, flood, or other catastrophe.
- 66. Books and movies ought not to deal so much with the sordid and seamy side of life; they ought to concentrate on themes that are entertaining or uplifting.
- 67. When you come right down to it, it's human nature never to do anything without an eye to one's own profit.
- 70. To a greater extent than most people realize, our lives are governed by plots hatched in secret by politicians.
- 73. Nowadays when so many different kinds of people move around so much and mix together so freely, a person has to be especially careful to protect himself against infection and disease.
- 74. What this country needs is fewer laws and agencies, and more courageous, tireless, devoted leaders whom the people can put their faith in.
- 75. Sex crimes, such as rape and attacks on children, deserve more than mere imprisonment; such criminals ought to be publicly whipped.
- 77. No sane, normal, decent person could ever think of hurting a close friend or relative.