

The Rice Orientation Test (ROT)

This test was devised by our colleague Chris Rice. It is designed to alert you to your approach to ethical issues. It uses a distinction between hedonism, moralism and pragmatism. It is not a statistically validated test and so its results must be used as a trigger for reflection and no more.

Think about each of the headings in the boxes in turn. Decide whether that term causes you to think in terms of:

A – right and wrong

B – pleasure or pain

C – success or failure

Then decide whether the concept (A, B or C) that you have chosen is of,

High (Hi), medium (Me) or low (Lo) importance in your thinking about the headword in the box.

Then place a tick in the appropriate cell of the grid within the box. If you think about the lottery in terms of pleasure or pain but that this is only of medium importance in your thinking then place a tick in the central cell in the grid.

Carry on to complete all the boxes.

The National Lottery			
	Hi	Me	Lo
A			
B			
C			
Competition			
	Hi	Me	Lo
A			
B			
C			

Trades Unions			
	Hi	Me	Lo
A			
B			
C			
Richard Branson			
	Hi	Me	Lo
A			
B			
C			

Ian Duncan-Smith			
	Hi	Me	Lo
A			
B			
C			
Management			
	Hi	Me	Lo
A			
B			
C			

Higher education			
	Hi	Me	Lo
A			
B			
C			

Manchester United FC			
	Hi	Me	Lo
A			
B			
C			

Profit			
	Hi	Me	Lo
A			
B			
C			

Tony Blair			
	Hi	Me	Lo
A			
B			
C			

The Welfare State			
	Hi	Me	Lo
A			
B			
C			

Parliament			
	Hi	Me	Lo
A			
B			
C			

Add up the number of ticks placed in each of the cells in the above matrices and transfer the totals into the table below. Calculate the weighted totals, and their percentage of the grand total, for each of the three rows in the table. The percentages show the relative importance to the respondent of moralism, hedonism and pragmatism.

Scoring ROT					
	Hi (Nx3)	Med (Nx2)	Low (Nx1)	Total	%
A = Moralism					
B = Hedonism					
C = Pragmatism					

Discuss your results with your colleagues in t