Revised Approaches to Studying Inventory (RASI) – Short Form


30 Items

3 Dimensions

**Deep Approach**
1. I’m not prepared just to accept things I’m told; I have to think them out for myself
4. Sometimes I find myself thinking about ideas from the course when I’m doing other things
9. I try to relate ideas I come across to other topics or courses whenever possible
13. When I’m reading an article or book, I try to work out for myself exactly what’s being said
17. I usually set out to understand for myself the meaning of what we have to learn
20. When I’m working on a new topic, I try to see in my own mind how all the ideas fit together
23. Ideas in course books or articles often set me off on long chains of thought about what I’m reading
25. When I’m reading, I examine the details carefully to see how they fit in with what’s being said
28. It’s important to me to be able to follow the argument or see the reasoning behind something
30. I look at the evidence carefully and then try to reach my own conclusion about things I’m studying

**Surface Approach**
3. Often I feel I’m drowning under the sheer amount of material we’re having to cope with on this course
5. I often have trouble making sense of the things I have to remember
6. Often I lie awake worrying about the amount of work I think I won’t be able to do
7. Although I can remember the facts and details, I often can’t see the overall picture
11. Sometimes I worry about whether I’ll ever be able to cope with the work properly
14. I spend quite a lot of my time repeating or copying out things to help me remember them
16. Often I find myself reading things without really trying to understand them
18. I’m not sure what’s really important, so I try to get down as much as possible during lectures
21. I find I have to concentrate on memorising a good deal of what I have to learn
26. I often seem to panic if I get behind with my work

**Strategic Approach**
2. One way or another I manage to get hold of books or whatever I need for studying
8. I make sure I find conditions for studying which let me get on with my work easily
10. I put a lot of effort into making sure I have the most important details at my finger tips
12. I organise my study time carefully to make the best use of it
15. I know what I want to get out of this course and I’m determined to achieve it
19. I work hard when I’m studying and generally manage to keep my mind on what I’m doing
22. It’s important for me to feel I’m doing as well as I really can on the courses here
24. I think I’m quite systematic and organised in the way I go about studying
27. I generally try to make good use of my time during the day
29. I work steadily throughout the course, rather than leaving everything to the last minute

5-point Likert Scale
Deep Approach Cronbachs α: .80
Surface Approach Cronbachs α: .80
Strategic Approach Cronbachs α: .82