

### **Scale items:**

1. AIDS is not at all serious; it is like having the common cold.
2. AIDS is a disease which destroys the body's natural immunity against infection.
3. There is no cure for AIDS.
4. AIDS is caused by a virus.
5. AIDS is caused by the same virus that causes HERPES.
6. Symptoms of AIDS will usually appear within 12-24 hours after being infected.
7. Knowledge of HIV transmission
8. Receiving a transfusion, with blood infected by the AIDS virus, is one way to get the disease.
9. You can get AIDS by sharing a needle with a drug abuser who has the disease.
10. Having sexual intercourse with someone who has AIDS is one way of getting the disease.
11. If you shake hands with someone who has AIDS you can get the disease.
12. You can get AIDS from trying on clothes in a department store.
13. If a pregnant woman has AIDS, her unborn baby will most likely have the disease.
14. Children can get AIDS from casual contact with infected kids.
15. I believe that most babies who get AIDS have been sexually abused.
16. If someone with AIDS coughs or sneezes in your face you can get the disease.
17. I believe you can get AIDS from donating blood.
18. I believe that if you sit on the same toilet seat that someone with AIDS has been on, then it is possible to get AIDS from that seat.
19. If you wet kiss (French kiss) someone with AIDS you will get the disease.
20. I believe that if a person with AIDS is bitten by a blood sucking insect, it is possible to get AIDS if that same blood sucking insect bites you.
21. Knowledge of prevention and risk reduction
22. You increase the chance of getting AIDS by having sexual intercourse with many different people.
23. Using a condom (rubber) during sexual intercourse can prevent the spread of AIDS.
24. You can avoid getting AIDS by eating a balanced diet and taking vitamins.
25. Knowledge of risk groups
26. Homosexuals, bisexuals, lesbians, and heroin addicts are the only people who can get AIDS.
27. I believe that most blacks who get AIDS are homosexual.
28. I believe that most babies who get AIDS are white