Dissertation Risk Self-Assessment
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1. Do you prefer to have new things explained to you clearly or do you prefer to figure them out for yourself?
   ___ A) Prefer that they be explained to me clearly.
   ___ B) Appreciate good explanations but also enjoy figuring them out myself.
   ___ C) Prefer to figure them out by myself.

2. Do you like to challenge and dispute established wisdom?
   ___ A) I do that a lot and enjoy it.
   ___ B) I'll do that occasionally, but with some hesitation.
   ___ C) I rarely do it.

3. How confident are you in managing several challenging tasks at once?
   ___ A) That is intimidating to me.
   ___ B) I am pretty comfortable with it.
   ___ C) I can handle it easily, and do it well.

4. Do you often procrastinate but pull things together by when they are needed or due?
   ___ A) Yes.
   ___ B) I only seldom procrastinate.
   ___ C) I rarely procrastinate.

5. How important is it to you that your dissertation make a major contribution to your field?
   ___ A) I am strongly committed to it making a major contribution
   ___ B) I would like it to make an important contribution
   ___ C) I am content for it to make a modest contribution

6. In which semester (first semester, second semester, etc.) of your coursework is the best time to start talking with your advisor about your dissertation research ideas? _____

7. About how often have you discussed your dissertation proposal or dissertation work with your advisor in the past year? ______

8. By the second semester of my coursework, how many ideas did you have for your dissertation research topic? ______
9. *(GSEHD students only)* Do you understand that the 390 Pre-dissertation Seminar is the time to:
   ___ A) Begin writing my dissertation proposal
   ___ B) Begin and finish writing my dissertation proposal
   ___ C) Finish writing my dissertation proposal, having started it earlier

10. Do you plan to remain a full-time student throughout your coursework and comprehensive exams?
    ___ A) Definitely
    ___ B) Perhaps
    ___ C) No

11. Do you plan to remain a full-time student throughout your dissertation research and writing?
    ___ A) Definitely
    ___ B) Perhaps
    ___ C) No

12. If you will be working while working on your dissertation, are you hoping to start a more challenging professional job soon after completing your coursework and comprehensive examinations?
    ___ A) Definitely
    ___ B) Preferably
    ___ C) No
    ___ D) Not applicable, I don’t expect to be working then

13. About how many hours of work does it take a doctoral student to develop an approved dissertation proposal? ______

14. About how many hours of work does it take a doctoral student to conduct their dissertation research, complete writing the dissertation, defend it, and make final revisions? ______