Computing Attitudes Survey (v4)

Here are a number of statements that may or may not describe your beliefs about learning computer science. You are asked to rate each statement according to the following rating scale:

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Choose one of the above five choices that best expresses your feeling about the statement. If you don't understand a statement, leave it blank. If you understand, but have no strong opinion, choose "Neutral".

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

| | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree |
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| 1. After I study a topic in computer science and feel that I understand it, I have difficulty solving problems on the same topic. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2. Errors generated by computers are random, and when they happen there's not much I can do to understand why. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. If I want to apply a method used for solving one computer science problem to another problem, the problems must involve very similar situations. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4. I can usually figure out a way to solve computer science problems. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. When I solve a computer science problem, I break it into smaller parts and solve them one at a time. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6. I do not spend more than five minutes stuck on a computer science problem before giving up or seeking help from someone else. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. There are times I solve a computer science problem more than one way to help my understanding. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| 8. I think about the computer science I experience in everyday life. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| 9. Tools and techniques from computer science can be useful in the study of other disciplines (e.g., biology, art, business). | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10. When working on a computer science problem I find it useful to brainstorm about solution strategies before writing code. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11. I find the challenge of solving computer science problems motivating. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 12. When studying computer science, I relate the important information to what I already know rather than just memorizing it the way it is presented. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13. I enjoy solving computer science problems. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14. Reasoning skills used to understand computer science can be helpful to me in my everyday life. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15. Learning computer science is just about learning how to program in different languages. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 16. When I am working on a computer science program, I try to decide what reasonable output values would be. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17. When I'm trying to learn something new in computer science, I find it useful to write a small program to see how it works. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| 18. A significant problem in learning computer science is being able to memorize all the information I need to know. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| 19. We use this statement to discard the surveys of people who are not reading the questions. Please select "Agree" for this question to preserve your answers. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20. Understanding computer science basically means being able to recall something you've read or been shown. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 21. If I get stuck on a computer science problem, there is no chance I'll figure it out on my own. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 22. The subject of computer science has little relation to what I experience in the real world. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 23. There is usually only one correct approach to solving a computer science problem. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24. To learn computer science, I only need to memorize solutions to sample problems. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25. I worry that mistakes I make when writing a program may damage my computer. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26. I am interested in learning more about computer science. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |