# **Creativity and Problem solving**

### > 5Q BEFORE YOU START

- 1. Things must be done...
  - a. Always in the same way.
  - b. Following some general guidelines.
  - c. Adapting to new circumstances and perspectives.
- 2. At the time of dressing ...
  - a. My style is basic and I'm always the same.
  - b. My style is quite normal, but I try to include some complement that breaks with boredom.
  - c. I like to wear original clothes.
- 3. My imagination ...
  - a. It is very rich and is present in almost every aspect of my life.
  - b. It is moderate.
  - c. Shines by its absence.
- 4. When I should buy a gift ...
  - a. I cannot think of anything, so I usually ask.
  - b. If I can I try to vary to surprise.
  - c. I vary a lot and completely unexpected gifts come to mind.
- 5. Regarding the decoration of my home ...
  - a. It is quite simple and I copy from some magazine to give it my personal touch.
  - b. I usually am quite functional.
  - c. It is quite original and reflects different aspects of my way of being.

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|          | 10 - 15 points | Wow! Here there is talent!                     |  |
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| Results: | 5 - 10 points  | Your creativity blooms, you are in full spring |  |
|          | 0 - 5 points   | Your creativity needs a little fresh air       |  |

Definition (what is it?)

# What creativity and problem solving is:

*Creativity* is the ability to transcend traditional ideas, rules, patterns, relationship, or the like, and to create meaningful new ideas, forms, methods, interpretations, etc.; originality, progressiveness or imagination.

*Problem solving* consists of using generic methods, in an orderly manner, to find solutions to problems.

Creative problem-solving is the mental process of searching for an original and previously unknown solution to a problem. To qualify, the solution must be novel and reached independently.

Develop your skills

#### **PRODEST video:**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NgqFjiQyW5k&index=2&list=PL2sNmiaYkR5qWxVfwj4kT4qzYow Q9yxtS&t=1s

More sources about (your topic):

Game: Fun Creative Thinking games to improve your creativity and thinking skills

**Video:** Creative problem solving in front of extreme limits

Article: 7 Ways to Improve your creative problem-solving skills

## **Evaluate your progress:**

5 questions for self evaluation after the self studying (can be the same, similar questions as before self-studying, so than we will see the progress in learning)

- 1. When someone talks to about a theme I've never heard about before...
  - a. It doesn't matter to much to me
  - b. I feel a lot of curiosity and I want to know more about it
  - c. It can be interesting to me
- 2. When I have to make a decision or to solve a problem...
  - a. I come up with novel and unique ideas
  - b. I choose the option that previously was most beneficial to me
  - c. I propose an alternative different from the habitual
- 3. My capacity to find relations among different areas of knowledge is...
  - a. Absent
  - b. Very high
  - c. Almost mediocre
- 4. When someone set out to me to develop a new project...
  - a. I need to think a lot about it to know what he/she exactly wants
  - b. I already catch the idea and I can quickly think of many things
  - c. I have slight notions about how to start to make it
- 5. When I have the responsibility to create a new work...
  - a. I enjoy creating
  - b. I try to put some little thing from my invention
  - c. I copy what already exists from others

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