Writing Skills Questionnaire

Attitudes toward Writing

- Do you enjoy writing? ________ ________ ________
- In general do you trust yourself as a person who can find good words and ideas and perceptions? ________ ________ ________
- Do you think of yourself as a writer? ________ ________ ________

Generating Ideas

- On a topic of interest to you, can you generate lots of ideas and words fairly quickly and freely—not be stuck? ________ ________ ________
- On a topic that doesn’t much interest you (perhaps an assigned topic), can you generate lots of ideas and words fairly quickly and freely—not be stuck? ________ ________ ________
- Can you come up with ideas or insights you’d not thought of before? ________ ________ ________

Revising

- Can you revise in the sense of “resee”—to rethink and change your mind about major things you have said? ________ ________ ________
- Can you find a main point in a mess of your disorganized writing? ________ ________ ________
- Can you find a new shape in a piece of your writing which you had previously organized? ________ ________ ________
- Can you find problems in your reasoning or logic and straighten them out? ________ ________ ________
- Can you write your sentences so they are clear to readers on first reading? ________ ________ ________
- Can you make your sentences lively? Can you give them a human voice? ________ ________ ________
- Can you adjust something you’ve written to fit the needs of particular readers? ________ ________ ________

Editing

- Can you get rid of most mistakes in grammar, spelling, punctuation, and so on, so readers would not be put off? ________ ________ ________
- Can you get rid of virtually all such mistakes? ________ ________ ________