Attitudes Towards Thinking and Learning

Responses	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	
In discussion ...						
1 In evaluating what someone says, I focus on the quality of their argument, not on the person who's presenting it.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
2 I like playing devil's advocate - arguing the opposite of what someone is saying.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
3 I like to understand where other people are 'coming from', what experiences have led them to feel the way they do.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
4 The most important part of my education has been learning to understand people who are very different to me.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
5 I feel that the best way for me to achieve my own identity is to interact with a variety of other people.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
6 I enjoy hearing the opinions of people who come from backgrounds different to mine - it helps me to understand how the same things can be seen in such different ways.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
7 I find that I can strengthen my own position through arguing with someone who disagrees with me.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
8 I am always interested in knowing why people say and believe the things they do.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
9 I often find myself arguing with the authors of books that I read, trying to logically figure out why they're wrong.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
10 It's important for me to remain as objective as possible when I analyze something.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
11 I try to think with people instead of against them.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
12 I have certain criteria I use in evaluating arguments.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
13 I'm more likely to try to understand someone else's opinion than to try to evaluate it.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
14 I try to point out weaknesses in other people's thinking to help them clarify their arguments.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
15 I tend to put myself in other people's shoes when discussing controversial issues, to see why they think the way they do.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
16 One could call my way of analysing things 'putting them on trial' because I am careful to consider all the evidence.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
17 I value the use of logic and reason over the incorporation of my own concerns when solving problems.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
18 I can obtain insight into opinions that differ from mine through empathy.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
19 When I encounter people whose opinions seem alien to me, I make a deliberate effort to 'extend' myself into that person, to try to see how they could have those opinions.	○	○	○	○	○	◉
20 I spend time figuring out what's 'wrong' with things. For example, I'll look for something in a literary interpretation that isn't argued well enough.	◉	○	○	○	○	○