

## **8. Can I unbundle tests (i.e. use only certain items) or modify a test?**

**Generally no, you cannot “unbundle” a test.**

Standardized tests that have been rigorously developed, report content validity and reliability, and that have been established based on adhering to administration guidelines (test items, data-collection method, instrumentation, scoring methods) as dictated in that assessment’s manual, should not be unbundled. Altering a test or electing to only administer a portion of a test battery can negatively affect the assessment’s psychometric properties.

That said, there are some assessments in which you can administer a section or a smaller subset of the tool. Tests in which this can occur will clearly outline this capability in the test manual. The manual will also indicate how to appropriately administer and interpret the results when an assessment is not completed in its entirety.

References:

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