

Opcrit for Windows (v4), Item Guidelines & Ratings.

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Details & History

1. Source of Rating

1. Hospital case notes (charts)
2. Structured interview with subject
3. Prepared abstract
4. Interview with informant
5. Combined sources including structured interview
6. Combined sources not including structured interview

2. Time Frame

1. Present or most recent episode
2. Worst ever episode
3. Lifetime ever occurrence of symptoms and signs
4. Other specified episode or time period

3. Gender

0. Male
1. Female

4. Age of onset

This should be given to the nearest year and is defined as the earliest age at which medical advice was sought for psychiatric reasons or at which symptoms began to cause subjective distress or impair functioning. (enter age in years, eg 35)

5. Mode of onset

1. Abrupt onset definable to within hours or days
2. Acute onset definable to within 1 week
3. Moderately acute onset definable within 1 month
4. Gradual onset over period up to 6 months
5. Insidious onset over period greater than 6 months

Rate up if in any doubt

6. Single (subject never married / lived as married)

0. Married
1. Single

7. Unemployed at onset

The subject was not employed at onset as defined above. Women working full time in the home score as if employed. Students attending classes on full time course, score as if employed.

0. Employed
1. Unemployed

8. Duration of illness in weeks (max=99)

Total duration of illness includes prodromal and residual disabilities as well as the active phase of illness. In psychotic disorder prodromal/residual phase symptoms count as any 2 of the following before or after an active episode: Social isolation/marked impairment in role/markedly peculiar behaviour/marked impairment in personal hygiene/blunted, flat or inappropriate affect/digressive, vague, over-elaborate speech/odd or bizarre ideation/unusual perceptual experiences.

0. No
1. Yes

9. Poor work adjustment

Refers to work history before onset of illness. It should be scored if the patient was unable to keep any job for more than 6 months, had a history of frequent changes of job or was only able to sustain a job well below that expected by his educational level or training at time of first psychiatric contact. Also score positively for a persistently very poor standard of housework (housewives) and badly failing to keep up with studies (students).

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

10. Poor premorbid social adjustment

Patient found difficulty entering or maintaining normal social relationships, showed persistent social isolation, withdrawal or maintained solitary interests prior to onset of psychotic symptoms.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

11. Premorbid personality disorder

Evidence of inadequate/schizoid/schizotypal/paranoid/cyclothymic/psychopathic/sociopathic personality disorder present since adolescence and prior to the onset of psychotic symptoms.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

12. Alcohol/drug abuse within one year of onset of psychotic symptoms

Alcohol abuse where quantity is excessive (rater judgement) where alcohol related complications occur, during the year prior to first psychiatric contact (rated strictly as exclusion criteria for some definitions of schizophrenia). Drug abuse where non-prescribed drugs are repeatedly taken or prescribed drugs are used in excessive quantities and without medical supervision in year prior to first psychiatric contact.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

13. Family history of schizophrenia

Definite history of schizophrenia in first or second degree relative.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

14. Family history of other psychiatric disorder

First or second degree relative has another psychiatric disorder severe enough to warrant psychiatric referral.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

15. Coarse brain disease prior to onset

There is evidence from physical examination and/or special investigations of physical illness that could explain all or most mental symptoms. This may include an overt brain lesion (or lesions), marked metabolic disturbance, or drug induced state known to cause psychotic disturbance, confusion or alteration of conscious level. Non specific abnormalities (eg enlarged lateral ventricles on brain scan) should not be included.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

16. Definite psychosocial stressor prior to onset

A severely or moderately severely threatening event has occurred prior to onset of disorder that is unlikely to have resulted from the subjects own behaviour.(ie the event can be seen as independent or uncontrollable).

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

Appearance & Behaviour

17. Bizarre behaviour

Behaviour that is strange and incomprehensible to others. Includes behaviour which could be interpreted as response to auditory hallucinations or Thought interference.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

18. Catatonia

Patient exhibits persistent mannerisms, stereotypies, posturing, catalepsy, stupor, command automatism or excitement which is not explicable by affective change. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for less than one month or if duration is unknown. Score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time during a 1 month period or more.

- 0. No
- 1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
- 2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

19. Excessive activity

Patient is markedly over-active. This includes motor, social and sexual activity. Score '1' for hyper-activity lasting at least 4 days, score '2' for a duration of at least one week and '3' for a duration of at least two weeks.

- 0. No
- 1. At least 4 days
- 2. At least 1 week
- 3. At least 2 weeks

20. Reckless activity

Patient is excessively involved in activities with high potential for painful consequences which is not recognised, e.g. excessive spending, sexual indiscretions, reckless driving, etc. Score '1' for a duration of at least 4 days, score '2' for a duration of at least one week and score '3' for a duration of at least two weeks.

- 0. No
- 1. At least 4 days
- 2. At least 1 week
- 3. At least 2 weeks

21. Distractibility

Patient experiences difficulties concentrating on what is going on around because attention is too easily drawn to irrelevant or extraneous factors. Score '1' for a duration of at least 4 days, score '2' for a duration of at least one week, score '3' for a duration of at least two weeks.

- 0. No
- 1. At least 4 days
- 2. At least 1 week
- 3. At least 2 weeks

22. Reduced need for sleep

Patient sleeps less but there is no complaint of insomnia. Extra waking time is usually taken up with excessive activities. Score '1' for a duration at least 4 days, score '2' for a duration of at least one week and score '3' for a duration of at least two weeks.

- 0. No
- 1. At least 4 days
- 2. At least 1 week
- 3. At least 2 weeks

23. Agitated activity

Patient shows excessive repetitive activity, such as fidgety restlessness, wringing of hands, pacing up and down, all usually accompanied by expression of mental anguish. Score '1' if present for at least one week, '2' if present for two weeks and '3' if present for at least one month.

- 0. No
- 1. At least 1 week
- 2. At least 2 weeks
- 3. At least 1 month

24. Slowed activity

Patient complains that he feels slowed up and unable to move. Others may report subjective feeling of retardation or retardation may be noted by examining clinician. Score '1' if present for at least one week, '2' if present for at least two weeks and '3' if present for at least one month.

0. No
1. At least 1 week
2. At least 2 weeks
3. At least 1 month

25. Loss of energy/tiredness

Subjective complaint of being excessively tired with no energy. Score '1' for at least one week's duration, '2' for two weeks and '3' for one month.

0. No
1. At least 1 week
2. At least 2 weeks
3. At least 1 month

Speech & Form of Thought

26. Speech difficult to understand

Speech which makes communication difficult because of lack of logical or understandable organisation. Does not include dysarthria or speech impediment.

0. No
1. Yes

27. Incoherent

Normal grammatical sentence construction has broken down. Includes 'word salad' and should only be rated conservatively for extreme forms of formal thought disorder. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified score, '2' if present for at least a significant proportion of time during a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

28. Positive formal thought disorder

The patient has fluent speech but tends to communicate poorly due to neologisms, bizarre use of words, derailments, loosening of associations. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified, score '2' if present for at least a significant proportion of time during a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

29. Negative formal thought disorder

Includes paucity of thought, frequent thought blocking, poverty of speech or poverty of content of speech. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified, score '2' if present for at least a significant proportion of the time during a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

30. Pressured speech

Patient much more talkative than usual or feels under pressure to continue talking. Include manic type of formal thought disorder with clang associations, punning and rhyming etc. Score '0' if absent, score '1' for a duration of at least 4 days, score '2' for duration of at least one week and '3' for a duration of at least two weeks.

0. No
1. At least 4 days
2. At least 1 week
3. At least 2 weeks

31. Thoughts racing

Patient experiences thoughts racing through his head or others observe flights of ideas and find difficulty in following what patient is saying. or in interrupting because of the rapidity and quantity of speech. Score '0' if absent, score '1' for a duration of at least 4 days, score '2' for a duration of at least one week and '3' for a duration of at least two weeks.

0. No
1. At least 4 days
2. At least 1 week
3. At least 2 weeks

Affect and Associated Features

32. Restricted affect

Patient's emotional responses are restricted in range and at interview there is an impression of bland indifference or 'lack of contact'. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

33. Blunted affect

Where the patient's emotional responses are persistently flat and show a complete failure to 'resonate' to external change. (NB. Differences between restricted and blunted affect should be regarded as one of degree, with 'blunted' only being rated in extreme cases). Score '0' if absent, score , score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified, '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

34. Inappropriate affect

Patient's emotional responses are inappropriate to the circumstance, e.g. laughter when discussing painful or sad occurrences, fatuous giggling without apparent reason. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified, score '2', if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

35. Elevated mood

Patient's predominant mood is one of elation. Score '0' if absent, score '1' for a duration of at least 4 days, score '2' for a duration of at least one week and '3' for at least two weeks. If elation lasted less than one week but patient was hospitalised for affective disorder score '3'.

0. No
1. At least 4 days
2. At least 1 week
3. At least 2 weeks

36. Irritable mood

Patient's mood is predominantly irritable. Score '0' if absent, score '1' for a duration of at least 4 days, score '2' for a duration of at least one week and score '3' for a duration of at least two weeks. If irritability lasted less than one week but the patient was hospitalised for affective disorder score '3'.

0. No
1. At least 4 days
2. At least 1 week
3. At least 2 weeks

37. Dysphoria

Persistently low or depressed mood, irritable and sad mood or pervasive loss of interest. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for at least one week, score '2' if present for two weeks and '3' if present for one month.

0. No
1. At least 1 week
2. At least 2 weeks
3. At least 1 month

38. Diurnal variation (mood worse mornings)

Dysphoria/low mood and/or associated depressive symptoms are at their worst soon after awakening with some improvement (even if only slight) as the day goes on.

0. No
1. Yes

39. Loss of pleasure

Pervasive inability to enjoy any activity. Include marked loss of interest or loss of libido. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for at least one week, score '2' for at least two weeks and '3' for at least one month.

0. No
1. At least 1 week
2. At least 2 weeks
3. At least 1 month

40. Altered libido

Definite and persistent change in sexual drive or interest as compared with before onset of disorder. Score '1' for a loss of libido for at least 1 week and score '2' for an increase in libido for at least one week.

0. No
1. Loss of libido for at least 1 week
2. Increase in libido for at least 1 week

41. Poor concentration

Subjective complaint of being unable to think clearly, make decisions etc. Score '0' if absent, score '1' for duration of at least one week, '2' for at least two weeks and '3' for at least one month.

0. No
1. At least 1 week
2. At least 2 weeks
3. At least 1 month

42. Excessive self reproach

Extreme feelings of guilt and unworthiness. May be of delusional intensity ('worse person in the whole world'). Score '0' if absent, score '1' for duration of at least one week, '2' for at least two weeks and '3' for at least one month.

0. No
1. At least 1 week
2. At least 2 weeks
3. At least 1 month

43. Suicidal ideation

Preoccupation with thoughts of death (not necessarily own). Thinking of suicide, wishing to be dead, attempts to kill self. Score '0' if absent, score '1' for duration of at least one week, '2' for at least two weeks duration and '3' for at least one month.

0. No
1. At least 1 week or suicide attempt
2. At least 2 weeks
3. At least 1 month

44. Initial insomnia

Patient complains that unable to get off to sleep and lies awake for at least one hour. Score '0' if absent, score '1' for duration of at least one week, '2' for duration of at least two weeks and '3' for duration of at least one month.

0. No
1. At least 1 week
2. At least 2 weeks
3. At least 1 month

45. Middle insomnia (broken sleep)

Most nights sleep disturbed; subject awakes in the middle of sleep and experiences difficulty in getting back to sleep.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

NB. if you only have information on 'insomnia', score items 44 and 45.

46. Early morning waking

Patient complains that persistently wakes up at least one hour earlier than usual waking time. Score '0' if absent, score '1' for duration of at least one week, score '2' for duration of at least two weeks, and '3' for duration of at least one month.

- 0. No
- 1. At least 1 week
- 2. At least 2 weeks
- 3. At least 1 month

47. Excessive sleep

Patient complains that sleeping too much. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for at least one week, score '2' if present for at least two weeks and '3' if present for at least one month.

- 0. No
- 1. At least 1 week
- 2. At least 2 weeks
- 3. At least 1 month

48. Poor appetite

Subjective complaint that patient has poor appetite. Not necessarily observed to be eating less. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for at least one week, score '2' if present for at least two weeks and '3' for at least one month.

- 0. No
- 1. At least 1 week
- 2. At least 2 weeks
- 3. At least 1 month

49. Weight loss

Score '1' for a loss of 1 lb per week over several weeks. Score '2' for a loss of at least 2 lb's a week over several weeks. Score '3' for a loss of at least 10 lb a over one year. Do not score those who have reduced weight as a result of deliberate dieting.

- 0. No
- 1. 1lb+ / week over several weeks
- 2. 2lb+ / week over several weeks
- 3. 10lb+ over one year

50. Increased appetite

Patient reports increased appetite and/or 'comfort eating'. Score '0' if absent, score '1' for duration of at least one week, score '2' for duration of at least two weeks and score '3' for at least one month.

- 0. No
- 1. At least 1 week
- 2. At least 2 weeks
- 3. At least 1 month

51. Weight gain

Score '1' for a gain of 1 lb a week over several weeks. Score '2' for a gain of at least 2 lb's a week over several weeks. Score '3' for a gain of at least 10 lb's over one year.

- 0. No
- 1. 1lb+ / week over several weeks
- 2. 2lb+ / week over several weeks
- 3. 10lb+ over one year

52. Relationship between psychotic and affective symptoms

0. No co-occurrence.
1. Psychotic symptoms dominate the clinical picture although occasional affective disturbance may also occur.
2. Psychotic and affective symptoms are balanced but delusions or hallucinations have occurred for at least 2 weeks without prominent mood symptoms.
3. Affective symptoms predominate although psychotic symptoms may also occur.

53. Increased sociability

Score '0' if absent, score '1' for over-familiarity lasting at least 4 days, score '2' for loss of social inhibition resulting in behaviour which is inappropriate to the circumstances and out of character lasting at least one week, score '3' when this inappropriate behaviour lasts for at least 2 weeks.

0. No
1. Over familiarity (duration 4+ days)
2. Loss of social inhibition with inappropriate behaviour (≥ 1 week)
3. Inappropriate behaviour lasts at least 2 weeks

Abnormal Beliefs and Ideas

NB. When scoring delusions please score each separate delusion under one and only one category describing the specific type of the delusion i.e. as either; persecutory, grandiose, influence/reference, bizarre, passivity, primary del perception, other primary del, thought withdrawal, thought broadcast, thought insertion, guilt, poverty or nihilistic.

54. Persecutory delusions

Includes all delusions with persecutory ideation. Score '0' if absent, and '1' for less than one months duration or duration is not known score, '2' if present for a significant portion of time for at least a one month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

55. Well organised delusions

Illness is characterised by a series of well organised or well systematised delusions. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified. Score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

NB. This item (55) should be scored in addition to scoring the type of delusion/s described.

56. Increased self esteem

Patient believes that he is an exceptional person with special powers, plans, talents or abilities. Rate positively here if overvalued idea but if delusional in quality also score item 57 (grandiose delusions). Score '0' if absent, score '1' for a duration of at least 4 days, score '1' for duration of at least one week and '2' for a duration of at least two weeks.

0. No
1. At least 4 days
2. At least 1 week
3. At least 2 weeks

57. Grandiose delusions

Patient has grossly exaggerated and unshakeable sense of own importance, has exceptional powers or abilities or falsely believes that he is rich or famous, aristocratic or divine Score '0' if absent, score '1' for at least 4 days, score '2' for at least one week, score '3' for at least 2 weeks.

0. No
1. At least 4 days
2. At least 1 week
3. At least 2 weeks

58. Delusions of influence

Events, objects or other people in patient's immediate surroundings have a special significance, often of a persecutory nature. Include ideas of reference from the TV or radio, or newspapers, where patient believes that these are providing instructions or prescribing certain behaviour. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

59. Bizarre delusions

Strange, absurd or fantastic delusions whose content may have a mystical, magical or 'science fiction' quality. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present less than a month or duration is unspecified, score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

60. Widespread delusions

Delusions which intrude into most aspects of the patient's life and/or preoccupy the patient for most of his time. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for less than a month or duration is unspecified, score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

NB. This item (60) should be scored in addition to scoring the type of delusion/s described.

61. Delusions of passivity

Include all 'made' sensations, emotions or actions That is, the patient believes that their emotional feelings, their impulses, acts or somatic sensations are controlled or imposed by an external agency. Score '0' if absent score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified, score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

62. Primary delusional perception

The patient has an ordinary perception which triggers a firmly held false belief. The belief arises out of the perception in a non understandable fashion. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified score '2' if the belief remains for a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

63. Other primary delusions

Includes delusional mood and delusional ideas. In delusional mood the environment appears changed in a threatening way but the significance of the change cannot be understood by the patient who is usually anxious puzzled and bewildered. Delusional beliefs, typically of a self referential or persecutor type may then arise. A delusional idea appears abruptly in the patient's mind fully developed and unheralded by any related thoughts. Score '0' if absent and score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is not specified, score '2' if present for a significant portion of time in a one month period treated).

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

64. Delusions & hallucinations last for one week

Any type of delusion accompanied by hallucinations of any type lasting at least one week. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified, score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

NB. This item (64) should be scored in addition to scoring the type of delusion/s described.

65. Persecutory/jealous delusions & hallucinations

This is self explanatory. But note that abnormal beliefs are of delusional intensity and quality and are accompanied by true hallucinations. Score '0' if absent score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified, score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

NB. This item (65) should be scored in addition to scoring the type of delusion/s described.

66. Thought insertion

Patient recognises that thoughts are being put into his head which are not his own and which have been inserted by some external agency. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

67. Thought withdrawal

Patient experiences thoughts ceasing in his head which may be interpreted as thoughts being removed (or 'stolen') by some external agency. Score '0' if absent score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified, score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

68. Thought broadcast

Patient experiences thoughts diffusing out of his head so that they may be shared by others or even heard by others. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified, score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

69. Delusions of guilt

Firm belief held by subject that they have committed some sin, crime or have caused harm to others despite absence of any evidence to support this. Score '0' if absent, score '1' for duration of at least one week, score '2' for duration of at least two weeks, and '3' for duration of at least one month.

0. No
1. At least 1 week
2. At least 2 weeks
3. At least 1 month

70. Delusions of poverty

Firm belief held by subject that they have lost all or much of their money or property and have become impoverished despite absence of any evidence to support this. Score '0' if absent, score '1' for duration of at least one week, score '2' for duration of at least two weeks, and '3' for duration of at least one month.

0. No
1. At least 1 week
2. At least 2 weeks
3. At least 1 month

71. Nihilistic delusions

Firmly held belief that some part of patient's body has disappeared or is rotting away or is affected by some devastating or malignant disorder despite a lack of any objective supporting evidence. Score '0' if absent, score '1' for duration of at least one week, score '2' for duration of at least two weeks, and '3' for duration of at least one month.

0. No
1. At least 1 week
2. At least 2 weeks
3. At least 1 month

Abnormal Perceptions

72. Thought echo

Score '1' if patient experiences thoughts repeated or echoed in his or her head or by a voice outside the head Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified, score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

73. Third person auditory hallucinations

Two or more voices discussing the patient in the third person. Score if either 'true' or 'pseudo' hallucinations, i.e. differentiation of the source of the voices is unimportant. Score '0' if absent score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified, score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

74. Running commentary voices

Patient hears voice(s) describing his actions, sensations or emotions as they occur. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

75. Abusive/accusatory/persecutory voices

Voices talking to the patient in an accusatory, abusive or persecutory manner. Score '0' if absent, score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

76. Other (non affective) auditory hallucinations

Any other kind of auditory hallucination. Includes pleasant or neutral voices and non verbal hallucinations. Score '0' if absent. Score '1' if present for less than one month or duration is unspecified, score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for significant %age of a 1 month period

77. Non-affective hallucination in any modality

Hallucinations in which the content has no apparent relationship to elation or depression. Score '0' if absent score '1' if present throughout the day for several days or intermittently for at least one week, or duration is unspecified, score '2' if present for at least a significant portion of time in a 1 month period.

0. No
1. Present for less than 1 month or unspecified
2. Present for several days or unspecified

Substance Abuse or Dependence

78. Life time diagnosis of alcohol abuse/dependence

Continued use despite knowledge of having a persistent or recurrent social, occupational, psychological or physical problem that is caused or exacerbated by alcohol; or recurrent use in situations in which it is physically hazardous; or symptoms definitely indicative of dependence. One of the above must have occurred persistently for at least one month, or repeatedly over a longer period.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

79. Life time diagnosis of cannabis abuse/dependence

Continued use despite knowledge of having a persistent or recurrent social, occupational, psychological or physical problem that is caused or exacerbated by cannabis; or recurrent use in situations in which it is physically hazardous; or symptoms definitely indicative of dependence. One of the above must have occurred persistently for at least one month, or repeatedly over a longer period.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

80. Life time diagnosis of other abuse/dependence

Continued use despite knowledge of having a persistent or recurrent social, occupational, psychological or physical problem that is caused or exacerbated by substance use; or recurrent use in situations in which it is physically hazardous; or symptoms definitely indicative of dependence. One of the above must have occurred persistently for at least one month, or repeatedly over a longer period.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

81. Alcohol abuse/dependence with psychopathology

Abuse or dependence as defined under item 78 accompanied by any of the preceding items describing psychopathology.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

82. Cannabis abuse/dependence with psychopathology

Abuse or dependence as defined under item 79 accompanied by any of the preceding items describing psychopathology.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

83. Other abuse/dependence with psychopathology

Abuse or dependence as defined under item 80 accompanied by any of the preceding items describing psychopathology.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

General Appraisal

84. Information not credible

Patient gives misleading answers to questions or provides a jumbled, incoherent or inconsistent account.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

85. Lack of insight

Patient is unable to recognise that his experiences are abnormal or that they are the product of anomalous mental process, or recognises that his experiences are abnormal but gives a delusional explanation.

86. Rapport difficult

Interviewer finds difficulty in establishing contact with patient who appears remote or cut off. Does not include patients who are difficult to interview because of hostility or irritability.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

87. Impairment/incapacity during disorder

- 0. No impairment
- 1. Subjective impairment at work, school, or in social functioning
- 2. Impairment in major life role with definite reduction in productivity and/or criticism has been received
- 3. No function at all in major life role for more than 2 days or in patient treatment has been required or active psychotic symptoms such as delusions or hallucinations have occurred

88. Deterioration from premorbid level of functioning

For a significant portion of the time since onset there has been deterioration in work interpersonal relations or self-care or, if the onset was in childhood or adolescence there has been failure to achieve the expected interpersonal academic occupational level. Score 1 if deterioration present, 0 if absent.

- 0. No
- 1. Yes

89. Psychotic symptoms respond to neuroleptics

Rate globally over total period. Score positively if illness appears to respond to any type of neuroleptics, (depot or oral) or if relapse occurs when medication is stopped.

- 0. False
- 1. True

90. Course of disorder

- 1. Single episode with good recovery
- 2. Multiple episodes with good recovery between
- 3. Multiple episodes with partial recovery between
- 4. Continuous chronic illness
- 5. Continuous chronic illness with deterioration

Score this item in hierarchical fashion, eg if patient's course in past rated '2',but for the time-period now being considered it rates '4', then the correct rating is '4'.