

How SERIOUS Is It?

DIRECTIONS: Rank order the following examples of chemical dependence from 1 (most serious) to 6 (least serious).

Examples

- A. _____ **Jim** is a 16-year-old high school student. He started drinking at age 13. He usually drinks every weekend and drinks about 8 to 10 beers in a few hours.
- B. _____ **Maggie** is a 75-year-old retired school teacher who enjoys gardening. Her husband died a year ago, and she drinks almost every night. She usually drinks 3 or 4 glasses of wine after dinner and passes out in her recliner.
- C. _____ **Len** is a 38-year-old truck driver. He spends many long hours away from his family. Before he goes to sleep at night, he usually drinks one or two beers.
- D. _____ **Bob** is a salesman. He travels often and entertains customers. He has been drinking for the past 15 years. He is in his third marriage and has changed jobs 7 times in the past 10 years. He usually drinks a fifth of whiskey every night and has 2 or 3 martinis with his lunch.
- E. _____ **Marge** is a 32-year-old cocktail waitress. She works seven days a week and cares for her 3-year-old son. She hardly ever drinks, but about once a month she drinks 2 or 3 glasses of wine. She says it relaxes her after a stressful night of working.
- F. _____ **Dick** is a 21-year-old senior in college. During his college career, Dick would party about once a month. He would usually drink 12 to 14 beers.