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a. **TITLE**: Test titles are printed in boldface. Secondary (or series) titles are set off by a colon.

b. **PURPOSE**: A brief statement describing the purpose of the test. Usually features a quote from the test manual.

c. **POPULATION**: Groups for which the test is intended.

d. **PUBLICATION DATE**: An inclusive range of dates for the various forms and editions of the test.

e. **ACRONYM**: Acronym commonly used for test reference.

f. **SCORES**: The number of part scores is shown, with titles and descriptions of what is intended to be presented or measured.

g. **ADMINISTRATION**: Individual or group administration is noted. A test is considered a “group” test unless it may be administered only on an individual basis.

h. **FORMS, PARTS, and LEVELS**: All such components are listed.

i. **MANUAL**: Note is included if the manual is not available. All other manual information is included in the “Price Data” section.

j. **RESTRICTED DISTRIBUTION**: Notes here are only for tests that are made available to a certain market by the publisher. Educational and psychological restrictions are not included.

k. **PRICE DATA**: Price information for testing packages, answer sheets, and all other peripherals.

l. **FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND OTHER SPECIAL EDITIONS**: Inclusions specify foreign language editions published by the English-language creator. Special editions (Braille, large print, etc.) are also included.

m. **TIME**: Two noted: (1) Number of minutes of actual working time allowed for examinees to complete testing and (2) approximate length of time needed for administering the test. The latter is enclosed in parentheses.

n. **COMMENTS**: Special notations, further descriptions, and factual criticism of the test.

o. **AUTHOR**: All authors are reported. If a test appears in a new form each year, only the most recent year is noted. Names are shown exactly as they appear on test booklets.

p. **PUBLISHER**: Name of publisher or distributor for the test. Consult the “Publishers’ Directory and Index” for address and contact information.

q. **FOREIGN ADAPTATIONS**: Revisions or adaptations for foreign use.

r. **SUBLISTINGS**: Levels, editions, subtests, or parts of the test available in separate booklets.

s. **CROSS REFERENCES**: For tests that have been listed previously in an edition of MMY, an entry includes cross references to the review, excerpts, and references for the test in previous volumes.
To view three sample reviews from the MMY, visit the Buros website: http://www.unl.edu/buros/bimm/html/reviewsample.html. An entry may include some combination of the following:

a. DESCRIPTION: General overview of test
b. DEVELOPMENT: Historical overview of test’s development
c. TECHNICAL: Discussion of test’s administration, reliability, and aspects of measurement
d. COMMENTARY: Reviewer’s clinical comments as to test’s technical aspects (“C”)
e. SUMMARY: Reviewer’s final statement about test
f. REFERENCES: Reviewer’s other, published references (full citations)

Practitioners can use the Yearbooks to select tests for specific purposes. Some may be restricted to use by licensed psychologists and others may be administered by teachers, researchers, medical professionals, and allied health personnel. For a complete description of contents and suggested methods of using the MMY, read the introduction found in the most recent volume.

In conjunction with the sixth edition (2010) of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA), the Buros Institute now provides information for citing online reviews (from “Test Reviews Online,” TROL) and instructions for citing material drawn from the Mental Measurements Yearbook. Please visit the following link for further details and model citations: http://www.unl.edu/buros/bimm/html/faq.html#citetrol