**Questionnaire on the credibility of the Defendant - Mr Parsons**

Please now think back to the vignette you have just read and answer the following questions. For questions requiring written responses, please briefly describe and write clearly.

The following questions concern your perception of Mr Parsons.

Please select the number that you feel best representsMr Parson's overall **level of cognitive functioning** (i.e., his ability to think, reason and remember).

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| 1 (very poor cognitive functioning) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 (Excellent cognitive funcitoning) |
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Why did you give this rating of cognitive functioning - please explain your answer?

Please select the number that you feel best represents how **honest**Mr Parsons appeared during his testimony.

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| 1 (Not at all honest) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 (Very honest) |
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Why did you give this rating of honesty - please explain your answer?

Please select the number that best represents how **likeable** Mr Parsons came across.

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| 1 (Not likeable at all) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 (Very likeable) |
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Why did you give this rating of likeability - please explain your answer?

To what extent do you believe Mr. Parsons was to **blame** for the incident?

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| 1 (Not at all to blame) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 (Very blameworthy) |
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 Why did you give this rating of blame - please explain your answer?

Do you believe Mr Parsons committed this crime because of the **situation** he was in or because he is a **bad person**, or **both**? (Select one):

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| Situation | Bad person | Both |
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Why did you answer this question in this way?

The following questions concern the verdict for the defendant.

Do you think Mr. Parsons should receive a **guilty or not guilty** verdict in court? (Select one):

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| Guilty | Not Guilty |
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How confident are you in this judgement of guilt?

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| 1 (Not at all Confident) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 (Very Confident) |
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What factors did you consider when making this decision about his guilt and which was most important?

[If guilty] Based on your evaluation of the defendant and the crime, how harshly would you **sentence** Mr Parsons?

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| 1 (Very leniently) | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 (Very harshly) |
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What factors did you consider when making this decision?