Sleep Knowledge

This is a survey of your knowledge about some basic concepts of sleep and circadian rhythms.

For the following questions, please indicate your response by filling in the best answer: T--true; F=false; DK=don't know

- 1. Performance begins to deteriorate after being up for more than 16 consecutive hours.
- 2. A good time to take a nap is in the evening (between 7 and 10pm.).
- 3. Most adults need at least 8 hours of sleep a night to function well.
- 4. Recovery from sleep loss usually takes about 2 days.
- 5. Good strategies to use when falling asleep at the wheel include opening the car window and turning up the radio.
- 6. Consumption of alcohol near bedtime decreases the time to sleep onset, but disrupts sleep later in the night.
- 7. Most individuals are able to gauge when they are too sleepy to drive safely.
- 8. A boring lecture or a dark room can cause sleepiness.
- 9. Adults can generally adapt to getting less sleep over time.
- 10. The stimulant effects of caffeine last about three to five hours.
- 11. Bright light exposure while driving home after a night shift helps to reset the circadian clock and facilitates sleep.
- 12. Individuals who are "night owls" have more difficulty adapting to working night shifts.
- 13. The optimal duration of a nap is about 45 minutes.
- 14. It is possible to fall asleep briefly and not be aware of it.
- 15. It takes about 3 days to adapt to working night shifts.

Answers: (T, F, T, T, F, T, F, F, F, T, F, T, F, T, F)