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What parameters does your test measure?

Lodestar helps students to make scientific decisions about their future education and careers based on their **Vocational Personality, Aptitude and Interest**.

Vocational Personality test is a 60 questions test which evaluates the student's personality on six dimensions - i.e REALISTIC, INVESTIGATIVE, ARTISTIC, SOCIAL, ENTERPRISING & CONVENTIONAL. This is also called the RIASEC system. Out of these six the test finds out what is the dominant i.e. top 2 or top 3 dimensions and then maps it to the right career and education path. This is a 60 question test and has simple yes/no type of questions.

Aptitude is measured on 5 parameters, which are, Verbal Ability, Logical Reasoning, Numerical Ability, Mechanical Ability & Spatial Ability. This test is also a 60 questions test to be completed in 1 hour time.

Interest and Aspiration information is collected through a detailed questionnaire and also by face-to-face probing by the counselor.

What support/guidance will the student get after the program duration?

You can be in touch with your guidance counselors or any member of our team after your program completes. We will answer any queries that you may have in future. In fact many parents usually get in touch at crucial times like college admission etc to get further clarity on the decision they have made. These consultations are generally free of charge unless they involve a complete re-evaluation of the student and the career/education decision.

Lodestar also organizes regular doubt clearance webinars which you can attend to interact with our experts.

Our Career Guidance Programs have multiple sessions and are hence very comprehensive. They answer all the questions that parents have related to career and education. Most parents do not usually need further support/guidance.

What is the past record of your career recommendations?

At Lodestar we believe in doing a thorough and scientific job of the career guidance. Hence our programs use the best of test and we also spend a lot of time over multiple interactions to make the best plan for each student.

Till date Lodestar has advised over 40,000 student and more than **75%** of them have followed the recommendations of education recommended by us.

Over **90%** of our parents have said that the program helped them to clear all their confusions and made a clear decision and over **92%** have rated the program as V. Good or Excellent.

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Will my child get confused if he/she is exposed to 300+ career options?

No, not at all!! The main purpose of the Lodestar program is to remove the confusion and arrive at a final decision. Our step by step process, multiple discussions and the guidance by the expert will help you get the final clarity. We have done this successfully for over 40,000 students till date. Your child will explore the 300+ careers under the guidance of our expert.

Does this program work for students who are weak in studies?

Yes, In fact this program will be especially beneficial for students who are weak in studies. At Lodestar we have information on over 300+ Careers and 1000+ Courses. Many of those careers are very suitable for studies who are average or weak in studies. Our trained counselors will work with you to identify the most suitable career and education path for your child.

Students who are average or weak in studies may have many other qualities, abilities or interests. The Lodestar process will use those parameters and find out suitable careers in which they can be very successful in life. Lodestar has guided many such students.

Does your program cover Overseas Colleges & Programs?

When a student is planning to go abroad he/she has to decide on 3 things – What course? Which country? and Which college? The first decision is the most important of the three. The student has to decide on a course/degree which is the **Best-Fit** for his/her personality, interest and aptitude. Based on this decision it is easier to find out the best colleges abroad and the right country. If you do not know which course you want to study – you will get thoroughly confused as there are thousands of courses, in thousands of good colleges across the world.

Lodestar helps you to make the first decision of the Best-Fit course/degree for your child. We are experts in this.

Based on this decision you can approach multiple agencies which are specialised in getting you admission in a college abroad. These agencies are good in getting you the admission and taking you through the detailed process of applications etc for that. Lodestar is not an expert in that. The study abroad agencies are not experts at finding out the Best-Fit career for your child.

Can your program counsel/help children with special needs – like Dyslexia, ADHD?

Yes, we have in the past helped such students to find out a suitable career/future education. You can discuss with our experts about the details of the process and types of careers available in our database before you enroll into our program.

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If I take the program in 9th or 10th do we have to take it again in higher classes?

No, If you take the individual planning sessions in either 9th or 10th – you need not take it later. The 3 session individual planning is required to be done only once, in which we will plan for the entire future education path. After that you can be in touch with your counselor or our experts for any further doubt clarifications for free.

Does your program/test cover unconventional and new age careers?

Yes, Lodestar system has over 300+ Careers. Many unique and new age careers like UX Designers, Actuary, Ethical Hackers, Social Media Advisors, Curators, Bio Statisticians and many more are covered.

We also update our database of careers, courses, colleges on regular basis.

Isn't 10th too early to choose a Career/Are students able to think about career so early?

No it is not too early, this is the right time to decide on the best education and career path for your child.

Yes students are able to think and decide on their Career if given the right inputs and with expert guidance - using a scientific methodology. Over 40,000 students have done this already at Lodestar.

Think about this, even if you “**ONLY**” choose a stream after 10th you are actually deciding on a “Career”. Eg if you decide to take Science and take JEE coaching - you have decided to eliminate almost about 150+ other careers in sectors like Finance, Data Science, Pure Science etc. Many of these require specialized degrees and you have to take different exams in 12th - which may not be the JEE.

At Lodestar we are providing a more systematic and scientific approach to doing this.

As students in 10th are not aware of “Working”, “Jobs”, “Careers” they actually end up making wrong decisions or superficial decisions. Eg if a student likes Biology - he/she will aim to become a doctor - without analyzing if they have all the traits required to become a doctor or even to complete MBBS. Also they are not exploring what other careers are there related to Biology like Microbiologist, Geneticist, Toxicologist etc.

At Lodestar we help students to become aware of “Jobs”, “Working” and “Careers” using a combination of activities like Career Webinars, In-depth discussions with Experts, Reading authentic content on different careers, Psychometric Assessments etc. This helps them to make more informed decision on their education path – leading to a future career suitable to them.

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Why is it important to decide on a career at 10th or 11th? Why can't we just decide on the education path?

This is a very important and crucial question. Basically an education path is a “**Path**” to lead you to a “**Job**” i.e. a “**Career**”. eg if you study MBBS you are trained to become a doctor, If you do CA you are trained to become a CA. Thus the career is the destination and the education stream is the path.

Hence before starting any training/education you should know what your destination is i.e. what you want to become or what work you are best suited to do. Eg if you study Mechanical Engineering, you have spent 4 years training to be a Mechanical engineer. After this if you feel that you should have become a Computer Science Engineer or UX designer or a CA then you have to again train yourself and the 4 years is a waste. This is the reason we help students to first find out what is their Destination i.e. their “**Career**” and work backwards to figure out the most suitable education path for that.

The decision on career also clarifies to the student what degree he/she will do after 12th and that clarity will help them decide which entrance exam to write and which coaching/tuition classes to join. Eg if you are aiming for a pure science career you need to go for KVPY coaching and not JEE. Similarly if you are aiming for a Law degree - you have to enrol in CLAT coaching in 11th/12th. There are specialised degrees, exams and coaching for all careers. So along with deciding the stream all these decisions are also very important.

Will my child's personality and interest change in future?

At Lodestar we are measuring Personality and aptitude in a very scientific and systematic way. This is not like asking the child about his or her interest or just observing and deciding. This is more in-depth than that. Due to this we understand what is the “**Core**” Vocational Personality and Aptitude of the child. This will not change over a period of time.

Eg if a child has an “**Investigative**” Personality - this means that the child is suited for activities which require “**thinking**” and not activities which require “**doing**” or “**action**”. This will not change over a period of time. Only observed behaviour will change.

Similarly we go to the details of finding the true interest of the child. This is done with multiple tests, probing questions and in multiple sessions.

Hence the decision arrived at by Lodestar's systematic, in-depth and scientific methods will hold good for long term.

Does your program help students from all boards – especially international curriculums?

The basic job Lodestar is doing is to help the student discover the right career based on his Interest Personality and Aptitude. This is not connected to a particular board. Students from all boards and curriculum have been successfully guided by Lodestar experts. Our Career experts are familiar with the curriculum and subjects in all the boards and use this to guide the students in subject selection in 11th/12th