ABBREVIATED PROFILE OF HEARING AID BENEFIT
FORM A

NAME: _______________________________  Today’s date: ____/____/___

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EXAMPLE

For some items, an answer of “Always (99%)” indicates few problems. Other items are written so that an answer of “Always (99%)” indicates a lot of problems. Here is an example. In item (a), below, an answer of “Always (99%)” means that you often have problems. In item (b), below, the same answer means that you seldom have problems.

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(a) When I’m talking with a friend outdoors on a windy day, I miss a lot of the conversation.

(b) When I am in a meeting with several other people, I can comprehend speech.

Please begin answering the questions on the next page
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#### 1. When I am in a crowded grocery store, talking with the cashier, I can follow the conversation.

- A Always
- B Almost Always
- C Generally
- D Half-the-time
- E Occasionally
- F Seldom
- G Never

#### 2. I miss a lot of information when I’m listening to a lecture.

- A Always
- B Almost Always
- C Generally
- D Half-the-time
- E Occasionally
- F Seldom
- G Never

#### 3. Unexpected sounds, like a smoke detector or alarm bell are uncomfortable.

- A Always
- B Almost Always
- C Generally
- D Half-the-time
- E Occasionally
- F Seldom
- G Never

#### 4. I have difficulty hearing a conversation when I’m with one of my family at home.

- A Always
- B Almost Always
- C Generally
- D Half-the-time
- E Occasionally
- F Seldom
- G Never

#### 5. I have trouble understanding the dialogue in a movie or at the theater.

- A Always
- B Almost Always
- C Generally
- D Half-the-time
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- G Never

#### 6. When I am listening to the news on the car radio, and family members are talking, I have trouble hearing the news.

- A Always
- B Almost Always
- C Generally
- D Half-the-time
- E Occasionally
- F Seldom
- G Never

#### 7. When I’m at the dinner table with several people, and am trying to have a conversation with one person, understanding speech is difficult.

- A Always
- B Almost Always
- C Generally
- D Half-the-time
- E Occasionally
- F Seldom
- G Never

#### 8. Traffic noises are too loud.

- A Always
- B Almost Always
- C Generally
- D Half-the-time
- E Occasionally
- F Seldom
- G Never

#### 9. When I am talking with someone across a large empty room, I understand the words.

- A Always
- B Almost Always
- C Generally
- D Half-the-time
- E Occasionally
- F Seldom
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#### 10. When I am in a small office, interviewing or answering questions, I have difficulty following the conversation.

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11. When I am in a theater watching a movie or play, and the people around me are whispering and rustling paper wrappers, I can still make out the dialogue.
   A B C D E F G
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12. When I am having a quiet conversation with a friend, I have difficulty understanding.
   A B C D E F G
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13. The sounds of running water, such as a toilet or shower, are uncomfortably loud.
    A B C D E F G
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14. When a speaker is addressing a small group, and everyone is listening quietly, I have to strain to understand.
    A B C D E F G
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15. When I’m in a quiet conversation with my doctor in an examination room, it is hard to follow the conversation.
    A B C D E F G
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16. I can understand conversations even when several people are talking.
    A B C D E F G
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17. The sounds of construction work are uncomfortably loud.
    A B C D E F G
    A B C D E F G

18. It’s hard for me to understand what is being said at lectures or church services.
    A B C D E F G
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19. I can communicate with others when we are in a crowd.
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<td>22. The sound of screeching tires is uncomfortably loud.</td>
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<td>□ Mild</td>
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<td>□ 1 to 4 hours per day</td>
<td>□ Moderate</td>
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<td>□ 4 to 8 hours per day</td>
<td>□ Moderately-Severe</td>
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<td>□ 8 to 16 hours per day</td>
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