Are Shaw University online courses for you?

This is a going to be a Blackboard test; students need to take this test before registering for online courses. This is a mandatory text.

You should know that an online course entails at least as much work, if not more, than a face-to-face course. Students who do well in Web-based or other kinds of distance education courses tend to share some of the same personality and learning characteristics.

Specific computer-related skills and access to the necessary equipment are also important. To see if a Web-based course is right for you, print and answer the following questions. Then follow the scoring instructions that appear after the last question.

1. I realize that meeting course requirements and due dates and following the course schedule are critical to my success.
   ___ Yes ___ No

2. I regularly have 20 hours each week to devote to this course.
   ___ Yes ___ No

3. I am an independent worker.
   ___ Yes ___ No

4. I am self-motivated and can budget my time appropriately.
   ___ Yes ___ No

5. I am resourceful at finding solutions to problems.
   ___ Yes ___ No

6. I am willing to take the initiative in getting help when needed, even though it may be by phone or e-mail.
   ___ Yes ___ No

7. I learn by reading course materials or viewing visual explanations.
   ___ Yes ___ No

8. I am an excellent reader, and reading for extended periods does not bother me.
   ___ Yes ___ No

9. I have the technical knowledge to create and upload Microsoft Office files, use e-mail, and manage other aspects of my personal computer.
   ___ Yes ___ No

10. I feel confident using search engines and Web browsers. ___ Yes ___ No

11. I feel confident or have someone available who is confident in installing software and browser plug-ins.
    ___ Yes ___ No

12. I will have access to a computer that meets the minimum standards during the summer term.
    ___ Yes ___ No

13. I currently have, or will have by summer, a reliable ISP (Internet service provider) for my computer.
___ Yes ___ No

**Scoring instructions:**

Count the number of items for which you checked "Yes".

- *If your score is 11 or higher, you may do quite well in a Web-based course.*
- *If your score is 9 or 10, you may be able to succeed in an online course, but you'll probably need to make some adjustments to ensure this.*
- *If your score is 8 or less, you may have some difficulty taking a Web-based course and should discuss your chances for success with the instructor.*