SHS 531 Stuttering Severity Instrument Exercise

For this exercise, use the Stuttering Severity Instrument-4 (Riley, 2009) and the transcript on page 2.

- a. Calculate the number of intended syllables, the number of moments of stuttering, and the percent syllables stuttered.
- b. Describe the types of disfluencies produced by this client. Divide them into SLDs (stuttering-like disfluencies) and ODs (other disfluencies).
- c. On the Speaking Task, he had 27% of syllables stuttered. Calculate the Frequency Score for this client.
- d. His longest blocks lasted 4.1 sec, 5.2 sec, and 3.2 sec. Calculate the Duration Score.
- e. Secondary behaviors included frequent distracting eye blinks and tensing of jaw muscles. He also broke eye contact during several longer blocks. Calculate the Physical Concomitants Score.
- f. Calculate the Total Score, the percentile ranking, and the severity rating.

Transcript of passage read aloud by client:

"Okay um fan ce ce celebrations got out of um hand after several co co co college football games Saturday, um uh uh as several people were injured follow follow following victories uh and players were ------ p p p pelted with um debris.

Most but not um all of the rowdy ----- be be be behavior uh surrounded the ----- usual goal p p p p post dis um dismantling parties that followed the -----big um victories.

Uh um In um Clem Clemson South Caro Caro Carolina, a um sixty uh seven year old uh sheriff's officer and a female fan were hurt when um fans uh rushed the um um field and t t tore down a ----- goal post following the T T Tiger's win um over South Ca Ca Carolina.

The um victims were uh t t taken away by ----- ambulance. Um um ----- Officer James Booth was in uh stable c c condition at a hospital; um well uh he was um hurt when thirty fans piled on top of him. Um uh de -----tails on the female fan's c c c c condition weren't um available, um but her injuries were not life-threatening.

Um in Raleigh, North C C Carolina, three people were um injured on the um field when fans tore down um goal posts following North C C Carolina's seventeen to um seven ----- victory over um number fourteen uh uh Florida State."