

Test Bank for Theories of Personality 7th Cloninger

Theories of Personality, 7e (Cloninger)
Chapter 1

Multiple Choice

1) Psychology attempts to understand human nature using the method of

- A) science.
- B) literature.
- C) intuition.
- D) philosophy.

Answer: A

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.1

Topic: Psychology as science

p. 2

2) What is personality, according to your text?

- A) A person's social skills
- B) The reaction of a person to social forces
- C) The underlying causes within the person of individual behavior and experience
- D) The individual's level of adjustment or mental health

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.1

Topic: Definition of Personality

p. 2

3) Which of the following kinds of questions are not addressed by personality theory?

- A) Questions about personality dynamics
- B) Questions about personality development
- C) Questions about personality description
- D) Questions about personality diffusion

Answer: D

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.1

Topic: Questions addressed by personality theories

p. 2

4) When we ask, "How is one person different from another?" we are asking questions about the _____ of personality.

- A) description
- B) dynamics
- C) development
- D) destiny

Answer: A

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.1

Topic: Personality Description

p. 2

5) When we ask, "How do people adjust to their life situations?" and "How does their thought affect what they do?" we are asking questions about the _____ of personality.

- A) description
- B) dynamics
- C) development
- D) destiny

Answer: B

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Analyze It

Learning Objective: 1.1

Topic: Personality Dynamics

p. 2

6) When we ask, "How do biology and experience influence a person from childhood onward?" we are asking questions about the _____ of personality.

- A) description
- B) dynamics
- C) development
- D) destiny

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Analyze It

Learning Objective: 1.1

Topic: Personality Development

p. 2

7) Types represent _____ descriptions of personality while traits are _____ descriptions.

- A) categorical; quantitative
- B) quantitative; categorical
- C) individual differences; categorical
- D) precise; categorical

Answer: A

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.2

Topic: Types vs. traits

p. 3

8) Categories of people with similar characteristics are called

- A) factors.
- B) traits.
- C) types.
- D) sets.

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.2

Topic: Types

p. 3

9) Which of the following does not describe a trait?

- A) Trait scores are not continuous variables.
- B) A person is given a numeric score to indicate how much of a trait the person possesses.
- C) There are many traits to describe everyone.
- D) A person can be described on every trait.

Answer: A

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.2

Topic: Trait

p. 3

10) In the study of personality, including the influence of society and culture allows a better explanation of _____ differences among people.

- A) gender
- B) ethnic
- C) cultural
- D) All of the above

Answer: D

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.3

Topic: Culture and personality

p. 4

11) A _____ allows a more precise description of personality because it refers to a more focused set of characteristics.

- A) variable
- B) type
- C) temperament
- D) trait

Answer: D

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.2

Topic: Trait

p. 3

12) In comparison to traits, factors refer to more _____ characteristics.

- A) socially desirable
- B) specific
- C) broad
- D) changeable

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Analyze It

Learning Objective: 1.2

Topic: Factors

p. 3

13) Research that gives personality tests to a group of people, and compares their scores, illustrates

- A) the idiographic approach.
- B) the case study approach.
- C) the nomothetic approach.
- D) the clinical approach.

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.2

Topic: Nomothetic Approach

p. 4

14) One person at a time is studied using the _____ approach.

- A) factor analytic
- B) eclectic
- C) nomothetic
- D) idiographic

Answer: D

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.2

Topic: Idiographic Approach

p. 4

15) Case studies and psychobiography are examples of the _____ approach.

- A) idiographic
- B) eclectic
- C) nomothetic
- D) correlational

Answer: A

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Apply What You Know

Learning Objective: 1.2

Topic: Ideographic Approach

p. 4

16) Which of the following questions is not a major issue in personality theory when considering personality formation and change?

- A) To what extent is personality influenced by heredity?
- B) To what extent can personality change as a result of learning?
- C) How much change in personality can actually occur in adolescence?
- D) How critical are the childhood years for personality development?

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.4

Topic: Personality Development

p. 5

17) Biological influences result in differences in styles of behavior and emotional reactions in infancy and afterwards. Which term best describes such differences?

- A) Personality
- B) Trait
- C) Type
- D) Temperament

Answer: D

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.4

Topic: Temperament

p. 5

18) All of the following are dynamic issues addressed by personality theories except

- A) Individual Differences
- B) Adaptation and Adjustment
- C) Cognitive Processes
- D) Culture

Answer: A

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.3

Topic: Dynamics

pp. 5 and 6

19) Which of the following is not a major issue addressed by personality theories?

- A) Descriptive issues
- B) Developmental issues
- C) Directive issues
- D) Dynamic issues

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.4

Topic: Major issues in personality theory

pp. 5 and 6

20) Personality theories are tested using the _____ method.

- A) intuitive
- B) clinical
- C) scientific
- D) idiographic

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objectives: 1.5

Topic: Scientific method

p. 6

21) A _____ is a conceptual tool for understanding certain specified phenomena that includes theoretical constructs and propositions.

- A) operational definition
- B) psychological test
- C) theory
- D) variable

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Definition of theory

p. 7

22) Theoretical constructs are

- A) obsolete in modern personality theory.
- B) the concepts of a theory.
- C) used only in experimental research.
- D) used only in correlational research.

Answer: B

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Theoretical Construct

p. 7

23) Which of the following illustrates an operational definition of "shyness"?

- A) Shyness is caused by teasing.
- B) Shyness in childhood predicts shyness in adulthood.
- C) Shyness is measured by a 25-item self-report test.
- D) Shyness is common in adolescence.

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Apply What You Know

Topic: Operational definition

p. 7

24) The statement, "High self-esteem causes social responsibility" is

- A) a theoretical proposition.

- B) a hypothesis.
- C) an operational definition.
- D) a paradigm.

Answer: A

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Analyze It

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Theoretical Proposition

p. 7

25) A theoretical proposition is

- A) an abstract statement telling how two theoretical constructs are related.
- B) a statement saying how a theoretical construct can be measured.
- C) a prediction about observations in research.
- D) a proposal to change the way personality is developed, based on theoretical considerations.

Answer: A

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Theoretical Proposition

p. 7

26) The assumption of determinism, central to the scientific method, refers to the assumption that

- A) personality is determined primarily by nature.
- B) the phenomena being studied have causes and that empirical research can discover these causes.
- C) personality determines behavior.
- D) individuals differ in the extent to which they are determined to succeed.

Answer: B

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Scientific method and determinism

p. 6

27) A hypothesis is

- A) an abstract statement telling how two theoretical constructs are related.
- B) a statement saying how a theoretical construct can be measured.
- C) a prediction about observations in research.
- D) a proposal to change the way personality is developed, based on theoretical considerations.

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Hypothesis

p. 7

28) The criterion of verifiability requires that theoretical propositions be

- A) true.
- B) reliable.
- C) testable by empirical research.
- D) applicable to a variety of populations.

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Verifiability

pp. 7 and 8

29) For a theoretical construct to be clearly understood, it must be:

- A) verifiable.
- B) parsimonious.
- C) defined precisely.
- D) valuable heuristically.

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Analyze It

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Clearly defining theoretical construct

p. 7

30) Theories that apply to only a narrow range of behavior are not

- A) comprehensive.
- B) refutable.
- C) scientific.
- D) empirically verifiable.

Answer: A

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Comprehensiveness criterion

p. 8

31) A theory that offers practical strategies for improving human life is said to have

- A) comprehensiveness.
- B) applied value.
- C) generalizability.
- D) empirical verifiability.

Answer: B

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Applied value criterion

p. 8

32) Which of the following is not listed by the text as a criterion of a good theory?

- A) Comprehensiveness
- B) Verifiability
- C) Applied value
- D) Consistency with human values

Answer: D

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Criteria of a Good Theory

pp. 7–9

33) A theory that has suggested new ideas for later theories and research is said to have

- A) applied value.
- B) heuristic value.
- C) parsimony.
- D) empirical validity.

Answer: B

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Analyze It

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Heuristic value criterion

pp. 8 and 9

34) Which statement best describes the relationship between theory and research?

- A) Theory and research are separate disciplines within personality psychology.
- B) Theory influences research by suggesting research ideas, but research has no impact on theory.
- C) When research has become sophisticated, with good measuring instruments, theory is no longer necessary.
- D) Theory and research mutually influence one another.

Answer: D

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Relationship Between Theory and Research

p. 9

35) Implicit theories of personality could be described by all but which of the following?

- A) They are generally held by ordinary people.
- B) They are unscientific.
- C) They are not necessarily incorrect.
- D) Their accuracy is guaranteed.

Answer: D

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Implicit personality theories

pp. 9 and 10

36) Which statement best describes personality research methods?

- A) Experimental research is the best research method. Others are now obsolete.
- B) Personality can only be studied by correlational methods, since it is not possible to do true experiments in this area.
- C) Personality research is best done with large groups of subjects.
- D) A variety of personality research methods are appropriate for personality research.

Answer: D

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Research methods in personality

p. 10

37) A personality measure that produces consistent scores from one time to another is

- A) valid.
- B) useless.
- C) reliable.
- D) projective.

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Reliability

p. 10

38) A researcher decides to see how consistent a new personality test is by computing two scores. One score is the total of the odd-numbered items. The other score is the total of the even-numbered items. What is the researcher assessing?

- A) Validity
- B) Test-retest reliability
- C) Alternate forms reliability
- D) Split-half reliability

Answer: D

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Split-half reliability

p. 11

39) Which of the following factors contributes to higher test reliability?

- A) A test containing similar items measuring the same construct
- B) A shorter test
- C) Changes in the personality trait over time
- D) A test containing items that measure different constructs

Answer: A

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Test reliability

p. 11

40) Assessing intelligence by measuring the size of a person's head would be

- A) reliable but not valid.
- B) valid but not reliable.
- C) neither reliable nor valid.
- D) both reliable and valid.

Answer: A

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Validity

pp. 10 and 11

41) In using the "known groups method" to determine whether a test is valid, a researcher needs to test

- A) groups of people whom he or she knows personally.
- B) subjects who agree to have their names known.
- C) groups with published norms on a variety of personality tests.
- D) groups which can be presumed to differ on the construct being measured.

Answer: D

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Known groups

p. 11

42) Construct validity is present when

- A) a construct can be operationally defined.
- B) a test distinguishes among criterion groups.
- C) several research studies confirm the usefulness of the construct.
- D) good measurement has been demonstrated.

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Construct Validity

p. 11

43) Direct self-report measures of personality

- A) are seldom used.
- B) are often reliable.
- C) always measure several personality traits simultaneously.
- D) are valid even when subjects intentionally give false responses.

Answer: B

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Analyze It

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Self-report measures

p. 11

44) Tests, such as inkblot tests, which ask people to respond to ambiguous stimuli, are called

- A) self-report measures.
- B) response measures.
- C) projective tests.
- D) behavioral measures.

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Projective tests

p. 12

45) Correlational research

- A) is used to demonstrate causal relationships among variables.
- B) is seldom used in the field of personality.
- C) cannot determine causality underlying observed relationships among variables.
- D) includes independent and dependent variables.

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Correlational research

p. 13

46) Which of the following procedures can determine cause–effect relationships?

- A) Correlational research
- B) Factor analysis
- C) Experimental research
- D) The case study

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Experimental research

p. 14

47) The independent variable corresponds to what a researcher thinks is the

- A) cause.
- B) effect.
- C) third variable.
- D) uncontrollable factor.

Answer: A

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Independent variable

p. 14

48) A researcher is interested in testing the proposition that being in a good mood causes increased cooperation among children at school. This can be tested by conducting an experiment in which the dependent variable is

- A) mood.
- B) being in school.
- C) cooperation.
- D) age.

Answer: C

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Apply What You Know

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Dependent variable

p. 14

49) Psychobiography is different from case studies because psychobiography has more emphasis on

- A) pathology.
- B) theoretical considerations.
- C) the individual.
- D) experimental methods.

Answer: B

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Analyze It

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Psychobiography vs. case study

p. 15

50) One major division among theories, sometimes called the "two disciplines" or "two cultures" of psychology, is between

- A) clinical and idiographic theories.
- B) scientific and humanistic approaches.
- C) human and animal theories.
- D) laboratory and scientific theories.

Answer: B

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Scientific and humanistic approaches to personality

p. 9

True/False

1) Personality may be defined as the underlying causes within the person of individual behavior and experience.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.1

Topic: Defining personality

p. 2

2) A personality type is broader than a personality trait.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.2

Topic: Types vs. traits

p. 3

3) Most personality research is idiographic.

Answer: FALSE

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.2

Topic: Ideographic vs. nomothetic research

p. 3

4) The idiographic approach studies one person at a time.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.2

Topic: Ideographic research

p. 3

5) Psychobiography uses a nomothetic approach to understanding people.

Answer: FALSE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.2

Topic: Psychobiography

p. 4

6) The study of personality dynamics often focuses on motivation directing behavior.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.3

Topic: Dynamics

p. 4

7) Most personality psychologists think that heredity is unimportant as a determinant of personality.

Answer: FALSE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.4

Topic: Heredity as determinant of personality

p. 5

8) There is considerable evidence that personality is relatively stable over a person's lifetime.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.4

Topic: Stability of personality

p. 5

9) Cognitive processes are pertinent to dynamic, descriptive, and developmental personality issues.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.4

Topic: Major issues in personality theory

pp. 4–6

10) Operational definitions provide a link between theoretical propositions and hypotheses.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Propositions and hypotheses

p. 7

11) When considering the “two disciplines” in psychology, the scientific culture emphasizes the ideographic approach, while the humanistic culture focuses on a nomothetic approach.

Answer: FALSE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Methodology and two disciplines

p. 9

12) The scientific method requires personality psychologists, like other scientists, to assume that behavior is determined by causes that can be found through research.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Determinism

p. 6

13) Operational definitions describe the practical applications of personality theory to improving the human condition.

Answer: FALSE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Operational definitions

p. 7

14) Propositions are associated with the theoretical level, while hypotheses are associated with the level of observables.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Analyze It

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Propositions vs. hypotheses

p. 7

15) Disconfirmation of a theory is as important as support found for a theory for advancing science.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Disconfirmation

p. 8

16) Theory influences research, but the opposite does not occur.

Answer: FALSE

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Theory and research

pp. 9 and 10

17) A personality test which yields consistent scores on two occasions is said to be reliable.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Reliability

p. 10

18) A personality test which yields consistent scores on two occasions is said to be valid.

Answer: FALSE

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Reliability (vs. validity)

p. 10

19) A personality test which measures what it claims to measure is said to be valid.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Validity

p. 10

20) One way of studying the validity of a test is to determine whether it predicts behavior.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Predictive validity

p. 10

21) A test that yields the same score on two occasions is said to have construct validity.

Answer: FALSE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Test-retest reliability (vs. construct validity)

pp. 10 and 11

22) Behavioral measures help develop an understanding of personality in its real-world context.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Behavioral measures of personality

p. 12

23) In an experiment, the dependent variable measures the "cause."

Answer: FALSE

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Dependent (vs. independent) variable

p. 14

24) It is generally difficult to manipulate a personality trait as a cause in an experiment.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Personality traits and experiments

p.14

25) An intensive investigation of a single individual is called a case study.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Case study

p. 15

26) A psychobiography is a case study that emphasizes theoretical considerations.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Psychobiography vs. case study

p. 15

27) Most personality psychologists can be considered eclectic.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Eclecticism

p. 9

28) In recent years, experts have agreed on one paradigm in personality.

Answer: FALSE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Paradigms in personality theory

p. 9

29) Psychologists in the scientific culture emphasize experimentation over intuition.

Answer: TRUE

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Divisions in psychology

p. 9

30) The three ways of describing personality are type, temperament, and traits.

Answer: FALSE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.2

Topic: Describing personality

p. 3

Essay

1) How does the text define "personality"? Discuss this definition.

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.1

Topic: Defining personality

p. 2

2) Contrast types, traits, and factors as units of personality. Give an example of each.

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Analyze It

Learning Objective: 1.2

Topic: Types, traits, and factors

p. 3

3) Would a researcher or a clinician be more likely to use a nomothetic approach to personality? Explain.

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Apply What You Know

Learning Objective: 1.2

Topic: Applying nomothetic approach

p. 4

4) Briefly discuss the role of culture, historically and currently, in personality study.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Analyze It

Learning Objective: 1.3

Topic: Culture in personality theory

pp. 4 and 5

5) List the three main issues addressed by personality theories and some of the questions that each issue raises.

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Evaluate It

Learning Objective: 1.1

Topic: Description, dynamics, and development

p. 2

6) Explain what is meant by a "theoretical construct" and an "operational definition." Give examples of each.

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Theoretical construct and operational definition

pp. 7 and 8

7) List and explain the criteria of a good theory.

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Criteria of a Good Theory

pp. 7–9

8) Explain what is meant by "reliability" of measurement. Are reliable measures always valid? Why or why not?

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Reliability and validity

p. 10

9) Explain the difference between correlational research and experimental research. One of these methods can determine causality and one cannot. Explain which can determine causality, which one cannot and why.

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Analyze It

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Correlation vs. experimental methods

pp. 13 and 14

10) What is "eclecticism"? What are some reasons this approach has value?

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Analyze It

Learning Objective: 1.5

Topic: Eclecticism

p. 9

11) Discuss the influence of temperament on personality development.

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Apply What You Know

Learning Objective: 1.4

Topic: Biological Influences

p. 5

12) Explain how experience in childhood and adulthood influence personality development.

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Apply What You Know

Learning Objective: 1.4

Topic: Experience in Childhood and Adulthood

p. 5

13. Explain how cognitive processes contribute to dynamic issues in personality theories.

Difficulty Level: Difficulty

Skill Level: Analyze It

Learning Objective: 1.4

Topic: Cognitive Processes

p. 6

14. Explain the similarities and differences among test–retest, alternate forms, and spit-half reliability.

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Analyze It

Learning Objective: 1.6

Topic: Reliability types

p. 10

Name: _____

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 - A) factors.
 - B) traits.
 - C) types.
 - D) sets.

- 4) A _____ allows a more precise description of personality because they refer to a more focused set of characteristics
 - A) variable
 - B) type
 - C) temperament
 - D) trait

- 5) A _____ is a conceptual tool for understanding certain specified phenomena that includes theoretical constructs and propositions.
 - A) operational definition
 - B) psychological test
 - C) theory
 - D) variable

- 6) A theoretical proposition is
 - A) an abstract statement telling how two theoretical constructs are related.
 - B) a statement saying how a theoretical construct can be measured.
 - C) a prediction about observations in research.
 - D) a proposal to change the way personality is developed, based on theoretical considerations.

- 7) A hypothesis is
 - A) an abstract statement telling how two theoretical constructs are related.
 - B) a statement saying how a theoretical construct can be measured.
 - C) a prediction about observations in research.
 - D) a proposal to change the way personality is developed, based on theoretical considerations.

- 8) Tests, such as inkblot tests, which ask people to respond to ambiguous stimuli, are called
- A) self-report measures.
 - B) response measures.
 - C) projective tests.
 - D) behavioral measures.
- 9) The independent variable corresponds to what a researcher thinks is the
- A) cause.
 - B) effect.
 - C) third variable.
 - D) uncontrollable factor.
- 10) A researcher is interested in testing the proposition that being in a good mood causes increased cooperation among children at school. This can be tested by conducting an experiment in which the dependent variable is
- A) mood.
 - B) being in school.
 - C) cooperation.
 - D) age.

Answer Key
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1. Answer: A
Difficulty Level: Easy
Skill Level: Understand the Concepts
Learning Objective: 1.1
Topic: Psychology as science
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2. Answer: C
Difficulty Level: Easy
Skill Level: Understand the Concepts
Learning Objective: 1.1
Topic: Definition of Personality
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3. Answer: C
Difficulty Level: Easy
Skill Level: Understand the Concepts
Learning Objective: 1.2
Topic: Types
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4. Answer: D
Difficulty Level: Easy
Skill Level: Understand the Concepts
Learning Objective: 1.2
Topic: Trait
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5. Answer: C
Difficulty Level: Easy
Skill Level: Understand the Concepts
Learning Objective: 1.5
Topic: Definition of theory
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6. Answer: A
Difficulty Level: Moderate
Skill Level: Understand the Concepts
Learning Objective: 1.5
Topic: Theoretical Proposition
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7. Answer: C
Difficulty Level: Moderate
Skill Level: Understand the Concepts
Learning Objective: 1.5
Topic: Hypothesis
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8. Answer: C
Difficulty Level: Moderate
Skill Level: Understand the Concepts
Learning Objective: 1.6
Topic: Projective tests
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9. Answer: A
Difficulty Level: Easy
Skill Level: Understand the Concepts
Learning Objective: 1.6
Topic: Independent variable
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10. Answer: C
Difficulty Level: Moderate
Skill Level: Apply What You Know
Learning Objective: 1.6
Topic: Dependent variable
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