

AP Psychology 12
Unit 1 Practice Questions
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1. Which of the following best describes the view of the mind held by Plato and Socrates?
 - A) The mind should be studied through careful, empirical observations.
 - B) The mind is an illusion produced by the brain.
 - C) The mind is separate from the body and continues after the body dies.
 - D) The mind is made up of knowledge that is a result of our experiences.
 - E) The mind results from biological processes produced by neural transmissions.

2. Which philosopher is most well known for theorizing that the mind at birth is *tabula rasa* or a “blank slate”?
 - A) Plato
 - B) John Locke
 - C) Immanuel Kant
 - D) René Descartes
 - E) Aristotle

3. Wilhelm Wundt's early experiments were attempts to investigate which area of psychology?
 - A) the causes of mental illnesses
 - B) social conformity
 - C) the simplest mental processes
 - D) childhood development
 - E) causes of aggression

4. Who used the method of introspection to scientifically identify basic elements of mind?
 - A) Aristotle
 - B) John Locke
 - C) Edward Titchener
 - D) John Watson
 - E) Socrates

5. William James was a prominent American
- A) psychoanalyst.
 - B) behaviorist.
 - C) functionalist.
 - D) structuralist.
 - E) gestaltist.
6. Who was the American philosopher who authored a textbook in 1890 for the emerging discipline of psychology?
- A) Wilhelm Wundt
 - B) John B. Watson
 - C) Sigmund Freud
 - D) William James
 - E) Mary Calkins
7. Behaviorists dismissed the value of
- A) science.
 - B) introspection.
 - C) spaced practice.
 - D) neuroscience.
 - E) reinforcement.
8. The inheritance of behavioral characteristics was emphasized by
- A) John Locke.
 - B) John Watson.
 - C) Wilhelm Wundt.
 - D) Charles Darwin.
 - E) B. F. Skinner.
9. Which perspective is most relevant to understanding the impact of strokes and brain diseases on memory?
- A) evolutionary
 - B) behavioral
 - C) psychodynamic
 - D) biological
 - E) humanistic

10. Professor Crisman believes that most women prefer tall and physically strong partners because this preference enhanced the survival of our ancestors' genes. This viewpoint best illustrates the _____ perspective.
- A) social-cultural
 - B) behavioral
 - C) cognitive
 - D) evolutionary
 - E) psychodynamic
11. The biological perspective in psychology would be most likely to emphasize that behavior is influenced by
- A) environmental circumstances.
 - B) blood chemistry.
 - C) unconscious conflicts.
 - D) subjective interpretations.
 - E) memory processes.
12. Natassia believes that boys learn to be more aggressive than girls primarily because boys are more frequently exposed to external pressures to fight. Natassia's belief most directly exemplifies the _____ perspective.
- A) behavioral
 - B) evolutionary
 - C) cognitive
 - D) psychodynamic
 - E) biological
13. Dr. Wilson attributes the delinquent behaviors of many teens to the pressures associated with being members of street gangs. Her account best illustrates a(n) _____ perspective.
- A) psychodynamic
 - B) behavioral
 - C) social-cultural
 - D) biological
 - E) evolutionary
14. Clinical psychologists specialize in
- A) constructing surveys.
 - B) animal research.
 - C) providing therapy to troubled people.
 - D) providing drugs to treat behavioral disorders.
 - E) treating patients in clinical settings.

15. Dr. Caleigh conducts basic research on the relationship between adults' language skills and their capacity to solve mathematical problems. Dr. Caleigh is most likely a(n) _____ psychologist.
- A) cognitive
 - B) biological
 - C) clinical
 - D) social
 - E) industrial-organizational
16. Mr. Christian has designed a camera with buttons that are easy to reach and see. Mr. Christian is most likely
- A) a cognitive psychologist.
 - B) conducting basic research.
 - C) using psychometrics.
 - D) engaged in applied research.
 - E) engaged in introspection.
17. Mr. Kay is interested in whether individual differences affect learning. Mr. Kay is most likely a(n) _____ psychologist.
- A) human factors
 - B) developmental
 - C) educational
 - D) social
 - E) clinical
18. Dr. Lipka is involved in an applied research study of customer satisfaction with a newly developed line of facial cosmetics and other beauty aids. Dr. Lipka is most likely a(n) _____ psychologist.
- A) clinical
 - B) developmental
 - C) social
 - D) personality
 - E) industrial-organizational
19. The distinctive feature of the psychodynamic perspective is its emphasis on
- A) natural selection.
 - B) brain chemistry.
 - C) unconscious conflicts.
 - D) learned behaviors.
 - E) introspection.

20. Professor Brody attempts to measure the relative contributions of inborn traits and social influences on homosexual behavior. Her research efforts best illustrate the interests of the _____ approach.
- A) biopsychosocial
 - B) psychodynamic
 - C) behavioral
 - D) cognitive
 - E) social-cultural

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Answer Key

- 1. C
- 2. B
- 3. C
- 4. C
- 5. C
- 6. D
- 7. B
- 8. D
- 9. D
- 10. D
- 11. B
- 12. A
- 13. C
- 14. C
- 15. A
- 16. D
- 17. C
- 18. E
- 19. C
- 20. A