

What Is Psychology

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This "test" is based on material to be presented throughout this course. Obviously you are not expected to know all the correct answers, although you will know some of them from other school courses and from your general reading and experience. You will **not** be graded on your responses.

Decide whether the below statements are true or false and fill in the correct bubble on the score sheet. If you cannot decide, guess, for there is no penalty for guessing.

1. Psychology is basically a study of the unconscious mind.
2. Everyone has a personality.
3. On the average, a man's brain weighs more than a woman's brain.
4. You can always recognize a mentally retarded person by their facial expression.
5. Alcohol is a stimulant.
6. Some psychologists can measure an individual's personality by having the individual tell what he or she sees in inkblots.
7. Although all higher animals have brains, the human brain is entirely different from the brain of any other animal.
8. Repeating research studies is usually not worth the effort.
9. Color blindness is more common in men than in women.
10. A fear of snakes is inborn in most individuals.
11. There are some people who are able to recall so clearly what they have seen that they can "read off" material in a book which has been closed.
12. The majority of mentally ill people can be cured of their mental illness.
13. A hypnotist can slip up behind someone and hypnotize them before the person knows what is happening.
14. Having someone read to you while you are asleep results in efficient learning of the material.
15. Even people in good mental health have illusions.
16. Studying difficult subjects, such as mathematics and Latin, sharpens the mind and thus makes the student brighter.
17. An inborn love of fighting is the basic cause of war.
18. Human beings are limited to five senses: sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste.
19. If two events always occur together, a person is logically safe in assuming that in some way one event causes the other.
20. "Nervous breakdowns" are caused by weak nerves.

21. Criminal tendencies are inherited.
22. More than half of the mentally retarded people in the U.S. show some signs of brain damage.
23. Everyone is either an introvert or an extrovert.
24. Daydreaming is in itself a sure symptom of poor mental health.
25. A lie detector measures what a person is thinking.
26. The mother contributes more than the father to the inheritance of a child.
27. Human beings are the only animal that can communicate with others of their own species.
28. Desperate criminals share certain typical physical characteristics by which they can be recognized.
29. There is unquestionable scientific evidence that thoughts can be transferred from one individual's mind to another individual's mind without the use of the senses.
30. Going to sleep after learning something is likely to result in better retention than in taking up another activity following the learning.
31. If the hypnotist does not tell his subject to awaken, the subject will sooner or later awaken anyway.
32. Four years of college work with a major in psychology enables a person to be a psychologist.
33. In child training, rewards are generally more effective than punishments.
34. A hypnotized person has no idea of what is going on around them when they are in the trance.
35. Individuals with very high IQ's are almost always very creative people.
36. Depriving an individual of dreams can cause temporary changes in their personality.
37. Most, if not all individuals have dreams.
38. Most psychiatrists today advocate the use of brain operations in the treatment of insane patients.
39. Fears may be biologically inherited from parents.
40. Many people, at one time or another, seriously believe they are going insane.
41. Psychologists and psychoanalysts are almost identical in their beliefs.
42. Correlational research measures the degree of differences between two or more groups.
43. The female increases in height faster than the male until the teen years.
44. Anyone can have a normal IQ if they go to school long enough.
45. Social behavior begins to develop when the individual is about two months old.
46. There are certain parts of the brain which are associated with specific behaviors.
47. Nearly all mentally retarded persons must be cared for in an institution.
48. Only psychologists are trained to perform psychotherapy.
49. The right and left sides of the brain perform identical functions.
50. Only a few number of people in the U.S. experience depression.