Critical Thinking Questions (CTQs)
PSYC 1A: Introduction to Psychology
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Review the 6 steps to writing strong CTQ answers on the syllabus and the CTQ Example Answer on my website in order to maximize the quality of your CTQ answers. The best CTQ answers are usually (1) a third of a page or longer, (2) detailed, (3) directly and specifically answer the CTQ, and (4) include what you think (not just what the book says). Use your own words as much as possible when typing your answers (don't just quote from the textbook), and when examples are asked for or necessary, give ones that you made up (not the ones in the textbook). Don’t repeat the CTQ—just give the answer only.

Chapter 1: Describe the fundamental difference between Watson’s Behaviorism and Freud’s Psychodynamic Psychology. Which do you agree with most and why?

Chapter 11: What about change is so stressful to most people? What can people do to reduce their stress specific to change?

Chapter 4: Describe the differences between substance abuse and substance dependency.

Chapter 3: Describe gate-control theory, and why the experience of pain differs from person-to-person.

Chapter 5: Define learned helplessness, and give an example of how it might look in a student dealing with difficult classes and dealing with someone who is physically abusive.

Chapter 6: Describe the reasons why a person giving eyewitness testimony might make mistakes.

Chapter 7: Define the compensatory model. How would you apply it in deciding which 4-year university to apply to and whether to live on-campus or off-campus?

Chapter 2: Someday, scientists might perfect genetic engineering of humans. What might be some of the negatives and positives of such ability.

Chapter 8: What are the similarities and differences between primary and secondary drives? Give an example of each. What might happen if a person believes that a secondary drive is a primary drive?

Chapter 9: One of the major problems faced by adolescents in American society is low self-esteem. What do you think contributes to this problem, and how do you think it can be overcome?

Chapter 10: Define internal locus of control and external locus of control. How would someone with an internal locus of control, and another person with an external locus of control approach getting good grades?

Chapter 12: How might the biological model and the cognitive-behavioral model explain the cause of depression? Which makes the most sense to you and why?

Chapter 13: Describe the positives and negatives of institutionalization and deinstitutionalization.

Chapter 14: Define cognitive dissonance and give an example of it from your life.