Critical Thinking Questions (CTQs)
PSYC 1A: Introduction to Psychology
Tu, Th 2:30-3:50 p.m. (10169)—SS 214
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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:  How does culture help in better understanding a person?—give plenty of details.

Chapter 11: What are the differences between direct coping and defensive coping? Which one of the two types of coping do you use the most and why?

Chapter 4:  What problems would arise if a person consumed excessive amounts of caffeine? What are some solutions to these problems?

Chapter 3: One type of extrasensory perception (ESP) is precognition. Describe what precognition is and what impact it would have on your life if you possessed such an ability.

Chapter 5: Define learned helplessness and give an example of how it might look in a student dealing with difficult classes and in addressing their poor health.

Chapter 6: What is the difference between short term memory (STM) and long term memory (LTM)? How do you hold information in each type of memory?

Chapter 7: Define the compensatory model. How would you apply it in deciding which 4-year university to apply to and who to marry?

Chapter 2: Someday, scientists might perfect human genetic engineering. What might be some of the negatives and positives of scientists having 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: What effects do you think TV has on children? How do you think you would be different if you had no TV to look at while growing up?

Chapter 10: Describe the extravert and the introvert. Which of the two are you most like and why?

Chapter 12: Two brothers come from a family where both parents have psychological disorders. One brother develops psychological problems, the other brother doesn’t. What theories could explain why one brother came down with psychological problems and the other didn’t?

Chapter 13: What are the similarities and differences between the insight and the behavior therapies?

Chapter 14: What is the difference between fundamental attribution error and defensive attribution? Give an example of each.