Psychology Study Guide Fall 2014

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Please study your tests from this semester, as approximately 80% of the final test questions will be taken directly from these. Other questions will be over the same material, but asked in a different way.

INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY AND SCIENCE OF PSYCHOLOGY

Module 1 The Story of Psychology

mod. 1 test

Module 2 Thinking Critically with Psychological Science

mod. 2 quiz

Module 3 Research Stategies

mod 3 test

BIOLOGY OF THE MIND

Module 4 Neural and Hormonal Systems

mod.4 quiz, test

Module 5 Tools of Discovery and Older Brain Structures

mod 5 test

Module 6 The Cerebral Cortex and Our Divided Brain

mod 6 quiz. test

CONSCIOUSNESS AND THE TWO-TRACK MIND

Module 7 Brain States and Consciousness

mod 7 test

Module 8 Sleep and Dreams

mod 8 test

Module 10 Drugs and Consciousness

mod 10 pop quiz, test

Please turn in your past tests and quizzes just prior to taking the final for extra points.

Be prepared to write 2 essay answers from the questions on the back of this paper.

- 1. Kathy does not want to become a psychologist because she has no interest in analyzing emotionally disturbed people. Use your knowledge of psychology's perspectives and subfields to expand Kathy's limited understanding of career opportunities for psychologists.
- 2. Describe how an understanding of both a normally functioning brain and a split brain enables us to better appreciate the fact that most information processing takes place outside of conscious awareness.
- 3. When your best friend hears that you are taking a psychology course, she asserts that psychology is simply common sense. Explain why your awareness of both the limits of everyday reasoning and the methods of psychological research would lead you to disagree with your friend's assertion.
- 4. Because he has difficulty falling asleep at night, Professor Hogan doesn't go to bed until very late. Before he retires, he tries to wear himself out by running around the block several times. Then he treats himself to a beer and perhaps a pizza while preparing his lecture for the next day's early morning classes. What specific advice would you give the professor to help him fall asleep?
- 5. After Lola began using a street drug to enhance her moods, she discovered that she needed larger and larger doses of the drug in order to feel the drug's effect. Use your understanding of the neurotransmission process to explain Lola's experience.
- 6. A classmate believes that alcohol, marijuana, and cocaine all have similar effects on behavior and that therefore all three drugs ought to be legalized. Carefully evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of your classmate's position.