

# Final Exam Questions

## Question 1:

Discuss the use of drugs, such as cocaine in Freud's time. There was no Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to require tests to be run on animal and human subjects for safety. Was Freud really responsible for the death of one of his friends in giving him a lethal dose of cocaine? Was Freud using "good practice" when he prescribed the medication? Do you believe, based on the text and your own research, that Freud was addicted to cocaine well beyond middle age? Lastly, using Freud's proposed psychosexual stages of personality development and the defense mechanisms, explain when someone can form a personality that can be predisposed to using drugs and what defense mechanisms are used to support that behaviour.

## Question 2:

Jung's theories have been controversial, concerning his combining the psychological and the mystical. The internet site below will help you to understand an oppositional approach to the use of Jung's theories in linkage with Christian ideology. Write an essay using this internet resource comparing and contrasting the theory of Jung, the oppositional approach of this article, and your agreement or disagreement with the articles' approach to the theories of Jung. Which areas of Jung's theory, according to the oppositional article; seem to be contrary to Christian ideology? Do you agree or disagree with these stated views in light of your own moral or ethical foundation? Which areas of Jung's theories, if any, do you perceive as compatible with Christian ideology? In your opinion and based on research, would Jung's theories be compatible with other major religions; such as Buddhism, Hinduism, and/or Muslim beliefs? <https://psychoheresy.com/>

## Question 3:

Give a brief description of two real-life examples of (a) a person with an inferiority complex and (b) a person with a superiority complex. You may use someone that is famous in politics, entertainment, or sports. Also, illustrate and list your own feelings of inferiority and superiority. Lastly, state what each person's birth order is and in light of their birth order list three traits or characteristics for each of these persons.

## Question 4:

The need for safety is addressed by Horney as an important ingredient for further development of the adult personality. Discuss the topic of the need for safety and the additional needs of security and structure for a child. Also comment on how these three needs combine to help a child feel warmth and affection by the parent(s). Additionally discuss specific issues which apply positively

and/or negatively to helping a child to have these basic issues resolved as they go through different stages in life.

**Question 5:**

Compare and contrast three different trait theories (you can use any of the theorists/theories from chapters 7 or 8 – Allport, Cattell, Eysenck, the Five-Factor Model, or the HEXACO Model Theory). Be sure to discuss the major components of each theory, list the similarities among the theories and comment on the differences between each of the theories. Lastly, in your opinion which theory would you most likely adhere to and why?

**Question 6:**

What conditions does a person need in childhood to become fully-functioning and self-actualizing as an adult? Brainstorm ideas concerning the ideal parental skills needed to produce these kinds of adults. What is the ideal environment in which a child is able to challenge their environment and make the choices in their lives which would lead them to become self-actualized as an adult? Rogers has been criticized by some to be so open to the “goodness” and the “common sense” of a person to make good choices that this model for children who are struggling for maturity may not be the best model to take full advantage of the theories of Carl Rogers or Abraham Maslow. Children, when faced with choices beyond their maturity level, may very well make acrimonious choices which may negatively affect their lives and the lives of others. This is in direct conflict with Roger’s theory of a person, who when left alone with their own choices, will make the best possible choices for their lives. Using research and your own opinion, utilize either Rogers or Maslows theory to comment on whether or not a child can adequately make good choices in their lives and how this can impact them into adulthood.

**Question 7:**

In light of Chapter 12 on B.F. Skinner, reflect on your own life, and comment on times when behavioural conditioning has been used on you and on times when you have used Skinners behaviourist principles. Be sure to include material on terms such as operant conditioning, reward(s), positive reinforcement, negative reinforcement, successive approximation (shaping), superstitious behaviour, and schedules of reinforcement.

**Question 8:**

Address the issue of aggressive behavior modeling and the media. Using the material and terminology from Chapter 13 (Albert Bandura) (i.e., observational learning, vicarious reinforcement, disinhibition, reward consequences, attentional processes, retention processes, production processes, incentive and motivational processes) discuss whether or not you think that people should be concerned that modeling may very well influence children to be aggressive or more likely to exhibit aggressive behaviour. Feel free to use examples from video games, music, ads from a

newspaper/magazine, a news report showing violence, a movie, or a television show that contains violent modeling to support your perspective. Lastly, state a person who has modelled behaviours (either positive or negative) that has influenced you. What impact have those behaviours had on you?