

Abnormal Psychology Essay Prompts

1. To what extent do biological, cognitive and sociocultural factors influence abnormal behaviour?
2. Evaluate psychological research (that is, theories and/or studies) relevant to the study of abnormal behaviour.
3. Examine the concepts of normality and abnormality.
4. Discuss validity and reliability of diagnosis.
5. Discuss cultural and ethical considerations in diagnosis (*for example, cultural variation, stigmatization*).
6. Describe symptoms and prevalence of one disorder from two of the following groups:
 - Anxiety disorders
 - Affective disorders
 - Eating disorders.
7. Analyse etiologies (in terms of biological, cognitive and/or sociocultural factors) of one disorder from two of the following groups:
 - Anxiety disorders
 - Affective disorders
 - Eating disorders.
8. Discuss cultural and gender variations in prevalence of disorders.
9. Examine biomedical, individual and group approaches to treatment.
10. Evaluate the use of biomedical, individual and group approaches to the treatment of one disorder.
11. Discuss the use of eclectic approaches to treatment.
12. Discuss the relationship between etiology and therapeutic approach in relation to one disorder.