# **History of Psychology**

## What is Psychology?

- Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behavior.
- It comes from philosophy and science.

#### **Development of Psychology**

- Wilhelm Wundt started the first psychology lab in 1879 in Germany.
- Structuralism was the first school of thought, using introspection (looking inward).
- Gestalt psychology believed in seeing the "whole" rather than just parts.
- **Sigmund Freud** developed **psychoanalysis**, focusing on the unconscious mind and childhood experiences.
- William James founded functionalism, looking at how the mind helps us adapt.
- John B. Watson started behaviorism, focusing only on observable behavior.

#### **Contemporary Perspectives**

- Behavioral: Behavior is learned from the environment (Pavlov, Skinner).
- Psychodynamic: Unconscious conflicts influence behavior (Freud).
- Humanistic: Focuses on free will and self-awareness (Maslow, Rogers).
- Physiological: Looks at the biological basis of behavior (hormones, brain).
- Cognitive: Studies mental processes like thinking and memory.
- Sociocultural: Considers how culture and society shape behavior.
- Positive: Focuses on positive aspects of human experience like happiness.

#### Psychologists: Who They Are & What They Do

- Experimental Psychologists: Conduct research.
- Clinical Psychologists: Treat people with disorders.
- Counseling Psychologists: Help with adjustment problems.
- School Psychologists: Work in schools.

- Educational Psychologists: Improve teaching methods.
- **Developmental Psychologists:** Study development across the lifespan.
- Industrial/Organizational Psychologists: Study work environments.
- Consumer Psychologists: Study consumer behavior.
- Forensic Psychologists: Work with the legal system.
- Sport Psychologists: Work with athletes.

#### How to Apply Psychology in Daily Life

- Relationships: Use communication and empathy.
- Personal Development: Build motivation and resilience.
- Professional Development: Improve productivity and decision-making.

#### Learning

- Learning is gaining new knowledge and skills throughout life.
- Key fields studying learning include **educational**, **neuropsychology**, **cognitive**, **behavioral**, **and social psychology**.
- Laws of learning: Readiness (be prepared), Exercise (practice), and Effect (positive outcomes).
- Trial and error involves trying different solutions until you succeed.
- **Primacy** is remembering the first things, and **recency** is remembering the last.
- Intensity helps you remember things when they are exciting and relevant.
- Project-Based Learning (PBL): Solve real problems by creating solutions.
- Case-Based Learning: Learn by analyzing real or fake scenarios to solve problems.
- **Experiential Learning**: Learn by doing and thinking about the experience.
- Inquiry-Based Learning: Learn by asking questions and investigating.
- Active Learning: Participate directly through activities like discussions and role-playing.
- Blended Learning: Combines in-person and online learning.
- Collaborative Learning: Work together to learn.

- Self-Directed Learning: Take charge of your own learning.
- Social Learning: Learn by watching and interacting with others.

## **Human Development**

- Human development explores how people change throughout life.
- Psychodynamic theories (Freud, Erikson) emphasize unconscious drives and early experiences.
- **Freud's theory** focuses on psychosexual stages (oral, anal, phallic, latent, genital) and personality (id, ego, superego).
- Erikson's theory outlines psychosocial stages (trust vs. mistrust, etc.) across the lifespan.
- Behaviorism (Pavlov, Skinner, Watson, Bandura) focuses on learning through conditioning and observation.
- Classical conditioning involves associating stimuli (Pavlov's dog).
- Operant conditioning uses rewards and punishments (Skinner).
- Social cognitive theory emphasizes observational learning (Bandura).
- Cognitive perspective (Piaget) examines changes in mental processes over time.
- Piaget's stages are sensorimotor, preoperational, concrete operational, and formal operational.
- Humanistic perspective (Rogers) focuses on self-actualization and congruence.

## **Motivation and Emotion**

- Motivation is what starts, guides, and keeps behavior going toward a goal.
- Needs (like hunger) create drives that push us to act.
- Maslow's hierarchy says we fulfill basic needs before higher ones.
- Drive-reduction theory says we seek balance.
- Optimum arousal theory says we like a moderate level of excitement.
- Incentives (rewards) also motivate us.
- Self-determination theory says we need competence, connection, and control.
- Self-efficacy (belief in success) boosts motivation.

- **Emotion** is a quick response to events, with physiological, behavioral, and feeling parts.
- **Theories of emotion:** James-Lange (body first), Cannon-Bard (body and mind at once), Schachter-Singer (body plus interpretation).
- Facial expressions can affect our emotions (facial feedback hypothesis).
- Motivation and emotion are linked; emotions can drive us.
- Happiness can be built.
- Improve motivation through intrinsic and extrinsic factors.

## **Emotional Intelligence**

- Emotional intelligence (EI) is understanding and managing your own and others' emotions.
- El has five key components: self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy, and social skills.
- Self-awareness is recognizing your own emotions, strengths, and weaknesses.
- Self-regulation is managing your emotions and behavior.
- Motivation is having internal drive and personal development.
- Empathy is understanding and sharing the feelings of others.
- · Social skills involve communication, problem-solving, and active listening.
- High El leads to happiness, less bullying, and better well-being.
- Develop EI through self-reflection (Johari window), cognitive reappraisal, and practicing empathy.
- Express emotions healthily by recognizing, understanding, labeling, expressing, and regulating them (RULER method).

## **Memory**

- Memory is our ability to store and recall information.
- The information-processing model describes memory as encoding, storage, and retrieval.
- **Encoding** transforms information (visual, acoustic, semantic).
- **Storage** keeps information in sensory, short-term, or long-term memory.
- Retrieval brings stored information back to mind through recall or recognition.

- The **three-stage model** includes sensory, short-term, and long-term memory.
- Sensory memory briefly holds sensory input.
- Short-term memory (STM) temporarily stores information.
- Long-term memory (LTM) has unlimited capacity and stores information permanently.
- Parallel Distributed Processing (PDP) says memory is spread across brain networks.
- Improve memory with practice, relating new information to old, and mnemonics.
- Thinking styles include intuitive, linear, relational, and chaotic/random processing.

# **Adaptation and Resilience**

- Adaptation is adjusting to new situations for survival.
- Resilience is bouncing back from challenges.
- Adjustment is balancing needs for harmony.
- **Defense mechanisms** are behaviors we use to cope (denial, displacement, projection, sublimation, suppression, compensation, rationalization, intellectualization, repression).
- Building resilience involves behaviors, thoughts, and actions.
- Three pillars of resilience: I HAVE (support), I AM (strengths), I CAN (skills).

# Sample Questions













