Study Questions for Chapter 14

~ Describe some of the problems associated with defining abnormality, and discuss why a *medical model* of psychological abnormalities was eventually adopted.

~ Describe how the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM-IV-TR)* is used to diagnose and classify mental disorders; include in your description three key elements that must be present for a cluster of symptoms to qualify as a potential mental disorder.

~ Explain how the *diathesis-stress model* contributes to our overall understanding of the classification and causes of psychological disorders; describe the *intervention-causation fallacy*.

~ Describe the central features of *anxiety disorders,* and describe the main differences between *generalized anxiety disorder, phobic disorders, panic disorder,* and *obsessive-compulsive disorder*.

~ Contrast *specific phobias* with *social phobia,* and comment on how *preparedness theory* might apply to phobic disorders.

~ Compare some varieties of depression, such as *major depressive disorder, dysthymia, double depression, seasonal affective disorder,* and *postpartum depression*.

~ Summarize the research evidence that implicates biological factors in depression.

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~ Discuss how gender, race, and age are related to suicide risk; list a number of warning signs associated with suicide risk.

~ Differentiate *bipolar disorder* from depression, and discuss biological and psychological factors implicated in bipolar disorder.

~ Describe the central features of *dissociative disorders,* and note the main differences between *dissociative identity disorder, dissociative amnesia,* and *dissociative fugue*.

~ Define *schizophrenia* and describe five symptoms of schizophrenia, providing an example of each.

~ Describe the main differences among the five subtypes of schizophrenia.

~ Discuss research evidence for the role of biological factors in schizophrenia, describing evidence from genetics, prenatal factors, biochemical factors,

neuroanatomy, and psychological factors.

~ Define *autistic disorder* and describe some symptoms of this disorder.

~ Describe the central features of *personality disorders,* and describe the main differences between the three clusters of personality disorders

~ Discuss several reasons why personality disorders are among the most controversial classifications in the *DSM-IV-TR.*

~ Describe the features of *antisocial personality disorder.*

~ Discuss the *positive psychology movement* and include in your discussion some recent research findings on happiness.