

2007 AP[®] PSYCHOLOGY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

2. Often misunderstood, schizophrenia is a psychological disorder affecting one percent of the population. In addition to treating the disorder, psychologists work to identify its nature and origins.
- Identify two characteristic symptoms used to diagnose schizophrenia.
 - Discuss a research finding that supports a genetic basis for schizophrenia.
 - What is the dopamine hypothesis regarding the origins of schizophrenia?
 - Describe how medications used to treat schizophrenia affect the actions of neurotransmitters at the synapses.
 - Identify a risk inherent in using medications in the treatment of schizophrenia.
 - People sometimes confuse schizophrenia with dissociative identity disorder (DID). Identify two key characteristics that differentiate DID from schizophrenia.

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