

2019 AP[®] PSYCHOLOGY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

PSYCHOLOGY

SECTION II

Time—50 minutes

Percent of total score— $33\frac{1}{3}$

Directions: You have 50 minutes to answer BOTH of the following questions. It is not enough to answer a question by merely listing facts. You should present a cogent argument based on your critical analysis of the questions posed, using appropriate psychological terminology.

1. Professor Menendez conducted an experiment to investigate the effects of a new medication for treating the symptoms of obsessive-compulsive disorder.

Part A

Explain the concept of compulsion in the context of obsessive-compulsive disorder.

Part B

Explain why each of the following would be used in this experiment to help establish cause and effect.

- Random assignment
- Placebo condition

Part C

Professor Menendez presented the research at an international conference. After the presentation, audience members met in small groups to discuss the research.

Explain how each of the following may affect the attendees' discussion of the research.

- Groupthink
- Display rules
- Belief perseverance
- Cocktail party effect

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2. Karl is planning for finals week at college. He has exams in four classes and has a group project in one of his classes.

Part A

Provide a specific application of how each of the following could help Karl succeed on the four exams.

- State-dependent memory
- Distributed practice
- Long-term potentiation
- Self-efficacy

Part B

Provide a specific application of how each of the following could hinder Karl's contribution to the success of the group project.

- Convergent thinking
- Informational social influence
- Defense mechanism of regression

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