PSY141

Final Exam: Part B

Written-answer Template

Answer 1: Question 3

Groupthink is when a group values agreement over good decisions. It can be prevented by -

1.Encouraging everyone to speak up, even if they disagree

2.Listening to different opinions

3.Bring in outside perspectives.

4.Assigning someone to challenge ideas.

5.Breaking into smaller groups.

6.Having a clear decision-making process.

Answer 2: Question 6

When people believe stereotypes, they may treat others according to those stereotypes. This can make people act in ways that fit the stereotype, even if it's not true. For example, if someone thinks a group is not good at something, they might treat them differently, leading them to actually perform poorly. This cycle keeps the stereotype going.

Answer 3: Question 1

When people go through a hard initiation to join a group, they might start thinking that the group is super important to them. This is because they want to make sense of all the effort they put in. They basically tell themselves, "I went through all that trouble, so this group must mean a lot to me." This is called justifying their effort.

Answer 4: Question 2

People shocked or conformed because they felt pressured by authority figures or the group. They were afraid to go against what they were told or what others were doing. They also gradually got used to it and felt less responsible for their actions.

Answer 5: Question 5

Prosocial behavior means doing good things for others without expecting anything in return. People from higher-income backgrounds tend to show more prosocial behavior. This could be because they have more resources to help others, they grew up in communities where kindness is valued, and they may have learned to understand other people's feelings better.