

PSY 495: History and Systems

Take Home Question Set #2

Directions: Answer one of the questions in Section A for 15 points. Answer one of the questions in Section B for 10 points. Answer one question in Section C for 5 points. Your responses should adequately address all aspects of the question. Most questions in Section A can be answered in at least 2 pages of typewritten, double-spaced text. Those from Section B can be answered in approximately 1 to 1½ pages. Those in Section C can be answered in approximately 1 page. Be sure to review the web page for specific directions and guidelines for answering questions. Remember, your name should only appear on the Identity Code sheet, which should be stapled to the back of your answers.

Section A:

1. There are at least four men who could be called the founder of psychology: Renee Descartes, Gustav Fechner, Hermann von Helmholtz, and Wilhelm Wundt. Discuss the pros and cons of the claim of founder for each person. Finally, tell me who you believe is the founder of psychology and why that person has your support.

Section B:

2. Discuss the ontology, epistemology, and methodology of Titchener's structuralism. Be sure to describe introspection and the qualities of conscious experience. Finally, detail the limitations of structuralism.

3. Describe Fechner's insight from October 22, 1850. Describe how Fechner measured sensations as part of your discussion of psychophysics. Discuss how Fechner's work may have been the necessary precondition for the founding of psychology as a separate discipline.

4. Briefly describe the three research programs of Wundt. How was Wundt's psychology influenced by the work of German physiologists and the British empiricists? What was the fate of Wundtian psychology?

Section C:

5. You are the Dean at the University of Leipzig in 1893. Write a report detailing the accomplishments of the Experimental Psychology program to date.

6. Assume you are a graduate student working with Edward Bradford Titchener. Provide a journal entry that describes your work in a typical day.

Bonus Point Opportunity:

7. Point your browser to <http://www.cwu.edu/~warren/today.html>. Select October 13 as the date. Pick one of the entries and tell me why it is considered an important event in the history of psychology. (5 pts)

Due Date: Monday, October 13, 2014, at the beginning of class

Create an Identity Code:

Give me a code that is at least 5 digits in length. There should be both letters and numbers in this code. (I reserve the right to ask people to change their codes if necessary.)

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