

PSY 495: History and Systems

Take Home Question Set #3

Directions: Answer one of the two questions in Section A for 15 points. Answer one of the two 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. The questions in Section A can be answered in approximately 1½ to 2 pages of typewritten, double-spaced text. Those from Section B can be answered in approximately 1 to 1½ pages. The questions in section C can be answered in about 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. William James (1890) first framed the automatic sweetheart question in his work entitled *Pragmatism*. In a pragmatic test for the importance of consciousness, James asked the reader to imagine a soulless automatic sweetheart (e.g., robot) whose actions are identical to that of a real soulful human. James then asked if anyone could possibly consider the automatic sweetheart to be the equal of a spiritually animated human sweetheart. My question to you is: how would James himself respond to this question? Part of the response should focus on James' conceptualizations of consciousness and emotion.

Section B:

3. John Dewey never did a single experiment worth remembering. However, there are those who argue that he is more important to psychology's history than the experimentalist, Edward Titchener. Discuss how this might be.

4. Describe how the theory of evolution was incorporated into the field of psychology. At a minimum, you should discuss functionalism, Herbert Spencer, and Francis Galton.

Section C:

5. It is the late 19th century, and you have been diagnosed with neurasthenia. In narrative prose, describe the treatment(s) that has(have) been prescribed for you to treat this illness.

Bonus Point Opportunity:

6. Do a search and tell me who is the only psychologist to be honored on a U.S. stamp. (3 pts)

Due Date: June 29, 2012 at the beginning of class

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