

Chapter 14: Psychological Disorders

1. Describe the different aspects that help define a behavior as abnormal.
2. Define the concept of insanity and provide at least one example of a behavior that would be considered psychologically disordered but not insane.
3. Identify the main characteristics of anxiety disorders and compare and contrast two different types of anxiety disorders.
4. What is the common characteristic of the dissociative disorders? Compare and contrast the three types of dissociative disorders.
5. What is the difference between major depression and bipolar disorder? How would each of these disorders disrupt a person's cognitive, emotional, and interpersonal behavior?
6. Describe the positive and negative symptoms of schizophrenia.
7. Describe some of the factors that contribute to the development of schizophrenia. Note research describing both psychological factors and biological factors.
8. What is the potential harm in using diagnostic labels?
9. Describe the major characteristics of an individual with an antisocial personality disorder.
10. What is used to classify psychological disorders? Describe the five axes that are used by this classification system. What types of information are encoded on each axis?
11. Describe the diagnostic criteria (often called vegetative symptoms) of depression.