Take Home Question Set #1

**Directions:** Answer one of the two questions in Section A for 10 points. Answer one of the two questions in Section B for 10 points. Answer one question in Section C for 10 points. Your responses should adequately address all aspects of the question. Most questions can be answered in approximately 1½ to 2 pages of typewritten, double-spaced text. 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. Describe, compare and contrast the personalistic and naturalistic theories as conceptions of scientific history. How could the conceptions of Darwin be used to illustrate both theories?

2. What is meant by the term *school of thought*? What is meant by the term *paradigm*? Describe Kuhn’s model of scientific advancement. At what level would you place the science of psychology? Defend your answer.

**Section B:**

3. Define positivism, materialism, and empiricism. What early contributions did each of these movements contribute to the science of psychology? Using what you know about the current state of psychology, where do you see the influence of these ways of thinking?

4. Briefly describe the contributions of pre-Renaissance philosophers to the emerging science of psychology.

**Section C:**

5. Begin to develop your own theory of why people do what they do. To do this, tell me which ideas of which philosophers discussed in Chapter Two, or my lecture for Chapter Two (but only Chapter Two), you would include in your personal theory and tell me why you would include these concepts.

**Bonus Point Opportunity:**

**Directions:** Read one of the following two articles (available to be copied or read in my office) and, in 1 page, summarize the major point(s) of the article and indicate how the information presented in the article differs from the current practice(s) in psychology. This will be worth up to 5 Bonus Points.


**Due Date:** June 13, 2006, 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.)

Write your Identity Code here: ______________________________.

Attach this sheet to the back of your answers. Your name should not appear anywhere else in your answers.

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