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This testbank has been created to supplement Field and Cartwright-Hatton's Essential Abnormal and Clinical Psychology.

The questions have been split out by chapter. Correct answers are marked with an asterisks.

Chapter 1: The big issues in classification, diagnosis, and research into psychological disorders

1.	Which of the following is <i>not</i> one of the 'fou	r Ds	that can	be used	to	define	what
	makes somebody 'abnormal'?						

- A. Deviance
- B. Distress
- C. Difficult*
- D. Dangerous
- 2. When was the fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM 5) published?
- A. 1990
- B. 2000
- C. 2010
- D. 2013*
- 3. Which of the following assumptions are *not* made by classification systems for psychological disorders, such as DSM-5 and ICD-10?
- A. Different psychological disorders are distinct from each other
- B. Diagnosis is possible only if the ultimate causes of symptoms are understood*
- C. Diagnosis of a specific disorder will ensure that a person will receive the most appropriate treatment
- D. Two patients with the same diagnosis (e.g. 'Schizophrenia') are likely to be similar to each other.
- 4. Which of the following criticisms were made of DSM 5?
- A. The number of different psychological disorders was reduced
- B. The threshold for being diagnosed with a psychological disorder was lowered*
- C. The symptom-based approach was adopted
- D. Fewer people would receive medication for their psychological disorder

- 5. Psychological (or case) formulation....
- A. Usually takes place alongside diagnosis of a specific disorder*
- B. Is based on the psychoanalytic approach
- C. Is not suitable for patients who are seriously mentally ill
- D. All of the above
- 6. What does the implicit association test (IAT) measure?
- A. The strength of automatic associations between different categories of objects*
- B. Beliefs about a certain object, e.g. spiders
- C. Working memory capacity
- D. The likelihood that a person will behave in a certain way
- 7. What can functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) tell us?
- A. Which parts of the brain have abnormal structure.
- B. If levels of neurotransmitters in the brain are within normal levels
- C. Which areas of the brain are relatively active, and which relatively underactive, at that moment in time *
- D. The pattern of electrical activity on the scalp
- 8. Which of the following statements about qualitative research methods are true?
- A. The aim is to gather a deep understanding of human experience
- B. Findings from qualitative research can be used to develop theories and hypotheses that can be tested in future research
- C. Caution is required before generalising the findings to people other than those who were studied
- D. All of the above *
- 9. Which of the following is a disadvantage of cross-sectional research methods?
- A. They do not allow us to characterise psychological disorders accurately
- B. They do not allow us to identify the causes or consequences of psychological disorders*
- C. They do not allow us to demonstrate associations between different psychological constructs
- D. They do not enable us to quantify human behaviour or subjective experience
- 10. Studies that use prospective (or longitudinal) research methods can inform us....

- A. Which symptoms cluster together
- B. If one symptom causes a different symptom
- C. Which psychological characteristics predict who will develop a psychological disorder in the future*
- D. If one treatment is better than another

Chapter 2: How are Psychological Disorders Treated?

- 1. Which of these is *not* a benefit of prescribing medications for psychological disorders?
- A. Medications usually have long-lasting effects that are maintained once the medication is withdrawn*
- B. Medications are usually cheaper to provide than therapies
- C. There are not enough qualified therapists to give therapy to all who need it. Medication can help people who don't have access to therapy
- D. Taking medication takes less time and effort than engaging in therapy
- 2. What is a randomised controlled trial (RCT)?
- A. An experiment where participants take part in a number of interventions in a randomised order
- B. An experiment where some of the participants will be randomly assigned to receive the intervention of interest, and the others will receive no treatment or a control treatment *
- C. An experiment where all participants trial a new treatment, followed by a control treatment
- D. None of the above
- 3. Which of the following is *not* a difficulty of running an RCT?
- A. It is difficult to know whether improvements in treated clients were due to the new intervention or simply the passage of time*
- B. Drop-out rates are often very high
- C. It is difficult to make sure that outcome assessments are objective and unbiased
- D. The researcher's excitement about an intervention may result in that intervention doing better than it's comparison
- 4. What does it mean to have a "double-blind" trial?

- A. The participant doesn't know whether or not they are receiving the treatment of interest
- B. The researcher doesn't know whether or not the participant is receiving the treatment of interest
- C. Neither the participant or the researcher knows whether or not the participant is receiving the treatment of interest*
- D. Both the participant and the researcher know whether or not the participant is receiving the treatment of interest
- 5. Why might meta-analyses of treatment trials be used in the context of intervention evaluation?
- A. Meta-analyses test whether it is feasible to carry out a trial of a new intervention
- B. Meta-analyses enable the pooling of results from a number of trials, to give a more powerful insight into the effectiveness of new interventions*
- C. Meta-analyses of treatment trials identify why new interventions are or are not effective
- D. Both B and C
- 6. Which of the following describes the theoretical framework of Freud's psychodynamic theory?
- A. People are influenced by early traumatic experiences
- B. People are influenced by 'unconscious desires'
- C. Characters and situations in people's dreams are symbolic of other things, such as the individual's feelings of resentment or sexual desires
- D. All of the above*
- 7. Which of the following is true of Freud's psychodynamic approach to treatment of psychological disorders?
- A. Freud identified the role of the unconscious and early life experiences, leading to the later development of other models of psychological treatment*
- B. It has been shown, in rigorous RCTs, to be superior to CBT for most psychological disorders
- C. It is based on sound scientific understanding
- D. None of the above
- 8. Why are clients given homework as part of cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT)?
- A. To test the client on what they have learnt during the session
- B. To check that the client is engaged with the therapy
- C. To practice what they have learnt during the session within the outside world*

- D. None of the above
- 9. Which of the following is *not* an ethical principle from the Code of Ethics and Conduct (2009)
- A. Dependability*
- B. Competence
- C. Integrity
- D. Respect
- 10. In which of the following scenarios would it be appropriate to break the confidentiality agreement with a client?
- A. It would never be appropriate to break the confidentiality agreement with a client
- B. If a client tells you that they have a clear plan to kill themselves after leaving the session
- C. If a client tells you that they have abused a child
- D. Both B and C*