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1. A person who systematically gathers information so as to describe, predict, and explain abnormality is called a clinical:
   a. mentalist.
   b. legalist.
   c. scientist.
   d. practitioner.

ANSWER: c

2. If a person wants a career focused on detecting, assessing, and treating abnormal patterns of functioning, that person should look into becoming a clinical:
   a. practitioner.
   b. researcher.
   c. historian.
   d. statistician.

ANSWER: a

3. Which statement is the MOST accurate conclusion about the current state of abnormal psychology in the United States?
   a. There is no single definition of abnormality, no single theoretical understanding of the causes of mental illness, and no single best treatment.
   b. We do know what mental illness is, but we do not understand what causes it or the best way to treat it.
   c. We have not advanced much beyond the demonology era.
   d. Today, we understand what causes mental illness and how best to treat it; we can also define it.

ANSWER: a

4. Commonly accepted features of abnormality include deviance, distress, dysfunction, and:
   a. danger.
   b. docility.
   c. delusions.
   d. deference.

ANSWER: a

5. The MOST accurate summary of the field of abnormal psychology at the present time is that clinical psychologists generally:
   a. accept one definition of abnormality and practice one form of treatment.
   b. do not accept one definition of abnormality but practice one form of treatment.
   c. accept one definition of abnormality but practice more than one form of treatment.
   d. do not accept one definition of abnormality and practice more than one form of treatment.

ANSWER: d

6. The stated and unstated rules for proper conduct that a society establishes are referred to as:

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a. norms.
b. culture.
c. morality.
d. conventions.

ANSWER: a

7. The history, values, institutions, habits, skills, technology, and arts of a society make up that society's:
a. laws.
b. norms.
c. culture.
d. conventions.

ANSWER: c

8. Behavior that violates legal norms is BEST described as:
a. deviant and criminal.
b. distressful and criminal.
c. deviant and psychopathological.
d. distressful and psychopathological.

ANSWER: a

9. A school-age child is disrespectful and rude to her mother at a family outing. The MOST accurate description of this behavior is:
a. deviant.
b. criminal.
c. dangerous.
d. psychopathological.

ANSWER: a

10. Deviant behavior is behavior that:
a. is illegal.
b. violates the society's norms.
c. is dangerous to self or others.
d. causes dysfunction in the individual's life.

ANSWER: b

11. Aggressive behavior would NOT be viewed as abnormal behavior in a:
a. society that values independence.
b. culture that emphasizes competitiveness.
c. family that has experienced a traumatic event.
d. person who has exhibited this behavior since early childhood.

ANSWER: b

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12. Which depressed person would be the LEAST likely to be diagnosed with a mental disorder, because of the specific circumstances present?
    a. Someone whose mother was depressed
    b. Someone whose community was recently destroyed by a hurricane
    c. Someone who was experiencing a chemical brain imbalance
    d. Someone who also had an alcohol use disorder

ANSWER: b

13. If a person experienced anxiety or depression following a significant natural disaster, we would say that the person was:
    a. suffering from a mental illness.
    b. deviant but not dangerous.
    c. exhibiting a typical reaction.
    d. statistically deviant.

ANSWER: c

14. Which of these individuals would be MOST likely to be classified as exhibiting abnormal behavior?
    a. A person who experiences grief immediately after losing her job and then her house
    b. A person who is nervous about shopping alone for weeks after being attacked by a mugger
    c. A person who always washes his hands immediately after returning home from grocery shopping
    d. A person who engages in multiple checking rituals each day and consequently is unable to hold down a job

ANSWER: d

15. Which statement about deviant behavior is TRUE?
    a. What is defined as deviant can change over time.
    b. What is considered deviant behavior is the same across all cultures.
    c. Deviant behavior is a precursor to psychologically abnormal behavior.
    d. People who engage in deviant behavior are always unaware that their behavior is deviant.

ANSWER: a

16. Morgan hears voices that others do not but is not distressed by them. This illustrates that:
    a. distress must always be used to determine abnormality.
    b. behavior that is not really dangerous can never be considered abnormal.
    c. distress does not have to be present for a person's behavior to be considered abnormal.
    d. behavior that is not distressful is not abnormal.

ANSWER: c

17. People who engage in frenetic, manic activity may not experience distress. Their behavior is:
    a. nevertheless considered abnormal.
    b. not abnormal because abnormality requires distress.

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c. illegal but not abnormal.
d. no longer considered abnormal but was considered abnormal in the past.

ANSWER: a

18. Which statement about distress is TRUE?
a. Distress is a subjective experience.
b. Distress is always considered abnormal.
c. Distress is more common in women than in men.
d. Distress is always characterized overt, observable signs.

ANSWER: a

19. An individual has a 9-to-5 job. However, this person seldom gets up early enough to be at work on time and expresses great distress over this behavior. This individual's behavior would be considered abnormal because it is:
a. disturbed.
b. deviant.
c. dysfunctional.
d. dangerous.

ANSWER: c

20. Which aspect of the definition of abnormality includes the inability to care for oneself and work productively?
a. Distress
b. Deviance
c. Dysfunction
d. Danger to self or others

ANSWER: c

21. Which person would NOT be considered abnormal, despite the fact that the person's behavior is dysfunctional?
a. Someone who is too confused to drive safely
b. Someone who parties so much that he or she cannot go to class
c. Someone who goes on a hunger strike to protest social injustice
d. Someone who cannot stay alone for even one night

ANSWER: c

22. Just a few decades ago, a woman's love for racecar driving would have been considered abnormal. This statement illustrates that:
a. abnormal thinking centers on fear.
b. abnormality can be situational.
c. everyone is a little eccentric.
d. women are labeled as "abnormal" more frequently than are men.

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ANSWER: b

23. When behavior prevents a person from participating in ordinary social interactions, that behavior is said to be:
    a. deviant.
    b. dangerous.
    c. distressing.
    d. dysfunctional.

ANSWER: d

24. A person who is having suicidal thoughts and can see no reason for living BEST fits which definition of abnormality?
    a. Deviance
    b. Distress
    c. Danger
    d. Dysfunction

ANSWER: c

25. A Secret Service agent steps in front of the president of the United States, prepared to be killed or injured if the president's safety is threatened. Psychologically speaking, the Secret Service agent's behavior is:
    a. functional but psychologically abnormal.
    b. functional and not psychologically abnormal.
    c. dysfunctional and psychologically abnormal.
    d. dysfunctional but not psychologically abnormal.

ANSWER: d

26. Research shows that danger to self or others is found in:
    a. all cases of abnormal functioning.
    b. most cases of abnormal functioning.
    c. some cases of abnormal functioning.
    d. no cases of abnormal functioning.

ANSWER: c

27. Despite popular misconceptions, most people with psychological problems are not:
    a. dysfunctional.
    b. dangerous.
    c. distressed.
    d. deviant.

ANSWER: b

28. According to Thomas Szasz's views, the deviations that some call mental illness are really:
    a. mental illness.

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b. problems in living.
c. caused by one's early childhood experiences.
d. eccentric behaviors with a biological cause.

ANSWER: b

29. A researcher spends 15 hours or more each day conducting experiments or doing library reading and recording observations on color-coded index cards. This person lives alone in the country but doesn't interfere with others' lives. The BEST description of the researcher's behavior is that it is:
a. eccentric.
b. abnormal.
c. dangerous.
d. dysfunctional.

ANSWER: a

30. College students who drink so much that it interferes with their lives, health, and academic careers are often not diagnosed as engaging in abnormal behavior because:
a. the behavior is not illegal.
b. they are just considered eccentric.
c. they don't harm anyone but themselves.
d. drinking is considered part of college culture.

ANSWER: d

31. Using the four Ds to define abnormal behavior:
a. allows us to create diagnoses that are clear-cut and not debatable.
b. allows us to eliminate those who are merely eccentric.
c. allows us to include those who experience no distress.
d. is still often vague and subjective.

ANSWER: d

32. Lady Gaga and other eccentrics are usually not considered to be experiencing a mental illness because:
a. they are not deviant.
b. they freely choose and enjoy their behavior.
c. they are dangerous only to others, not to themselves.
d. while they are distressed by their behavior, others are not.

ANSWER: b

33. Which is NOT a characteristic of eccentrics noted by researchers in the field?
a. Disinterest in others' lives
b. Having a diagnosable mental illness
c. Being creative
d. Being a poor speller

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ANSWER: b

34. Studies show that eccentrics are more likely than individuals with mental disorders to say:
    a. "I feel like my behavior has been thrust on me."
    b. "I'm different, and I like it."
    c. "I am in a lot of pain, and I suffer a great deal."
    d. "I wish I were not so 'unique.'"

ANSWER: b

35. According to Jerome Frank, all forms of therapy have three essential features: a sufferer who seeks relief, a trained and socially accepted healer, and a(n):
    a. clinical diagnosis.
    b. period of remission.
    c. acceptance of a higher power.
    d. series of contacts between the sufferer and the healer.

ANSWER: d

36. Arvind is feeling overwhelmed at work and has been having anxiety episodes for a few weeks. Acting on the advice of a friend, Arvind takes a vacation and feel less distress. Is this an example of therapy?
    a. Yes, a person in distress took action and felt relief.
    b. Yes, a person sought relief, obtained advice, and acted upon that advice.
    c. No, there is no trained healer in this scenario.
    d. No, the sufferer felt some relief but there is no mention of the episodes resolving the problem permanently.

ANSWER: c

37. A theorist who sees abnormality as a problem in living usually refers to those seeking help with problems in living as:
    a. pupils.
    b. patients.
    c. trainees.
    d. clients.

ANSWER: d

38. A theorist who views therapists as teachers of more functional behavior and thought is MOST likely to view abnormality as a(n):
    a. illness.
    b. spiritual issue.
    c. a problem in living.
    d. developmental disorder.

ANSWER: c

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39. Which statement BEST defines treatment?
    a. It is a procedure that cures an illness.
    b. It is any process that provides relief to a sufferer.
    c. It is a process that aids the person in developing functional coping skills.
    d. It is a procedure designed to change abnormal behavior into more normal behavior.

ANSWER: d

40. It is thought that people in prehistoric societies believed abnormal behavior resulted from:
    a. advancing age.
    b. a person not having a soul.
    c. evil spirits that invaded the body.
    d. a state of being disconnected from the Earth and nature.

ANSWER: c

41. The ancient operation in which a stone instrument was used to cut away a circular section of the skull is called:
    a. exorcism.
    b. shaman.
    c. couvade.
    d. trephination.

ANSWER: d

42. Ancient societies commonly treated abnormal behavior by:
    a. committing the affected persons to asylums.
    b. providing moral treatment.
    c. performing an exorcism.
    d. changing the diet.

ANSWER: c

43. A person seeking help for a psychological abnormality is made to drink bitter herbal potions and then submit to a beating, in the hope that "evil spirits" will be driven from the person's body. This form of "therapy" is called:
    a. exorcism.
    b. shaman.
    c. couvade.
    d. trephination.

ANSWER: a

44. A person being treated by a shaman would MOST likely be undergoing:
    a. psychoanalysis.
    b. a tarantella.

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c. community-based treatment.
d. an exorcism.

ANSWER: d

45. Hippocrates believed that treatment for mental disorders should involve:
a. releasing evil spirits trapped in the brain.
b. bringing the four body humors back into balance.
c. punishing the body for its sins.
d. giving control over to a higher power.

ANSWER: b

46. Hippocrates' contribution to the development of understanding mental illness was the view that such conditions were the result of:
a. stress.
b. natural causes.
c. brain pathology.
d. spiritual deviations.

ANSWER: b

47. Hippocrates thought that abnormal behavior resulted from an imbalance in the four humors, one of which was:
a. water.
b. lymph gland fluid.
c. phlegm.
d. cerebrospinal fluid.

ANSWER: c

48. Hippocrates attempted to treat mental disorders by:
a. hypnotizing patients.
b. chaining patients to walls.
c. correcting underlying physical pathology.
d. encouraging patients to speak about past traumas.

ANSWER: c

49. Luther experiences unshakable sadness. His friends have stopped trying to cheer him up because nothing works. An ancient Greek physician would have labeled his condition:
a. mania.
b. hysteria.
c. delusions.
d. melancholia.

ANSWER: d

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50. Which approach was LEAST likely to be used by an ancient Greek physician to treat someone believed to be suffering from an imbalance of the humors?
    a. Exercise
    b. Lobotomy
    c. Bloodletting
    d. A change in diet

ANSWER: b

51. The ancient Greeks might find that a flash mob is MOST similar to:
    a. mass madness.
    b. melancholia.
    c. trephination.
    d. general paresis.

ANSWER: a

52. In the Middle Ages, the model of mental illness that MOST people believed in was the:
    a. moral model.
    b. medical model.
    c. psychogenic model.
    d. demonology model.

ANSWER: d

53. Which statement is NOT a reason that demonology dominated views of abnormality in Europe in the Middle Ages?
    a. The power of the clergy increased greatly.
    b. The Church rejected scientific forms of investigation.
    c. The Church controlled education.
    d. Overall health during this period was slowly improving.

ANSWER: d

54. The Middle Ages condition of mass madness referred to a large group of people who:
    a. believed that God does not exist.
    b. had borderline personality disorder.
    c. shared delusions and hallucinations.
    d. engaged in violent criminal acts against others.

ANSWER: c

55. A condition that people in the Middle Ages included in the general term *mass madness* was:
    a. leprosy.
    b. epilepsy.
    c. lycanthropy.

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d. melancholia.

ANSWER: c

56. Tarantism and lycanthropy are examples of:
a. exorcism.
b. mass madness.
c. physical pathology causing mental illness.
d. disorders that were treated with trephination.

ANSWER: b

57. St. Vitus' dance, characterized by people suddenly going into convulsions, jumping around, and dancing, was also known as:
a. lycanthropy.
b. melancholia.
c. phlegmatism.
d. tarantism.

ANSWER: d

58. Those MOST often in charge of treating abnormality in the Middle Ages in Europe were:
a. physicians.
b. nobility.
c. peasants.
d. clergy.

ANSWER: d

59. Toward the end of the Middle Ages, cities began to flourish. How did this help foster a shift away from demonology?
a. City officials made it illegal to teach demonology.
b. Government officials took over care for the mentally ill.
c. Government officials began to treat the mentally ill as criminals.
d. The mentally ill were run out of cities and left to take care of themselves.

ANSWER: b

60. The individual considered to be the founder of the modern study of psychopathology is:
a. Hippocrates.
b. Johann Weyer.
c. Dorothea Dix.
d. Emil Kraepelin.

ANSWER: b

61. Johann Weyer was a physician in the:

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a. 1200s.
b. 1500s.
c. 1700s.
d. 1800s.

ANSWER: b

62. In the fifteenth century, pilgrims in Europe who sought "psychic healing" would have been MOST likely to go to:
a. Bethlehem Hospital in London.
b. Gheel, Belgium.
c. La Bicítre in Paris.
d. Athens, Greece.

ANSWER: b

63. The textbook authors describe the treatment of mental illness in the early 1600s as a forerunner to community mental health programs because:
a. local residents provided housing, food, and companionship to the mentally ill.
b. asylums were created to provide long-term care for those persons with mental illness.
c. government officials enacted laws to protect the rights of those persons with mental illness.
d. those persons receiving care for mental illness were required to "give back" in the form of community service.

ANSWER: a

64. In the early asylums, treatment for mental illness began with the intention to provide:
a. harsh treatment.
b. good care.
c. religious therapies.
d. psychogenic therapy.

ANSWER: b

65. In many areas in the mid- and late 1500s, asylums such as Bethlehem Hospital in London became:
a. shrines.
b. tourist attractions.
c. sheltered workshops.
d. centers of moral treatment.

ANSWER: b

66. What is the most famous characteristic of Bethlehem Hospital, founded in London in 1547?
a. Popularly called "Bedlam," it came to represent deplorable conditions for patients.
b. It was the first asylum founded by Hippocrates.
c. It was founded by Henry VIII as a place to house his numerous ex-wives.

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d. It was the first asylum where the moral treatment of patients was practiced.

ANSWER: a

67. The asylums of the 1500s were originally:
    a. churches and parishes.
    b. privately owned homes.
    c. hospitals and monasteries.
    d. prisons and government offices.

ANSWER: c

68. Why did many of the asylums in the 1500s became virtual prisons over time?
    a. Overcrowding
    b. Food shortages during this period
    c. Research linking mental illness with crime
    d. Public outcry over the dangers of mental illness

ANSWER: a

69. Who brought the reforms of moral therapy to northern England?
    a. John Dix
    b. Joseph Gall
    c. William Tuke
    d. Benjamin Rush

ANSWER: c

70. The basis for moral treatment of asylum patients was the belief that:
    a. mental problems had a biological basis.
    b. demonology was a cause of mental illness.
    c. mental illness should be treated humanely and with respect.
    d. the cause of mental illness was immoral behavior.

ANSWER: c

71. Who brought the reforms of moral therapy to the United States?
    a. John Dix
    b. Joseph Gall
    c. William Tuke
    d. Benjamin Rush

ANSWER: d

72. The American schoolteacher who lobbied state legislatures for laws to mandate humane treatment of people with mental disorders was:
    a. William Tuke.

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b. Dorothea Dix.
c. Clifford Beers.
d. Benjamin Rush.

ANSWER: b

73. Which development was part of the legacy of Dorothea Dix?
a. Deinstitutionalization
b. State mental hospitals
c. Federal prisons
d. Privatization of mental hospitals

ANSWER: b

74. Which was NOT a factor in the decline in the use of moral treatment and the rise in the use of custodial care in mental hospitals at the end of the twentieth century?
a. The total lack of success of moral treatment
b. Funding and staffing shortages
c. Prejudice against poor, immigrant patients in hospitals
d. The assumption that all patients could be fully cured with moral treatment

ANSWER: a

75. The moral treatment movement rapidly declined in the late nineteenth century because:
a. prejudice against those with mental disorders decreased.
b. fewer and fewer people were being sent to mental hospitals.
c. all patients needing treatment had to be helped.
d. hospitals became underfunded and overcrowded.

ANSWER: d

76. One factor that contributed to the decline of moral therapy was:
a. it did not work for everyone.
b. it was shown to be completely ineffective.
c. too few patients were hospitalized.
d. psychogenic drugs replaced it.

ANSWER: a

77. Hippocrates' model of mental illness can be described as:
a. psychiatric.
b. somatogenic.
c. psychogenic.
d. supernatural.

ANSWER: b

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78. The fact that some people in the advanced stages of AIDS experience neurological damage that results in psychological abnormality supports which type of perspective about abnormal psychological functioning?
a. Somatogenic
b. Psychogenic
c. Moral
d. Deterministic
ANSWER: a

79. The discovery of the link between general paresis and syphilis was made by:
a. Benjamin Rush.
b. Emil Kraepelin.
c. Fritz Schaudinn
d. Richard von Krafft-Ebing.
ANSWER: d

80. The finding that syphilis causes general paresis is important because it supports the idea that:
a. mental patients should be deinstitutionalized.
b. organic factors can cause mental illness.
c. antibiotics cannot "cure" viral diseases.
d. physicians should be the practitioners treating mental illnesses.
ANSWER: b

81. For those who hold the somatogenic view of mental illness, the best treatment setting for those with mental disorders would be a:
a. community center.
b. spa and retreat center.
c. counselor's office.
d. hospital.
ANSWER: d

82. Which statement LEAST supports the somatogenic view of abnormal behavior?
a. Hypnotism has helped people give up smoking.
b. Alcoholism tends to run in families.
c. People with Lyme disease often have psychological symptoms.
d. Most people with depression are helped with medication.
ANSWER: a

83. In the first half of the 1900s, biological treatments for mental illness:
a. largely failed.
b. were highly successful.
c. were not evaluated for effectiveness.

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d. frequently worsened patients' conditions.

ANSWER: a

84. Physicians in the early 1900s tried all of the following medical (biological) treatments for mental illness, EXCEPT:

a. tooth extraction.
b. hydrotherapy.
c. tonsillectomy.
d. electroconvulsive therapy.

ANSWER: d

85. An initial negative consequence of the somatogenic perspective on abnormality was that:

a. physicians began "overdiagnosing" people with mental illness.
b. individuals with mental illness were often treated in a medical hospital.
c. researchers did not explore other possible causes and treatments for mental illness.
d. people interpreted this perspective to mean that mental illness was always passed on to offspring.

ANSWER: d

86. Eugenics sterilization reflects the _____ perspective on abnormality.

a. somatogenic
b. psychoanalytic
c. cultural
d. managed care

ANSWER: a

87. Eugenics had as its goal sterilization of people with mental disorders, a policy based on the idea that mentally ill people:

a. could not provide a good environment for their children.
b. were mentally defective (that is, developmentally delayed).
c. reproduced at a rate higher than that of the general population.
d. should not be allowed to pass on their defective genes.

ANSWER: d

88. The somatogenic treatment for mental illness that seems to have been MOST successful was the use of:

a. psychosurgery.
b. psychoanalysis.
c. various medications.
d. lobotomy.

ANSWER: c

89. Which event in the 1950s led to improvements in biological treatments for mental disorders?

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a. Discovery of psychotropic medications
b. Development of advanced neurosurgical techniques
c. Development of standardized screening tests for mental illness
d. Improved understanding of the electrical system of the human body

ANSWER: a

90. A theorist who believes that psychological factors are the primary causes of abnormal functioning adheres to the _____ perspective.

a. Hippocratic
b. somatogenic
c. psychogenic
d. demonologic

ANSWER: c

91. Syphilis is to the somatogenic approach as _____ is to the psychogenic approach.

a. eugenics
b. tarantism
c. trephinism
d. hypnotism

ANSWER: d

92. Friedrich Anton Mesmer became famous—or infamous—for his work with patients suffering from bodily problems with no physical basis. His patients' disorders are termed:

a. somatogenic.
b. hysterical.
c. phlegmatic.
d. bilious.

ANSWER: b

93. An otherwise "normal" person under the influence of hypnotic suggestion is made to bark, sit, and fetch like a dog. The occurrence of these "abnormal" behaviors lends support to which explanation for abnormality?

a. Psychogenic
b. Somatogenic
c. Parthenogenic
d. Schizophrenogenic

ANSWER: a

94. Which perspective was supported by the discovery that the symptoms of hysteria (e.g., mysterious paralysis) could be induced by hypnosis?

a. Psychogenic
b. Somatogenic

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c. Demonological
d. Moral

ANSWER: a

95. In what way did the experiments performed by Bernheim and Lièbault provide support for the psychogenic perspective of abnormality?
a. Using hypnosis, they could produce artificial symptoms such as blindness in healthy subjects.
b. Using small amounts of electrical current, they could induce "false" psychological problems in healthy subjects.
c. Using biofeedback systems, they could reduce anxiety symptoms in subjects.
d. Using guided imagery, they could cure patients with a variety of psychological disorders.

ANSWER: a

96. The early psychogenic treatment that was advocated by Josef Breuer and Sigmund Freud was:
a. prayer.
b. bloodletting.
c. hypnotism.
d. trephining.

ANSWER: c

97. Freud believed that all functioning, normal and abnormal, originates from:
a. one's underlying biological makeup.
b. unconscious psychological processes.
c. the internal battle between good and evil.
d. conscious internal drives and moral external forces.

ANSWER: b

98. Acquiring insight about unconscious psychological processes is a feature of:
a. moral therapy.
b. psychoanalysis.
c. psychogenic therapy.
d. all psychological therapy.

ANSWER: b

99. Psychoanalysis was developed as a form of:
a. moral therapy.
b. outpatient therapy.
c. behavioral therapy.
d. somatogenic therapy.

ANSWER: b

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100. Psychoanalysis, as Freud developed it, was a form of what we now would call:
a. mesmerism.
b. outpatient therapy.
c. community psychology.
d. Kraepelinism.
ANSWER: b

101. Which patient would be MOST likely to benefit from psychoanalytic treatment?
a. Someone who needs to make profound behavioral changes very quickly
b. Someone who has difficulty expressing ideas and feelings verbally
c. Someone who is insightful and thinks clearly
d. Someone who is severely disturbed and in a mental hospital
ANSWER: c

102. Which statement BEST describes the role of religion with regard to treatment of mental illness?
a. Those who are religious reject nonspiritual means of treatment.
b. Religious institutions were among the first to provide treatment for the mentally ill.
c. Clergy have consistently advocated against scientific explanations for mental illness.
d. Those who devoutly adhere to their religion believe in supernatural causes of mental illness.
ANSWER: b

103. Surveys have found that 43 percent of people today believe that mental illness is caused by:
a. sinful behavior.
b. lack of willpower.
c. lack of self-discipline.
d. something people bring on themselves.
ANSWER: d

104. If a person's primary symptom was excessive worry, the psychotropic drug MOST likely to be prescribed for that person would be an:
a. antipsychotic.
b. antidepressant.
c. antibiotic.
d. antianxiety medication.
ANSWER: d

105. People with severe mental illnesses are LESS likely to be _____ than they were 50 years ago.
a. medicated with psychotropic drugs
b. hospitalized in mental institutions
c. homeless or in prison
d. treated in outpatient facilities

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ANSWER: b

106. Which statement BEST reflects the impact of deinstitutionalization?
a. Most people with severe disturbances are receiving treatment.
b. Many people with severe disturbances are in jail or on the street.
c. Care is now consistent, and there is no shuttling back and forth through different levels of care.
d. Communities have been able to pick up the care of those with severe disturbances and provide effective treatment for most all of them.

ANSWER: b

107. A medical researcher develops a drug that decreases symptoms of depression and other mood disorders. This drug would be classified as:
a. psychogenic.
b. somatogenic.
c. psychotropic.
d. somatotropic.

ANSWER: c

108. Drugs designed to decrease extremely confused and distorted thinking are termed:
a. antidepressants.
b. antianxiety medications.
c. mood stabilizers.
d. antipsychotics.

ANSWER: d

109. Drugs that alleviate the symptoms of mental dysfunction by affecting the brain are called:
a. psychedelics.
b. antineurotics.
c. psychotropics.
d. psychophysiologicals.

ANSWER: c

110. Tanner is confused and usually thinks that he is a superhero. If his psychiatrist ordered medication, it would MOST likely be a(n):
a. stimulant drug.
b. antianxiety drug.
c. antipsychotic drug.
d. antidepressant drug.

ANSWER: c

111. Jena is experiencing sadness, lack of energy, and low self-worth. The condition is chronic and severe. If her psychiatrist prescribed medication, it would likely be a(n):

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a. stimulant drug.
b. antianxiety drug.
c. antipsychotic drug.
d. antidepressant drug.

ANSWER: d

112. Luna is taking a psychotropic medication. Which condition does she MOST likely have?
a. Mood disorder
b. Age-related disorder
c. Developmental disorder
d. Physical abnormality

ANSWER: a

113. Compared with the number of patients hospitalized in U.S. mental hospitals in the 1950s, the number of hospitalized patients today is:
a. significantly less.
b. slightly less.
c. slightly more.
d. significantly more.

ANSWER: a

114. One cause of the increase in homeless individuals in recent decades has been the:
a. policy of deinstitutionalization.
b. decrease in the effectiveness of medications.
c. decrease in the use of private psychotherapy.
d. move to the community mental health approach.

ANSWER: a

115. In the United States today, one is MOST likely to find a severely ill mental patient:
a. in a mental hospital.
b. on the street or in jail.
c. receiving drug counseling in a shelter.
d. in private therapy paid for by the state.

ANSWER: b

116. Hospitalized patients with mental illness who show symptom improvement while taking medications are likely to be discharged. Studies have shown that many of these patients:
a. fail to make lasting recoveries.
b. ultimately become a danger to others.
c. are rehospitalized in less than six months.
d. commit suicide after years of inadequate treatment.

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ANSWER: a

117. The approach to therapy for mental illness in which a person pays a psychotherapist for services is called:
a. sociological therapy.
b. the medical approach.
c. private psychotherapy.
d. the community mental health approach.

ANSWER: c

118. Which statement BEST reflects the current care for people with less severe disturbances?
a. Many are treated by generalists who specialize in a number of different types of disorders.
b. Private insurance companies are likely to cover outpatient treatment.
c. It is difficult to find treatment for someone experiencing a "problem in living."
d. Private psychotherapy is available only to the wealthy.

ANSWER: b

119. Problems with marital, family, peer, work, school, or community relationships would be MOST similar to:
a. the sorts of problems Freud treated.
b. other problems in living.
c. problems treated in specialized treatment centers.
d. other problems treated with antipsychotics.

ANSWER: b

120. Researchers have shown that in a typical year in the United States, approximately _____ percent of people with psychological disorders receive clinical treatment.
a. 15
b. 30
c. 45
d. 60

ANSWER: d

121. Suicide prevention, substance abuse treatment, and eating disorder clinics are MOST similar to which kind of market?
a. Whole Foods, a large market that offers many different types of foods
b. Sweet Cupcakes, a store that specializes in only one type of food
c. Corner Market, a mom-and-pop store that carries rather old-fashioned foods
d. New York Deli, a high-end market that serves only the wealthy

ANSWER: b

122. According to surveys, about what proportion of adults in the United States receives psychological therapy for milder problems of living, such as work-related problems?
a. 1 in 10

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b. 2 in 10
c. 4 in 10
d. 6 in 10

ANSWER: b

123. A significant change in the type of care offered now compared to the era when Freud was practicing is that:
a. fewer patients are suffering from anxiety and depression.
b. fewer patients receive outpatient treatment.
c. people are more likely to receive treatment for problems in living.
d. there are fewer specialized programs focused on treating only one type of problem.

ANSWER: c

124. Efforts to address the needs of children who are at risk for developing mental disorders (babies of teenage mothers, children of those with severe mental disorders) are categorized as:
a. positive psychology.
b. psychoanalysis.
c. eco-anxiety treatment.
d. preventive.

ANSWER: d

125. A focus of many community mental health programs is:
a. prevention.
b. isolation.
c. spiritual guidance.
d. experimental treatments.

ANSWER: a

126. Which pair of words BEST describes the current emphasis in mental health?
a. Prevention and positive psychology
b. Promotion and public psychology
c. Perfection and primary psychology
d. People and professional psychology

ANSWER: a

127. If a university had a first-year program designed to ease the transition from high school to college and to decrease the dropout rates, that program would have elements MOST similar to:
a. mental health prevention programs.
b. positive psychology programs.
c. deinstitutionalization programs.
d. outpatient therapy.

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ANSWER: a

128. Efforts to help people develop personally meaningful activities and healthy relationships are a part of:
a. eco-anxiety treatment.
b. a somatogenic approach to treatment.
c. the clinical practice of positive psychology.
d. an eccentric's level of creativity.

ANSWER: c

129. A positive psychologist would MOST likely focus on:
a. identifying the underlying biological cause of mental illness.
b. teaching coping skills that can be used to manage stress.
c. identifying the unconscious internal processes driving behavior.
d. using biofeedback to control physiological responses to stressors.

ANSWER: b

130. A psychologist focuses on optimism, wisdom, happiness, and interpersonal skill. This psychologist is MOST likely a:
a. psychoanalyst.
b. positive psychologist.
c. community mental health worker.
d. rehabilitation specialist.

ANSWER: b

131. If a university had a program designed to help students achieve their full potential, physically, educationally, and spiritually, that program would have elements MOST similar to:
a. mental health prevention programs.
b. positive psychology programs.
c. deinstitutionalization programs.
d. outpatient therapy.

ANSWER: b

132. Immigration trends and differences in birth rates among minority groups in the United States have caused psychological treatment to become more:
a. hospital focused.
b. multicultural.
c. positive.
d. dependent on the use of medications.

ANSWER: b

133. A person receiving multicultural therapy could expect all of these effects EXCEPT:
a. greater sensitivity to cultural issues in therapy.

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b. a focus on the uniqueness of the issues faced.
c. a focus on healthy feelings and actions rather than on problems.
d. sensitivity to the traditions of that person's particular culture.

ANSWER: c

134. Which feature is NOT common in managed care programs?
a. Limited pool of practitioners for patients to choose from
b. Preapproval for treatment by the insurance company
c. Ongoing reviews and assessments
d. Patient choice in number of therapy sessions

ANSWER: d

135. "What the #%*$!! is going on? The insurance company says I have to stop my anger management program now!" The client who says this is MOST likely voicing concern about a:
a. managed care program.
b. private psychotherapist.
c. community mental health agency.
d. sociocultural resource center.

ANSWER: a

136. Critics of managed care programs for mental health services state that these programs:
a. promote long-term dependence on therapists.
b. do not support drug therapy as a form of treatment.
c. focus too heavily on psychogenic causes of abnormalities.
d. favor treatments whose results are typically shorter lasting.

ANSWER: d

137. Compared with physical disorders, insurance reimbursement for treatment of mental disorders prior to enactment of the Affordable Care Act was generally:
a. nonexistent.
b. lower.
c. about the same.
d. higher.

ANSWER: b

138. Parity laws for insurance coverage of mental health treatment mandate that:
a. physicians and psychologists must have the same level of education.
b. coverage for mental and physical problems must be reimbursed equally.
c. the number of sessions allowed for treatment of mental and physical treatment must be equal.
d. patients must be allowed to choose the therapist they want for treatment.

ANSWER: b

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139. Which statement about the various viewpoints of clinical psychology is TRUE?
a. Various perspectives coexist, and they often conflict and compete with one another.
b. Since the late 1950s, the biological perspective is the primary perspective taught in medical schools.
c. Although many perspectives exist, the psychoanalytic perspective remains the dominant perspective in the field.
d. Among the various perspectives, those most highly regarded are those based on the influence of external factors.

ANSWER: a

140. A physician who offers psychotherapy is called a:
a. psychiatrist.
b. clinical psychologist.
c. psychodiagnostician.
d. psychoanalyst.

ANSWER: a

141. After medical school, a psychiatrist receives three to four years of training in the treatment of abnormal functioning; this training is called a(n):
a. residency.
b. internship.
c. practicum.
d. community mental health tour.

ANSWER: a

142. One major difference between psychiatrists and clinical psychologists is that psychiatrists:
a. went to medical school.
b. must work in a medical setting.
c. are allowed to practice psychotherapy.
d. have more training in mental illness.

ANSWER: a

143. Which statement is TRUE about the participation of women in the mental health professions?
a. There are more female psychiatrists than female counselors.
b. Women, as a group, prefer working in clinical settings.
c. The profession with the highest percentage of women is social work.
d. Female psychologists earn more than male psychologists.

ANSWER: c

144. The specialty that presently has the largest number of practitioners is:
a. psychiatry.
b. social work.

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c. psychology.
d. counseling.

ANSWER: b

145. A person who works in a mental hospital analyzing various treatment protocols to see how multicultural factors impact success rates is MOST likely to be a:
a. clinical researcher.
b. clinical psychologist.
c. psychiatrist.
d. psychiatric social worker.

ANSWER: a

146. Which statement BEST describes the effect of technology on mental health?
a. There is widespread consensus that technology causes deviant and dysfunctional behavior.
b. Technology has eroded society's sense of community and people's desire to engage with others.
c. There is no research-based evidence to support any connect between technology and mental health.
d. Technology provides new triggers for abnormal behaviors.

ANSWER: d

147. Research suggests that one negative effect of adolescents using social media sites is that these sites may:
a. increase peer pressure.
b. encourage improper language skills.
c. expose children to negative news stories.
d. reward people for underperforming in school.

ANSWER: a

148. The use of various technologies to deliver mental health services without the therapist being physically present is called:
a. managed care.
b. telemental health.
c. self-help, or group help.
d. community mental health.

ANSWER: b

149. Some mental health professionals are concerned about the increased availability of mental health information online. Which is NOT a reason for their concern?
a. Not all of the information online is factual.
b. Some sites promote unhealthy behaviors.
c. These professionals are losing money as people turn to self-care.
d. Numerous sites actively guide people away from seeking medical help.

ANSWER: c

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150. Someone who studies the history of the field of abnormal psychology MOST likely would compare our current understanding of abnormal behavior to a book that:

a. hasn't been written yet.

b. has received a title but no text.

c. is in the process of being written.

d. is completed and needs only to be read to be understood.

ANSWER: c

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1. The stated and unstated rules that a society establishes to govern proper conduct are referred to as _____.
ANSWER: norms

2. In the definition of abnormality, behavior characterized as different from the norm is described as _____.
ANSWER: deviance

3. When a person experiences anxiety to the point of feeling misery, this represents the aspect of the definition of abnormality called _____.
ANSWER: distress

4. When a person's feelings or behaviors interfere with his or her daily routines, this represents the aspect of the definition of abnormality called _____.
ANSWER: dysfunction

5. If a person considers attempting suicide, this represents the aspect of the definition of abnormality called _____.
ANSWER: danger

6. Although some clinicians refer to the person they are treating as a patient, others refer to the person as a(n) _____.
ANSWER: client

7. The procedure that a priest or other powerful person might perform to drive evil spirits from a person is called _____.
ANSWER: exorcism

8. _____ believed that abnormal behavior was caused by brain pathology that was a consequence of an imbalance in the four humors of the body.
ANSWER: Hippocrates

9. During the Middle Ages, a person who believed that he or she was possessed by wolves and other animals was said to be suffering from _____.
ANSWER: lycanthropy

10. The treatment for mental illness espoused by French physician Philippe Pinel and English Quaker William Tuke was called _____ treatment by their contemporaries.
ANSWER: moral

11. The view that physical causes are at the root of mental illnesses is called the _____ perspective.
ANSWER: somatogenic

12. According to the _____ perspective, psychological causes are at the root of mental illness.
ANSWER: psychogenic

13. The psychoanalytic view of causes of abnormal and normal behavior fits into the _____ model.

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ANSWER: psychogenic

14. A major development in the treatment of the mentally ill was the introduction of _____ medications.
ANSWER: psychotropic

15. The reduction in the number of people housed in mental hospitals in the last 40 years can be attributed to a trend called _____.
ANSWER: deinstitutionalization

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Chapter 1 Essay

1. Psychological abnormality may include deviance, distress, dysfunction, and danger. First, explain what these terms mean regarding psychological abnormality. Second, provide an example of a time when each aspect of abnormality would not be considered abnormal.

ANSWER: There are said to be four Ds of psychological abnormality.

The first element is deviance, which describes abnormal behavior, thoughts, and emotions that differ markedly from society's ideas about proper functioning. An example of deviance that would not be considered abnormal is a person who sleeps outside when camping. While sleeping outdoors is not the norm in our society, we make exception for this behavior under this specific circumstance.

The second element is distress. When an individual feels distress over symptom manifestation, we often consider this to be a marker of abnormality. An example of when distress would not be considered abnormal would be a situation in which a parent experiences distress because his or her child is serving in the military in a war zone. The feelings of distress inherent in a daughter or son serving abroad would not be enough to label someone as abnormal in functioning.

The third element in psychological abnormality is dysfunction. Abnormal behavior tends to be considered dysfunctional when it interrupts the ability to function in daily living. An example of when dysfunction would not be considered abnormal would be if someone voluntarily engaged in a hunger strike out of protest. Often these individuals are considered heroic rather than dysfunctional.

The final element is danger, which is usually classified as an individual being a danger or threat to himself or herself or others. An example of when danger would not be considered abnormal could be during times of military service in combat. Individuals in combat are sometimes called on to harm others; also, in acts considered heroic, some soldiers sacrifice their own lives for the safety of their group.

2. Suppose a friend says to you, "I feel overwhelmed today, and I don't know why. You're taking abnormal psych—what do you think?" If, after a conversation, your friend feels better about things, have you provided psychological therapy? Why or why not? Include the essential features of therapy in your answer.

ANSWER: According to the text, this interaction does not qualify as psychological therapy. Clinical theorist Jerome Frank stated that all therapy has three essential features. The first feature is a sufferer who seeks relief from the healer. The second feature of true therapy is that it must be administered by a trained, socially accepted healer who has expertise in what the individual struggles with. The third essential element of therapy is that there should be a series of contacts with the sufferer to produce changes.

Given the criteria set out by Jerome Frank, this encounter does not meet the criteria for therapy because a psych student is not the same as a trained healer with expertise, and there was not a series of contacts to produce any changes. Although listening can sometimes bring great relief to those who struggle, there is a great difference between therapy and simply being a good friend.

3. What is demonology? How does demonology stand in the way of a more complete understanding of the causes and treatment of psychological abnormality?

ANSWER: Demonology is the view that psychological dysfunction is caused by Satan's influence. In Europe during the Middle Ages, members of the clergy had great power, and their religious beliefs and explanations dominated education and culture. Due to its influence, the Church controlled how

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psychological phenomena were interpreted, and alternative scientific explanations were dismissed.

4. Discuss the contributions of three individuals to the treatment of abnormal psychology. Include the time period and location where each lived. Also include how this person's contributions helped shaped current views and treatments for abnormal behavior.

ANSWER: Answers can include any three of the following:

- Hippocrates: 460–377 B.C. Greece. Referred to as the father of modern medicine, Hippocrates contributed the belief that illnesses had natural causes, and he saw abnormal behavior as arising from physical problems. This viewpoint encouraged searching for causes outside of evil forces, which also then supported lifestyle changes that could help prevent mental disorders.

- Emil Kraepelin: 1856–1926. Germany. Kraeplin was a researcher who published a textbook in 1883 asserting that physical factors such as fatigue were responsible for mental dysfunction. He also developed the first modern system for classifying abnormal behavior using symptoms, as we do today.

- Dorothea Dix: 1802–1887. Boston, Massachusetts. Dix was a schoolteacher who called for mental health treatment reform by speaking to both state legislatures and the U.S. Congress about the horrors she witnessed at asylums. Her campaign led to improved laws and funding, specifically to set up state hospitals to care for the mentally ill.

- Philippe Pinel: 1745–1826. Paris, France. Pinel argued that the mentally ill should be treated with sympathy and kindness. After becoming chief physician at La Bicítre, he unchained patients and renovated rooms to reflect his perspective. Pinel was instrumental in promoting the use of more humane approaches to mental illness.

- Friedrich Anton Mesmer: 1734–1815. Mesmer was an Austrian physician who set up a clinic in Paris. He used hypnotism to heal those with hysterical disorders, showing that a person sometimes holds the keys for healing himself or herself. Mesmer's hypnotism paved the way for later psychoanalytic explanations using the unconscious.

- Benjamin Rush: 1745–1813. Pennsylvania. Considered the father of American psychiatry, Rush developed humane treatment approaches to mental illness, even hiring sensitive attendants to work with patients he treated.

5. Create a timeline on which you place five major events in the history of abnormality. Briefly describe why each event is important to an understanding of abnormality.

ANSWER: The five major events in the history of abnormality in the order of their occurrence would be:
1. Demonology. The belief that evil spirits or dark forces created psychological dysfunction permeated the belief about mentally ill individuals and their treatment for years. Demonology led to some of the greatest atrocities committed against those who were mentally ill and may still be a factor in the stigma many feel against the mentally ill today. The textbook, for example, notes that 43 percent of people still believe that those with mental illness have brought it on themselves.
2. The Rise of Asylums. The unspeakably cruel ways in which the mentally ill have been treated should not be forgotten. The asylums began with good intentions but eventually became a source of national shame. Asylums reflect the ways in which we viewed those who struggled with mental

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illness.
3. Moral Treatment. Figures such as Tuke, Pinel, Rush, and Dix were essential to revolutionizing the way in which those who struggled with mental illness were treated and represent a turning point in the history of how those with mental dysfunction were viewed and treated. Framing mental dysfunction as an illness to be treated set the stage for those like Freud to develop theories that viewed clients and their treatments with humanity.
4. The Advent of Psychotropic Medications. When individuals with mental dysfunctions were institutionalized, even with humane practices, there were many who could not be helped because the nature of their illness was so inherently biological. Psychotropic medication allowed many to function outside of an institutional setting who may not have had a chance of recovery otherwise. Psychotropic medications of the past also solidified the status of mental illness as a treatable and often biologically based illness.
5. Deinstitutionalization. Deinstitutionalization reflects both hope and the need for improvement. Although people were released from institutions, the care and support structure provided when they left was sorely lacking, and that remains the case today. Many mentally ill individuals are still homeless or in prisons.

6. Define and contrast the somatogenic and psychogenic perspectives regarding abnormal psychological functioning. Provide at least one example of evidence supporting each perspective.

ANSWER: The somatogenic perspective is the view that abnormal psychology has physical causes. An example would be syphilis and the mental symptoms such as delusions of grandeur that can be caused by this physical illness.

The psychogenic perspective suggest that the causes of abnormal functioning are psychological. Example include hysterical disorders such as blindness or other body ailments that individuals may experience without a physical cause.

7. Assume that Benjamin Rush and Dorothea Dix suddenly appeared in the twenty-first century, approximately 50 years after the U.S. policy of deinstitutionalization began. What would they think about our treatment of those persons with mental illness? Which suggestions might they make for changes in our policy of deinstitutionalization?

ANSWER: Today, in the wake of deinstitutionalization, many atrocities continue to occur. Both Benjamin Rush and Dorothea Dix were advocates of moral treatment, so one could assume that they would be greatly disappointed by our lack of continued care for those who struggle.

Rush and Dix might make many suggestions for changes in our policy of deinstitutionalization. For example, we know that community mental health centers are helpful, but there are far too few to meet the needs of those who struggle. They would likely advocate for more mental health centers to be constructed and that those centers be accessible to those persons who require them. Another change in policy would relate to transitional release. Rather than simply allowing hundreds of thousands of people to be immediately released, teaching individuals skills of survival and providing placement in transitional living facilities as well as employment might have helped prevent the homelessness and struggles the mentally ill in our country continue to face.

8. According to your textbook, deinstitutionalization has resulted, in part, in large numbers of people with severe psychological disturbances either becoming homeless or ending up in jail or prison. Is deinstitutionalization an ethical and appropriate strategy for the treatment of mental illness that the United

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States should continue to follow? Back up your answer with specific examples.

ANSWER: Deinstitutionalization in America was not conducted ethically or with an appropriate strategy. Patients who were residents of hospitals for years, with no knowledge of how the outside world operated and often no support structures when they left hospitals, were simply released, only to become homeless and without care. The text states that hundreds of thousands of those persons with severe psychological disturbances are not receiving sufficient care, at least 100,000 are homeless, and another 135,000 reside in jails or prisons. This is not a strategy America should continue to follow. One thing we could do differently is to increase the numbers and accessibility of community health centers. The text states that too few community mental health programs are available to those who need them most.

9. Increasingly, people seeking treatment for mental health reasons are insured by managed care programs. How are managed care programs changing how psychological services are provided? Discuss one advantage and one disadvantage of such programs.

ANSWER: Insurance companies provide health care coverage through managed care programs by determining the nature, scope, and cost of the services received. Through these programs, insurance companies, rather than therapists or physicians, also determine the treatment course and progression. One advantage of managed care programs is that they can provide preventive care. A disadvantage is that they can limit choices of therapists, dictate how long treatment lasts, and specify which type of treatment a patient receives.

10. Clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, and clinical researchers are mental health professionals who work in the area of psychological abnormality. Describe what each does and how they differ from one another.

ANSWER: Clinical psychologists earn a doctorate in clinical psychology and provide counseling services to those who are mentally ill. Psychiatrists are physicians and have gone through medical school, earning either an MD or a DO, as well as specializing in treatment of the mentally ill. Psychiatrists can also provide counseling services, but often prescribe medications when needed. Clinical researchers tackle the problems of psychological abnormality from the laboratory, attempting to explain and predict abnormal behavior but not working with clients directly unless studying an illness. Clinical researchers do not treat patients as both psychiatrists and clinical psychologists often do.

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