Assignment: Psychology 114

Objectives

This assignment has been developed to give you the opportunity to practice and demonstrate your ability to:
1. Read different kinds of psychological texts with understanding.
2. Engage critically with psychological texts.
3. Write effectively using the discourse of the discipline.
4. Understand and apply key concepts related to neuropsychology, cognitive psychology and psychopathology.

Instructions

Below are three tasks. Select ONE of these tasks and provide a well-structured, correctly referenced (APA style), coherent and sensible essay of no more than 1000 words.

You may choose to consult additional resources and other psychological texts to assist you with completing these tasks. Be sure to correctly reference all the texts you consult. Adhere closely to the prescribed word limit.

**Task 1: What is so remarkable about the human brain?**

Follow the hyperlink below to a series of 10 short (15 mins) BBC podcasts about the history of the brain. Listen to these podcasts and then answer the question that follows.

[Link to BBC podcasts about the history of the brain]

Which of the ideas discussed in these podcasts do you think is the most remarkable and interesting discovery in the 5000 year history of the brain? Write a brief summary of the discovery you find most interesting and explain the significance of this discovery within the development of our understanding of the human brain.

**Task 2: Do humans and animals share the same cognitive capacities?**

Follow the link below to an essay published in *The Economist* describing the cognitive abilities of animals. Read this article and then answer the question that follows.

[Link to article in *The Economist*]

Critically discuss the evidence that animals and humans share many cognitive capacities.

**Task 3: Where is the line between normal and abnormal behaviour?**

Follow the hyperlink below to read the short information booklet published by the National Institute of Mental Health about schizophrenia:

[Link to booklet about schizophrenia]

What is schizophrenia?
Follow the hyperlinks below to watch two TED talks which describe what it is like to suffer from schizophrenia:

- A tale of mental illness — from the inside (Elyn Saks)
- The Voices in my head (Eleanor Longden)

Follow the hyperlink below to the Hearing Voices Network website. Read the information and consult the resources on this website to learn more about alternative (non-psychiatric) ways of understanding perceptual disturbances.

Hearing Voices Network Website

When it comes to human behaviour, the line between mental health and mental illness, and between normal and abnormal behaviour is not always easy to draw. Using the resources provided above, discuss how this tension between normal and abnormal behaviour is evident in the different ways “hearing voices” can be understood.

Due date:

Turnitin: The assignment (ONE Word document containing all three tasks) must be submitted on Turnitin by 9 April 2019, at 23:59.

Hard copy hand in to tutor: Thursday/Friday 11/12 April during allocated tutorial time slots.

The hardcopy hand in must include the following:

- the cover page (the format of which can be downloaded from SUNLearn)
- the assignment
- list of references
- a full copy of the Turnitin report
- a signed plagiarism declaration
- a completed assignment checklist

Requirements and guidelines:

1. **Cover page:** For your essay, use a cover page set out as the example given.*

2. **Font type and size:** Times New Roman, size 12 for text, 12 and bold for title, headings and subheadings

3. **Line spacing:** 1.5

4. **Paper:** A4 white. Bind with one staple, top left hand corner.

5. **Number pages** on the top right hand side of the page (1, 2, 3, etc.)

6. **References list:** This should appear on a separate page at the end of the assignment. Please use APA referencing.

7. **Please hand in a checklist**, Turnitin report, and signed plagiarism declaration* with your assignment.

*Can be found on SUNLearn.
Assessment of this assignment:
The assignment counts 100 marks

Marks will be allocated according to how well you:
1. Demonstrate your ability to read the psychological texts critically and with understanding.
2. Communicate your understanding of these texts in a well written paragraph.
3. Correctly reference your answers.

The mark you receive for this assignment will count **20% of the predicate mark**.

Turnitin and plagiarism:
The assignment must be submitted on Turnitin by 9 April 2019, at 23:59.
The full Turnitin report must be attached to the assignment. If this report indicates a similarity index of more than 24%, the student will receive a mark of 0 for their assignment. Students who receive above 24% should note that they may face disciplinary action.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are repeating Psychology 144, do not submit a previous assignment. Handing in your own work still qualifies as plagiarism. As stated, if the full Turnitin report for the tutorial assignment indicates a similarity index of more than 24%, the student will receive a mark of 0, and may face disciplinary action.

Turnitin closes on **9 April 2019, at 23:59**. Students must submit their assignment to Turnitin before **9 April 2019, at 23:59**. Failure to submit the assignment to Turnitin will result in a mark of 0.

**Copying a fellow student’s tutorial assignment (and submitting it as your own) is a serious academic offence, and is regarded as FRAUD and PLAGIARISM - both these being punishable offences in the eyes of the University. Where a student is found to have fraudulently copied and submitted, as her/his own, a fellow student's assignment, that student will be deemed to have NOT submitted the assignment. In addition, as the Psychology Department might deem fit, such student will also very likely face the disciplinary action that might result in expulsion from the University. Students MUST attach a signed plagiarism declaration to their draft and final assignment.**

Submission of the assignment:
A hardcopy of the assignment (containing the necessary documentation) must be submitted during the student’s allocated tutorial timeslot on either 11/12 April.
**NB:** It is the students’ tutor who will receive the assignments during the tutorial slots, and it is the responsibility of each Psychology 114 student to ensure that her or his tutor has received the assignment.

No assignments should be submitted by email. A hardcopy of the assignment must be handed by the student to his/her tutor.

**Late submission** of the tutorial assignment (i.e. not handing in the hard copy during the student’s stipulated tutorial session) will result in a **5% penalty per day**.

More details regarding the assignment will be made available during lectures, tutorial sessions and also on the module web page on SUNLearn.