**Applying the Psychological Perspectives**

*Read about each psychologist below, then put a check mark indicating the likely perspective/approach of his/her work*

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| Perspective Area | | | | | | |
| Psychologist | Behavioral | Biological | Cognitive | Humanistic | Psychodynamic | Sociocultural |
| Dr. Wilson, behavior analyst |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dr. Benvolio, behavioral geneticist |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dr. Hawkins, neuropsychologist |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dr. Santiago, personality psychologist |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dr. Harris, clinical psychologist |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dr. Ahmed, school psychologist |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dr. Liu, social psychologist |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dr. Klein, industrial-organizational psychologist |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Dr. Wilson conducts research in an animal learning laboratory. He shapes the behavior of both rats and pigeons so that they learn specific responses. For example, in one study, a pigeon learns to peck a key when a blue light appears but to not peck the key when a red light appears. Which perspective do you think Dr. Wilson employs?

Dr. Benvolio is a psychologist who conducts research in behavioral genetics. In one recent research project, she measured shyness in school-aged children. By comparing pairs of children who were either twin or non-twin siblings, Dr. Benvolio was able to determine that shyness has a significant genetic component. Which perspective do you think Dr. Benvolio employs?

Dr. Hawkins is a neuropsychologist who conducts research on patients who have brain injuries due to chemical exposure. He uses several mental tasks that measure a person’s memory and attention span while that person is undergoing a brain scan. Through this research, Dr. Hawkins is able to determine that exposure to certain chemicals destroys certain brain regions responsible for memory and attention. Which perspective to you think Dr. Hawkins employs?

Dr. Santiago is a research psychologist who studies hidden motives for aggressive personality traits. She administers tests, like the Rorschach Inkblot Test, to adolescents in an effort to predict who will act out in aggressive ways. She finds the most aggressive adolescents have hidden rage. Which perspective do you think Dr. Santiago employs?

Dr. Harris is a clinical psychologist who works with anxious children. She has found anxious children tend to have more catastrophic thoughts when touching a feared object than non-anxious children. If the anxious children participate in a treatment aimed at challenging their anxious thoughts, however, they can learn to touch feared objects with fewer catastrophic thoughts and less anxiety. Which perspective do you think Dr. Harris employs?

Dr. Ahmed is a school psychologist who works with disadvantaged children. She has noticed that many of the children at her school have very low self-esteem. Based upon this observation, she advises that teachers and staff listen carefully to what the children have to say and provided more positive feedback to help children grow into fully functioning individuals. Which perspective do you think Dr. Ahmed employs?

Dr. Liu is a social psychologist who explores how boys and girls who grow up in different countries behave in social situations. Her research has shown that gender differences exist in aggressive social behaviors among children raised in the United States but that no gender differences are apparent when observing the same behaviors in children from other countries. Which perspective do you think Dr. Liu employs?

Dr. Klein is an industrial-organizational psychologist who studies ways to enhance worker productivity. He observes that if supervisors provide workers with frequent feedback and praise, productivity increases and workers earn higher wages. Which perspective do you think Dr. Klein employs?

Analyze the problem of alcoholism through the lens of three perspectives. How would this type of psychologist explain this problem? (Write below)

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