

**PSYCHOLOGY**  
**COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION**  
**2019**

2019 Questions

(Select **ONE** from the following three questions)

- 1) "The apple never falls far from the tree." How does this saying relate to psychology? Do you agree with it? Develop an argument to address the question of how accurately this statement explains human behavior; integrate theories and research from three different areas of psychology to support your argument.
  
- 2) William James suggested that humans can alter their lives by altering their thinking. Develop an argument that provides support for this statement by integrating theories and research from three different areas of psychology.
  
- 3) Media and digital technologies play a central role in our daily lives. Recent US Census data indicate that the average individual spends over 3,515 hours per year using media (e.g., computers, smart phones, and social media). Inevitably, these new technologies influence many aspects of human psychology, from learning and memory to interpersonal relationships and mental health, among others. Drawing on three areas of psychology, consider the ways in which media and digital technologies influence people's lives.

**List of AREAS of PSYCHOLOGY for Comps**

(Select **THREE**)

**abnormal behavior**  
**cognitive psychology**  
**community psychology**  
**developmental psychology**  
**diversity of human behavior (including race, ethnicity, gender & sexual behavior)**  
**health psychology**  
**industrial/organizational psychology**  
**neuroscience**  
**personality psychology**  
**positive psychology**  
**social psychology**