

MA Comps Study Guide

Below are key terms that may be the basis for exam questions. Please note that this may not be an inclusive list and you should be familiar with all general psychology material. The test is based on the EPPP exam that covers a breadth of psychology topics.

*Note: Clinical Emphasis students will not be required to answer I/O questions

Abnormal Psychology

Antisocial personality disorder
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
Autistic Spectrum
Bipolar Disorder
Borderline Personality Disorder
Bulimia Nervosa
Dementia of the Alzheimer's Type
Enuresis
Factitious Disorder
Substance Induced Disorders
Generalized Anxiety Disorder
Histrionic Personality Disorder
Hypomania
Learning Disorders
Major Depression Disorder
Mental Retardation/Intellectual Disability
Narcissistic Personality Disorder
Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder
Schizoaffective Disorder
Schizophrenia
Separation Anxiety Disorder
Smoking and Nicotine Use Disorders
Social Phobia

Clinical Psychology

Addiction
Adolescent clients
Alfred Adler
Anna Freud
Sigmund Freud
Automatic Thoughts
Beck's Theory of Depression
Behavior Modification
Carl Jung
Catharsis

Classical/Operant Conditioning
Conduct Disorder
Diagnostic Errors
Dichotomous Thinking
Ego Functioning
Empirically Supported Treatments
Evidence Based Treatments
Functional Analysis
Hopelessness
Mania
Object Relations Theory
Psychoanalytic Theory

Ethics

Advertising and public statements
Child Custody
Confidentiality
Ethics Code
Fees
Informed Consent
Licensing
Multiple (Dual) Relationships
Privacy and HIPAA
Privilege
Pro Bono
Professional Competence
Psychological Testing
Record Keeping
Research and Publication
Resolving Ethical Issues
Sexual Relationships
Subpoena
Suicide Risk
Supervision
Tarasoff v. Regents of the University of California
Telemental Health
Termination

Industrial / Organizational Psychology

Adverse Impact
Americans with Disabilities Act
Assessment Centers
Behaviorally Anchored Rating Scales (BARS)
Burnout

Civil Rights Act of 1964
Compressed Work Week
Criterion Related Validity Coefficient
Employment Interviews
Equity Theory
Expectancy Theory
Feedback
Flexible Work Schedules
Goal-Setting Theory
Group Cohesiveness
Group Polarization
Group Decision-Making/Groupthink
Halo Effect
Job Analysis
Job Evaluation
Job Satisfaction
Job Turnover
Organization Culture
Quality Assurance
Rater Bias (leniency bias, halo effect, central tendency)
Reliability Coefficient
Social Loafing
Structured Interview
Total Quality Management (TQM)
Training
Work-Family Conflicts
Workplace Stress

Learning Theory

Attentional Capacity
Chunking
Convergent Thinking
Elaborative Rehearsal
Encoding
Episodic Memory
Explicit Memory
Extinction
False Memory
Implicit Memory
Interference Theory
Intrinsic vs Extrinsic Motivation
James-Lange theory
Learned Helplessness
Little Albert Experiment

Long-Term Memory
Memory Consolidation
Operant Conditioning (Instrumental Learning)
Perceptual Masking
Schema
Selective Attention
Semantic Memory
Sensory Memory
Serial Positioning Effect
Short-Term Memory (Working Memory)
State-Dependent Learning/Memory
Taste Aversion
The Curve of Forgetting
Tip-of-the-Tongue Phenomenon
Verbal Learning
Working Memory

Lifespan Development

Academic Achievement
Adaption, Assimilation, and Accommodation
Adolescent Egocentrism
Attachment
Bronfenbrenner
Divorce
Early Maturation
Emotional Development
Erikson's Theory of Psychosocial Development
Freud's Psychosexual Development
Gay and Lesbian Parenting
Infant Perception
Intelligence
Jean Piaget
Language Development (stages of language acquisition)
Lev Vygotsky
Maslow
Aging
Memory of Children
Parenting Styles
Puberty
Social Referencing (Development of Emotional Expression)
Successful Aging
Teratogens

Physiological Psychology/Psychopharmacology

Agnosias
Agonist, Antagonist
Anterograde and Retrograde Amnesia
Antidepressants
Antipsychotic Medications and Side Effects
Basal Ganglia
Brain Development
Brain Hemispheres and the Corpus Callosum
Cerebellum
Dopamine
Frontal Lobe Injury
Huntington's Disease, Huntington's Chorea
Korsakoff's Syndrome
Limbic System
Midbrain
Mirror Neurons
Phenylketonuria
Seizure Disorders
Stroke
Temporal and Parietal Lobe Damage
Thalamus
Theories of Emotion
Vision

Psychological Assessment

Adaptive Behavior Rating
ADHD
Autistic Spectrum
Behavior Recording
Experimenter Bias
Fluid and Crystallized Intelligence
Genetics and Intelligence
General Ability Index (GAI)
IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)
Intelligence Models
Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children (Luria's Model of Intelligence)
Larry P v Riles
Likert Scale
Mini-Mental Status Examination
MMPI-2
Normal Distribution
Power Tests and Speed Tests
Ratio IQ and Deviation IQ
Stanford-Binet

Wechsler Test (WAIS-IV and WISC-V)

Social Psychology

Attitudes
Aggression
Altruism
Attribution Theory
Belief in a Just World
Cognitive Dissonance
Confirmation Bias
Conformity
Deindividuation
Discrimination
Fundamental Attribution Error
Group Polarization
Halo Effect
Illusory Correlation
Obedience Studies
Observational Learning
Prejudice
Self-Fulfilling Prophecy
Self-Perception
Self-Serving Bias
Self-Verification Theory
Social Comparison
Social Exchange Theory
Social Facilitation
Social Identity Theory
Social Influence
Social Loafing

Statistics & Research Design

ABAB Design
ANOVA (Analysis of Variance)
Central Limit Theorem
Chi-Square
Coefficient of Determination (R-Squared)
Confidence Interval
Correlation
Counterbalance Design
Demand Characteristics
Double-Blind Design
Effect Size
External validity

Frequency Distribution
Internal Validity
Meta-Analysis
Moderating and Mediating Variables
Percentile Rank
Random Selection
Reliability
Sample Size
Single-Subject Design
Standard Error
Standard Score (z-scores)
Statistical Significance
Structural Equation Modeling (SEM)
The t-test
Validity
Variability
Variables
Variance

Test Construction

Dichotomous/Continuous Variables
Factor Analysis
One-Tailed Test and Two-Tailed Test
T-Score
Type I Error, Type II Error, and Type III Error