



THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

100412 INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES III

PSYCHOL 3014

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

NOVEMBER 2005 EXAMINATION

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

(In addition, candidates are allowed ten minutes before the examination begins to read the paper.)

ANSWER ONE QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION

SECTION A

1. Outline the trait approach to personality.
2. Emotional intelligence is?
3. Discuss the potential for optimisation problems to serve as measures of intelligence.

SECTION B

1. What is the "Flynn effect"? What is the relevance of Flynn's research to an improved understanding of the nature of human intelligence?
2. Evaluate R. J. Sternberg's contribution to the development of intelligence theory.
3. What is currently known about how Inspection Time aligns with psychometrically defined general ability?

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SECTION C

1. Discuss possible explanations for a decline in intellectual abilities with age.
2. What can intelligence tests tell us about the nature of mental retardation and what can't they tell us?
3. What can the effects of brain injury tell us about the nature of intelligence?

END OF EXAMINATION