Psychology Worksheet

1. My thesis advisor has told me to locate an explanation of Vygotsky’s idea of the zone of potential development.

2. I’ve been told that I have a Type-A personality. Can you find a brief survey article that summarizes early research on this? What sort of attributes does as Type-A personality have?

3. I’m an only child. What does research on birth order have to say about my personality?

4. I’ve heard of the Rorschach Test. Can you tell me something about how the test got its name?

5. I’ve read about Tourette’s Syndrome. How did the syndrome get this name?
6. I’m trying to locate articles on extraverted personalities. Can you help me identify some synonyms to use?

7. I’m writing a paper on depression. Can you help me identify some other search terms to use, or synonyms to use in my paper?

8. A patron works in a small, medical library. She wants to examine sample copies of recent journals in psychology. Actually, she just needs to copy the table of contents pages. Can you recommend the quickest way to do this?

9. About two years I attended a conference in Memphis on suicide. How can I get a hold of some of the papers presented at this conference?

10. I attended a conference sponsored by the British Psychological Society in Southampton, England in 1996. I’m trying to remember the name of the fellow whose paper had something to do with caterpillars. Can you help me?

11. A patron was reading about the history of treatment of mental illness. She wants to know something about the Dix-Mann formula.
12. What is the Holmes-Rahe Scale of Stress? Who developed it?

13. I’m trying to find an address for the Canadian Center for Victims of Torture.

14. I’d like some statistics on the number of mental institutions in Europe.

15. I’ve been reading Native American fiction and I’ve run across the Ojibwe story about the windigo or winter monster. Is there a psychiatric condition associated with “going windigo”?

16. I heard that my uncle Ed has just been diagnosed with SDAT. What does this mean?

17. I’m writing a hard-boiled mystery novel. I would like a list of popular names for barbiturates.
18. I just read a reference to biting mania. What is (or was) it?

19. What can you tell me about Chubby Puffer syndrome?

20. What is the ICD?
21. I’m concerned that my brother is depressed. What are the criteria for clinical depression?

22. Both my mother and my sister are hypochondriacs. Is this a condition more prevalent in women?

23. I swear that I go into caffeine withdrawal if I don’t have a cup of coffee first thing in the morning. Is this a recognized mental condition?

24. I’ve heard that kleptomania is a relatively common condition. Is this true?

25. What is exposure therapy?

26. I’ve heard that people can have a fear of wine. What is the ‘official’ term for this?
Questions for all students:

27. Identify an actual reference request related to some aspect of this discipline. How would you answer this question? What resource(s) would you use?

28. Locate an Internet source related to this discipline. This source may be an electronic discussion list, electronic journal or newsletter, or web page. Be prepared to describe, briefly, the content of the source and indicate how you might use it in a reference situation. You may want to demonstrate the site.