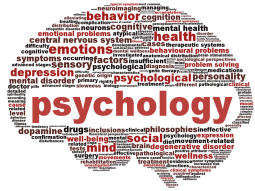## AP Psychology 12 – Inquiry Topics and Questions



Perspective
Research, bias, and critical thinking
Media and its affect on ideas of psychology
Discrimination and psychology

Introduction
Perspectives of psychology and counseling
Founding figures of psychology and bias
Subfields of psychology and careers
Issues of psychology, counseling, and psychiatry

Statistics and the Scientific Method
Statistics and population "trends"
Business, bias, research outcomes, and ethics
Research that is supported and financed

Biology
Epigenetics
How does the environment contribute to turning
on/off genes for disorders, like Alzheimers?

Evolutionary Psychology
Are humans going to evolve by having computer
chips or probes to help our disabilities?
Human behaviour and current adolescent trends
Natural disasters "balance" the population
Why do people want to help others? NGOs?
Why not allow people to survive or "die out"?

Developmental Psychology
Daycare's affect on childhood attachment
Research strategies for understanding infants
Media and teen development
What parenting methods yield a secure child?
Society and treatment of elderly
Grief and the well being of society
Why might change be a gradual process?

Sensation and Perception
*Western* ideas' affect on other cultures
Is it conflict, or just a mental perception?
Adaptation and getting "used to" a bad situation
How might Weber's law be applied to business?

Consciousness
Can hypnosis enhance recall of forgotten events?
Why is caffeine is an accepted societal drug?

Behaviourism
Conditioning in our society
How does Skinner's disbelief of humans having
"free will" explain how we learn?
Can we be "shaped" to be or do anything?

Memory
How might Ebbinghaus' curve of forgetting be
perceived as beneficial as well as detrimental?
Memory and life success
Memory reconstruction and the law

Thinking and Language
The power of language in human interaction
Algorithms and success
Computers and language
How does Chomsky's LAD theory explain how
children learn?

Intelligence
Intelligence and education
Are AIs, like Sophia, intelligent?
Exams and tests as assessment of intelligence

Motivation
Gender and orientation
Hunger and eating concerns and problems

Emotion
Expression and deception

Personality
Types and connections with occupations

Disorders, Stress, Therapy and Health
Models and bias in diagnosing and treating
Cultures, crisis and recovery
International care and aid
Immune system and stress