PSY342: Psychopathology Quiz #1

Short Answer Essays: This should be at least one paragraph for each answer.

1. The major difficulty in defining abnormality is that the concept of abnormality is relative. List and explain at least three reasons why this is true. Give an example for each of the three.
2. Psychological abnormality may include the four D's: deviance, distress, dysfunction, and danger. First explain what each of these mean regarding abnormality. Second, provide and explain an example of a time when each of these four aspects of abnormality would not be considered abnormal. Give an example for each.
3. List and explain three important differences between case studies and single-subject experiments. Be sure to mention 2 advantages and 2 disadvantages of both case studies and single subject experiments.
4. Dr. Amen said: "…human behavior is more complex than society's labels would have us believe." From Amen's book and from Chapter 1 of the Abnormal Psych textbook, list and explain three reasons why this complexity exists. Give an example for each reason.