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Unit 1

Intro Essay Questions

2. Personality is known as social attractiveness and a set of characteristics that has a unique contribution to one's "cognitions, motivations, and behaviors in various situations. Some limitations of current definitions of the term personality include certain behaviors the perceiver chooses to make judgements about attractiveness or unattractiveness are combined with actual personality traits. Another limitation is those who are unique and are judged on certain traits that lack having a good personality.

6. The six criteria used by personality psychologists to judge the scientific worth of theories are comprehensiveness, precision and testability, parsimony, empirical validity, heuristic value, and applied value. Comprehensiveness is viewed as knowledge being organized and integrated to explain relationships between a certain topic. Precision and testability are explanations to theories that can be easy to understand based on tests. Parsimony is a theory of assumptions that are likely to be too simplistic. Empirical validity is a good theory that needs to have data and evidence to support its hypothesis. Heuristic value is an indepth research that leads to new claims and data. Lastly, applied value leads to having new approaches to find solutions to clients problems that they are facing.

7. Some strengths of the case study method are that it gives an integrated view on the uniqueness of a person, it describes the consistencies and inconsistencies of one's behavior, and it describes explanations of a person's actions and experiences. Some weaknesses of this case study method is the lack of control and it can lead towards impossible results to casual interpretations.