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Intro Essay Questions:

#7: Case studies provide a great view of a person's unique identity. This view is provided by giving a detailed description of a person's consistent and inconsistent behaviors. One of a case study's main focuses is the unique characteristics of an individual. The main disadvantage of case studies is a lack of systematic control of variables in an experiment which is a significant source of weakness, as stated on page 12 of our textbook. Case studies can provide new hypotheses, data to be collected, and new ideas.

#3: A correlation coefficient signifies the direction of all the relationships, positive or negative. Positive correlations express the increase in a variable connected to the rise in another variable. Negative correlations represent the increase in one variable related to a decrease in another variable. Rarely will you ever find a perfect correlation, but they exist.

#2: A personality is a collaborative group of characteristics of a person with influence by their behaviors and motivations. The limitation of the current definition of personality is that there is only a group of unique traits that are influenced by behavior and incentives in certain situations.