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### **Erikson: Essay Questions**

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Some basic weaknesses of Erikson's theory include 1. A gender bias where a traditional gender role and stereotype is assumed. 2. Culture specificity where Erikson focuses of the psychological development of individuals in the western cultures whereas other cultures are not considered. 3. Overgeneralization where the theory does not consider the individuals and their differences in personality, ability and environment and how that may affect their development. 4. Limited scope where Erikson's theory only focusses on the psychological development and does not take in consideration the other important aspects of development such as the biological, the social and cultural influences. 5. His oversimplification in where Erikson's theory description of the stages and the complexities of human development. 6. Lack of empirical evidence where Erikson has also been criticized for his theories being merely speculations in nature.