

Research & Program Evaluation

Counseling Exam Practice Questions

The following questions are intended to help you while you prepare for the NCE, CPCE, CECE, NCMHCE, or other counseling exams. Review the questions, choose the best answer, and then review the correct responses on the last page.

Question 1

With a control group, which of the following is true?

- A) They receive the independent variable
- B) They do not receive the independent variable
- C) They have no effect on the dependent variable
- D) They are forced to participate in the experiment

Question 2

The term parsimony might be referred to as?

- A) Lloyd Morgan's 1894 Canon
- B) Principal of Economy
- C) Occam's Razor
- D) All of the above

Question 3

Which is most accurate about a hypothesis?

- A) It can be tested
- B) It is an educated guess
- C) It should not be included in research
- D) A & B

Additional questions on the following page.

Question 4

If an experiment is confounded, what is another way to describe the experiment?

- A) Flawed
- B) Successful
- C) Complex
- D) Longitudinal

Question 5

Which group receives the independent variable?

- A) Control
- B) Dependent
- C) Manipulated
- D) Experimental

Question 6

In experiments, the abbreviation DV most likely stands for what?

- A) Dependent Variable
- B) Domestic Violence
- C) Delayed Value
- D) Dependent Value

Question 7

From an ethical standpoint, which of the following is true of research?

- A) Test subjects cannot withdraw from an experiment due to risk of harm from not completing the experiment
- B) Test subjects cannot withdraw from an experiment due to the potential risk of harm to those that could benefit from the results of the experiment
- C) Test subjects can only withdraw from an experiment before the process of the experiment has begun
- D) None of the above

Additional questions on the following page.

Question 8

In correlational research, many experts believe that you need at least how many people to conduct a survey?

- A) 2
- B) 100
- C) 1,000
- D) 100,000

Question 9

Which variable does the experimenter manipulate?

- A) Dependent Variable
- B) Independent Variable
- C) ANOVA
- D) Parsimonious Variable

Question 10

With an experimental group, which of the following is true?

- A) They receive the independent variable
- B) They do not receive the independent variable
- C) They have no effect on the dependent variable
- D) They are forced to participate in the experiment

Answers on the following page.

Answer Key

The following are the answers to the questions on previous pages.

Question 1: B

Question 2: D

Question 3: D

Question 4: A

Question 5: D

Question 6: A

Question 7: D

Question 8: B

Question 9: B

Question 10: A

Want to learn more?

Check out the YouTube video that goes with this PDF. On that video, you'll learn more about what makes each of the correct answers the right one, as well as why the others aren't the best answers.



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