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PSYCHOLOGY

SECTION II

Time—50 minutes

Percent of total grade— $33\frac{1}{3}$

Directions: You have 50 minutes to answer BOTH of the following questions. It is not enough to answer a question by merely listing facts. You should present a cogent argument based on your critical analysis of the questions posed, using appropriate psychological terminology.

1. Describe a specific example that clearly demonstrates an understanding of how each of the following concepts can lead to an inaccurate perception, cognition, or conclusion. Each example must include an explanation of the relationship between the concept and the inaccuracy.
 - Afterimage effect
 - Availability heuristic
 - Ethnocentrism
 - Groupthink
 - Lack of object permanence
 - Nonrandom assignment of research participants
 - Optimistic explanatory style
 - Proactive interference

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2. Psychologists conduct research to investigate controversial issues. Consider the following:

- The value of diagnostic labeling
- Children's acquisition of language
- Explanations of hypnosis

- A. Describe the opposing points of view on each of the psychological issues listed above. Your description must provide one argument on each side of the controversy.
- B. For each issue, choose one point of view to support. Using evidence from psychological research, justify why you think this point of view is correct.

END OF EXAM