AP® Psychology
2001 Scoring Commentary

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Question 1

Sample Score Commentary
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Point 1: (0) Behavioral Cause
Didn’t score point because the student did not explain anxiety using appropriate behavioral theory

Point 2: (1) Psychoanalytical Cause
Scores point because of the phrase “Psychoanalytic perspective sees the cause of anxiety as unconscious feelings or conflicts.”

Point 3: (1) Biological Cause
Point awarded on the basis of “…specific biological predispositions to feeling anxiety.”

Point 4: (1) Cognitive Cause
Scores point by saying anxiety results from the way people organize their thoughts, demonstrating a knowledge of thinking as a process.

Point 5: (1) Behavioral Treatment
Scores point with the discussion and description of systematic desensitization.

Point 6: (1) Psychoanalytical Treatment
Scores point with the description of insight therapy and free association. Both are appropriate psychoanalytical treatments for anxiety.

Point 7: (1) Biological Treatment
Scores point with, “…drug treatments in order to calm the patient,” which provides a treatment and an outcome.

Point 8: (1) Cognitive Treatment
Scores point because the student describes cognitive therapy as a means to change the way people think
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Point 1:  (0) Behavioral Cause
doesn’t score point because student does not adequately describe behavioral cause

Point 2:  (1) Psychoanalytical Cause
scores point because of the phrase “repressed childhood trauma”

Point 3:  (0) Biological Cause
does not score because the student does not address the idea of a biological system change (i.e., at the neurotransmitter or hormonal level).

Point 4:  (0) Cognitive Cause
does not score because there is no mention of process; rather, the student alludes to a state of thought.

Point 5:  (0) Behavioral Treatment
doesn’t score point because student does not adequately describe behavioral treatment

Point 6:  (1) Psychoanalytical Treatment
scores point when the student writes, “…psychoanalysis, dream interpretation…that measure unconscious drives.”

Point 7:  (0) Biological Treatment
does not score point

Point 8:  (1) Cognitive Treatment
scores point with the cognitive therapy description (attempting to change the way a person thinks).
### Question 2

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**Point 1:** (0) Description of expectancy or set
Expectations were defined as an outcome, not a mental set that organizes behavior and cognitions

**Point 2:** (1) Human perception
Seeing the word “person” when what was written was “persn” earns the point.

**Point 3:** (1) Psychoactive drug
(Good placebo example with appropriate outcome)

**Point 4:** (1) Student performance in classroom
Used term “self-fulfilling prophecy” with appropriate outcome

**Point 5:** (1) Problem solving
Good example of functional fixedness

**Point 6:** (1) Memory
Eyewitness testimony example weak but acceptable
Question 2 (continued)

Sample Score Commentary

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Point 1: (0) Description of expectancy or set
The description of an expectancy does not incorporate the idea of a
general set that predisposes behavior. The attempted definition of “set” is
a common-sense usage of the term.

Point 2: (0) Human perception
This example deals with experimenter bias in giving subjects instructions,
not with a person using a perceptual set.

Point 3: (1) Psychoactive drug
This is an appropriate example of a placebo effect.

Point 4: (1) Student performance in classroom
The point was awarded for the use of the term “self-fulfilling prophecy”
with an appropriate outcome.

Point 5: (1) Problem solving
Functional fixedness is identified and related to the lack of divergent
thinking in seeking a solution to a problem.

Point 6: (0) Memory
This is an incomplete example of remembering that is not tied to a
mental set.