

GERONTOLOGY

SHORT ESSAY EXAM

Answer six of the eight questions below. Answer EACH PART of each question as directly and completely as you can. (7 points each)

1. Describe three major provisions of the disengagement theory. Mention whether you agree or disagree with each provision that you list. Describe one other psychosocial theory of aging and mention the extent to which you agree with it.
2. List and describe four personality types that were identified in Neugarten's study that was discussed in class. Mention the level of life satisfaction associated with each personality type that you describe.
3. Compare and contrast crystallized and fluid intelligence. How do results on measured intelligence often differ between cross-sectional and longitudinal data?
4. What are the three psychosocial crises of adulthood according to Erik Erikson? What are the major challenges associated with each of the three adult stages?
5. What are four myths and/or stereotypes of aging cited on the "Facts on Aging Quiz" taken in class? For each myth or stereotype that you list, provide the accurate information that dispels the myth or gives perspective to the stereotype.
6. List and describe four age norms that have undergone major shifts from the 1950's to the present.
7. What are four of the most important practical benefits, including personal growth, that you have gotten from this class so far? You may focus on changes in attitude, information learned, ideas that might be incorporated into your career, or anything else meaningful to you.
8. List and describe at least four areas of significant information that you have acquired by viewing the films in class.