

Evolutionary Psychology

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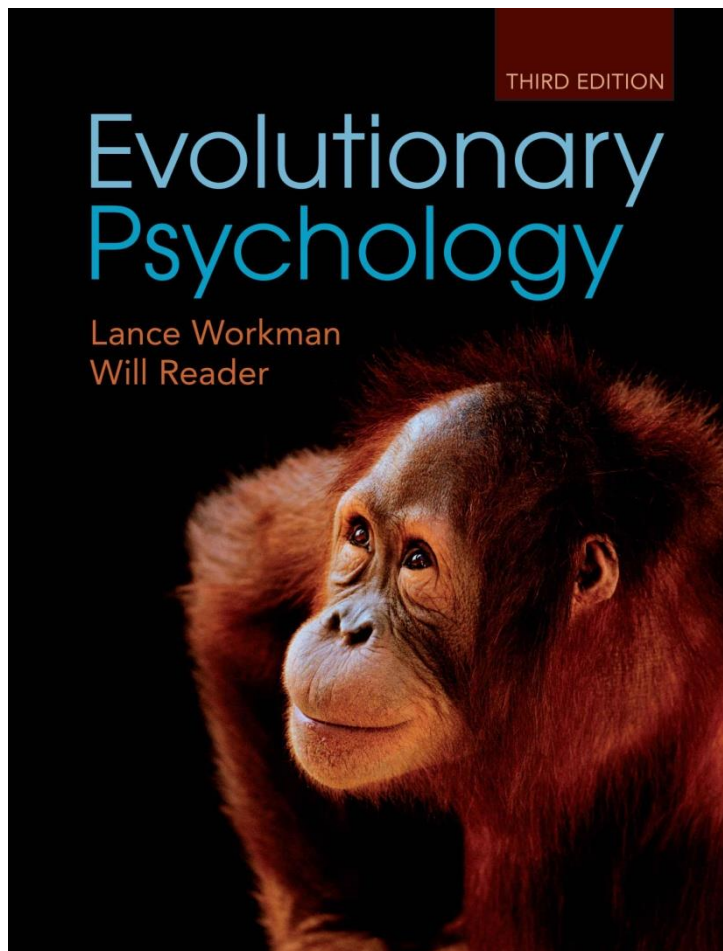
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Chapter 1

1. Natural Selection depends on:

- [a] The inheritance of acquired characteristics
- [b] Heritable variation and differential reproduction
- [c] Both a and b
- [d] Neither a nor b

2. SSSM means:

- [a] Standard social science mechanism
- [b] Standard social science model
- [c] Standard social science module
- [d] Special social science model

3. The Modularity of Mind was published in 1983 by:

- [a] Maynard-Smith
- [b] Dawkins
- [c] Tooby & Cosmides
- [d] Fodor

4. Who suggested 'biology will cannibalise psychology':

- [a] Dawkins
- [b] Wilson
- [c] Thornhill & Parker
- [d] Trivers

5. The EEA refers to:

- [a] Ecological environment of adaptation
- [b] Evolutionary environment of adaptation
- [c] Environment of evolutionary adaptation
- [d] Evolutionary ecology of adaptation

6. Eugenics refers to

- [a] The process of genetic transmission
- [b] Selective breeding for the good of the species
- [c] Indiscriminate genocide
- [d] The inheritance of acquired characteristics

7. What is the Great Chain of being?

- [a] The view that there is a natural hierarchy in life
- [b] Another term for descent with modification
- [c] The view that one can trace all organisms back to a single common ancestor
- [d] The fact that all creatures are genetically related to one another

8. Breland and Breland (1961) found that

- [a] Animals can be trained to do almost anything
- [b] Learning is a species-general process
- [c] Learning is constrained by species-specific 'instincts'
- [d] Positive reinforcement is more effective than punishment

9. The term 'evolutionary psychology' was first coined by

- [a] Charles Darwin
- [b] E.O. Wilson
- [c] Richard Dawkins
- [d] John Tooby and Leda Cosmides

10. Which of the following is a core principle of evolutionary psychology?

- [a] All behaviours are adaptive
- [b] All behaviours are hard-wired
- [c] Culture and learning are of little importance
- [d] None of the above

11. If a plant with a white flower is crossed with a plant with a red flower and we find the offspring are all either white or red never pink this is evidence for

- [a] The particulate nature of inheritance
- [b] The blending nature of inheritance
- [c] Incomplete dominance
- [d] Heterozygous advantage

12. The modern synthesis is a combination of the work of which two people?

- [a] Darwin and Mendel
- [b] Darwin and Wallace
- [c] Lamark and Mendel
- [d] Dawkins and Darwin

13. “[It] is not a place or a habitat, or even a time period. It is a statistical composite of the adaptation-relevant properties of ancestral environments encountered by members of ancestral populations, weighted by their frequency and fitness-consequences.” What is being referred to here?

- [a] The Great Chain of being
- [b] The Upper Pleistocene
- [c] The stone age
- [d] The EEA

14. The 'Spandrel's of San Marco' (Gould & Lewontin, 1979) is a criticism of what?

- [a] Innateness
- [b] Inheritance
- [c] Adaptationism
- [d] Determinism

15. What is the naturalistic fallacy?

- [a] Something must be good because it is natural
- [b] Something must be natural because it is good
- [c] We can understand nature by experimentation
- [d] We cannot understand nature by experimentation

16. The view that the mind is made up of domain-specific mental modules is central to what?

- [a] All evolutionary psychology
- [b] Sociobiology
- [c] Behavioural ecology
- [d] The Santa-Barbara School

17. Phrenology is most similar to which of Tooby and Cosmides's principles?

- [a] Adaptiveness
- [b] Innateness
- [c] Modularity
- [d] The EEA

18. Evolution was first proposed by

- [a] The Ancient Greeks
- [b] The Babylonians
- [c] Erasmus Darwin
- [d] Charles Darwin

19. Which of the following is an ultimate question?

- [a] Why do we find faeces disgusting?
- [b] How does schizophrenia develop?
- [c] Are men better at spatial tasks than women?
- [d] Which part of the brain is responsible for love?

20. Which of the following is NOT an assumption of the cultural relativist (or SSSM) tradition?

- [a] Culture is an autonomous force
- [b] Learning processes are domain specific
- [c] Humans are born blank slates
- [d] Human behaviour is infinitely malleable

Answers to chapter 1:

1 = b; 2 = b; 3 = d; 4 = b; 5 = c; 6 = b; 7 = a; 8 = c; 9 = d; 10 = d; 11 = a; 12 = a; 13 = d; 14 = c; 15 = a; 16 = d; 17 = c; 18 = a; 19 = a; 20 = b