

Q1.

Maria is a successful gymnast. Her mother was also an athlete and encouraged Maria throughout her childhood, taking her to practice sessions before school from the age of 5 years.

Maria is being interviewed about her success as a gymnast. In the interview she says, 'I don't know if I am like my mum or not. Wherever it came from, I always had a strong motivation to succeed. Maybe I didn't really have much choice. I was destined to be a gymnast.'

Discuss determinism in psychology. Refer to Maria in your answer.

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(Total 16 marks)

Q2.

Bob and Mike each have a daughter. Both girls are talented swimmers.

Bob says his daughter was destined to be a good swimmer because her grandfather was a great swimmer when he was young.

Mike says it was inevitable that his daughter would be a good swimmer because she was given lots of praise in swimming lessons when she was little.

Use your knowledge of determinism to explain Bob's and Mike's comments.

(Total 4 marks)

Q3.

Outline what is meant by soft determinism.

(Total 2 marks)

Q4.

Jonny is 25 years old. He is a very anxious person. Colleagues tease him at work because he chews his pen all the time and spends hours tidying his desk. He finds it difficult to make friends and has never had a girlfriend.

Use your knowledge of psychic determinism to explain Jonny's behaviour.

(Total 4 marks)