

The Nature-Nurture Debate – Questions by Topic

Q1.

Read the item and then answer the questions that follow.

Extract from a newspaper article

Coping with Life's Pressures

Depression often runs in families, but many depressed people have serious social problems or have experienced traumatic events in the past. However, many people find ways to cope. What we need is the will to overcome our problems.

- (a) With reference to the item above, explain what is meant by 'determinism'. Refer to **three** types of determinism in your answer.

(6)

- (b) With reference to the item above, identify **one** influence of nature on our behaviour and **one** influence of nurture on our behaviour.

(2)

(Total 8 marks)

Q2.

'Nature and nurture interact; both are vital to understanding and explaining human behaviour.'

Referring to this statement, discuss the nature-nurture debate in psychology.

(Total 16 marks)