Handout 1–2

Listed below are a number of statements. Each represents an opinion regarding some aspect of psychology. You will probably agree with some of these statements and disagree with others; there are no correct or incorrect answers.

Read each statement carefully and indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree by circling the appropriate number below each statement. For example:

Psychology should be a required course for high school students.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
strongly disagree						strongly agree

If you disagreed slightly with the above statement, you would circle the number 3. If you agreed strongly with the statement, you would circle the number 7. Be sure to give your opinion on every statement.

1. A psychology course is an important part of any person's education.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
strongly disagree						strongly agree

2. The different areas within psychology seem very unrelated to each other.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
strongly disagree						strongly agree

3. An undergraduate degree in psychology should be a Bachelor of Science rather than a Bachelor of Arts degree.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
strongly disagree						strongly agree

4. It's just as important for psychology students to do experiments as it is for students in chemistry and biology.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
strongly disagree						strongly agree

5. An introductory psychology course should cover as broad a range of topics as possible.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
strongly disagree						strongly agree

6. Research conducted in controlled laboratory settings is essential for understanding everyday behavior.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
strongly disagree						strongly agree

7. Even though each person is unique, it is possible for science to find general laws explaining human behavior.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
strongly disagree						strongly agree

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18. Psychological theories presented in the media should not be trusted unless they are supported by experiments.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
strongly disagree						strongly agree

19. Psychology will never be a true science because its predictions of individual behavior are seldom exact or certain.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
strongly disagree						strongly agree

20. Students get little benefit from learning about procedures for conducting psychology experiments.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
strongly disagree						strongly agree

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