PSY2503 Kultur- og samfunnspsykologi – eksamen utsatt eksamen høsten 2023 (Universitetet i Oslo)

Exam Questions PSY2503 Culture and Community Psychology / Fall 2023 Below are four questions referring to four topics covered in the course. Your task is to choose and answer one of these questions.

• A 2019 Forbes article proposed a ranking of different nations' intelligence based on several criteria: the number of Nobel Prizes that a country won, the average IQ scores of their citizens, and school achievement. What do you think about these criteria? Based on Sternberg's theory of succesful intelligence and other relevant readings for this course, discuss whether cross-national comparisons such as this one can be considered culturally fair and how informative they are.

• A large proportion of cross-cultural psychological research has focused on examining the differences between a Western country, such as the US, and an East-Asian country, such as Japan. Based on the article "Neither Eastern nor Western: Patterns of Independence and Interdependence in Mediterranean Societies" by Uskul et al (2023) and other course material, discuss the main limitation of using the traditional East-versus-West framework when studying cultural differences.

• John Berry's acculturation theory outlines several strategies that immigrants can use to relate to their heritage culture and the culture of the receiving society. What are these strategies? Describe each of them and discuss how in your opinion each of them can affect an immigrant's everyday life in the receiving society. Include specific examples and use relevant research and course materials to support your answer.

• Imagine that you work as an educational consultant for the city of Oslo. You were requested to consult with an elementary school in Oslo that has a large percentage of immigrant students. They are looking to make their school (including teaching practices but also the way the school functions in general) to be more inclusive for students from diverse cultural backgrounds. Make suggestions based on your knowledge of culture and community psychology from the course and your own experience with the Norwegian educational system, including specific examples and referring to relevant research to support your recommendations.

Scope and formal requirements:

Your answer must be between 2000-2500 words. Please note that if you go beyond this word limit, we may consider only the first 2500 words for your grade. The word count does not include cover pages, references, tables, or figures. The text should have an orderly and logical structure with a clear introduction (scope of the assignment, problem description), the main part (your answer to the exam question with discussion where you provide arguments for your answer) and a short conclusion/summary. The language should be academic and educational. References should follow the APA7 format, both in the text and in the reference list at the end.

The assignment does not need to have an abstract and table of contents. You can write in Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, or English.

Beyond this, there are no strict requirements for the format. You can choose to only use the syllabus literature, but you are also free to use other literature if you wish; this is not compulsory and will not affect your grade. You are free to choose what you want to include in the answer, but the word limit means that you need to prioritize your ideas so that they fit (prioritization is part of the assignment). The goal is to show that you can professionally, coherently, and independently reflect upon the theories and the literature discussed during the semester.

Tip 1: If you struggle to stay within the word limit, and you have described several different arguments/suggestions/examples, consider cutting down on the number of items that you describe — it is usually better to discuss fewer arguments/suggestions/examples thoroughly instead of discussing many superficially.

Tip 2: The general rule is to use your own words and limit the use of direct quotes as much as possible. You are allowed to use direct quotes if necessary, but please make sure you clearly indicate them in line with APA7 rules. Failure to do so will be considered plagiarism and may result in failing the exam.

Tip 3: You are not allowed to use AI programs, such as ChatGPT, to generate the exam for you, in parts or in its entirety. If we find proof that AI was used, for instance references and/or mentions of authors and/or theories that do not exist, your work will be considered non-independent, which may result in failing the exam. However, using proofreading programs such as Grammarly is acceptable.

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