

# PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING

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## What is Psychological test ?


- Essentially an objective and standardized measure of a sample behavior
- Are used assess a variety of mental abilities and attributes, including achievement and ability, personality and neurological functioning
- Personality tests are administered for a wide variety of reasons from diagnosing psychopathology (e.g, personality disorder, depressive disorder) to screening job candidates.
- They may be used in an educational setting to determine personality strengths and weaknesses


# Definition of psychological test

- “ A test is a systematic procedure for comparing the behavior of two or more persons”. Lee. J. Cronbach
- “ A psychological test is a standardized instrument designed to measure objectively one or more aspect of a total personality by means of samples of verbal or non-verbal responses, or by means of other behaviours”. F.S. Freeman
- “ A psychological test is essentially an objective and standardized measure of sample of behavior”. Anne Anastasi

# Characteristics of psychological test

1. Validity:- Validity of a test to measure what it is intended to measure.
2. Reliability:- test consistency, the ability to yield to the same result under a variety of different circumstances.
3. Objectivity:- Free from biasness in term of scoring, interpretation of scoring and in administration.

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4. Standardization:- In terms of time, place material employed in a test . Atmosphere and in all over instructions, it would be standardized.
  5. Norms:- Appropriate and accurate norms much be present in a quality test. Like age, grade, percentile rank etc.
  6. Administering, scoring of a test should be simple and can be done in a available resources and experts.

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7. Economy:- It should be administer in a short time for the case of those persons which are involve in administering the test.
  8. Test should be interesting for the examinee that he or she does not feel boredom in attempting the question