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This assignment may be used in place of one of your earlier critical thinking assignments or to earn points for a critical thinking assignment that you have missed. Only one assignment may be replaced.

This assignment cannot be used to replace Critical Thinking Assignment #3 that involved a two-page paper about prejudice. To replace Assignment #3 requires that you write a two-page paper about a Personality Disorder, providing the following information:

- The definition of a personality disorder.
- A description of the personality disorder you chose to write about.
- The difficulties experienced by those with the personality disorder and the difficulties they may cause others.
- The possible causes of the personality disorder.
- The treatment for the disorder.

Extra Credit. If you have already turned in all the assignments due and you do not need to replace an earlier assignment, you may receive five (5) points of extra credit for completing this assignment.

Your answers must be typed.

What is your diagnosis? For each of the following situations, name the disorder the person appears to be suffering from. Define or explain the identifying characteristics of the disorder.

1. Lorna is a 21-year-old woman who complains of various physical problems, including chest pains, stomach cramps, dizziness, and loss of hearing. However, upon examination, no physical problems can be found.

2. Paul is a 44-year-old man who apparently is suffering from amnesia. He was found living in a large city almost 600 miles from his home, where he had assumed a new identity. His wife identified him on the basis of his appearance, although she says that he seems to have a different personality.

3. Marlana is a 34-year-old female showing signs of disorganized thought (including paranoid delusions), flat affect, and she says that she hears voices. She also tends toward repetitive, highly ritualized behavior.

4. Zeek is a 17-year-old male who privately feels that he is worthless and incompetent at life's basic skills. However, he appears boastful, conceited and arrogant to others. When someone confronts him about his behaviors he flies into a rage. He shows little concern for others and is often envious when others are recognized for their achievements. He is also prone to daydreaming and fantasizing about the successes that await him.

5. Sandy feels dirty unless she bathes and changes clothes at least four times a day. She is fastidious about the house as well. Every room is scrubbed at least twice a week and the bathroom is taken care of daily.

6. Although he was not personally injured, Harry has had problems since the earthquake. He is listless and quarrelsome and sleeps fitfully, reliving the quake in nightmarish dreams.