Chapter 1: A Brief History of Cognitive Neuroscience

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 Explain the origins of the field of cognitive neuroscience.
- 1.2 Describe the roots of the debate over localization of function.
- 1.3 Explain the ways in which brain structure was studied.
- 1.4 Understand the philosophical origins of cognitive psychology.
- 1.5 Discuss behaviorism and its principal tenets.
- 1.6 Explain how and why cognitive psychology came to the forefront of the psychological fields.
- 1.7 Identify the different methods that are used to measure brain function and structure.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1.	What term was	coined by	Thomas	Willis as	a consequ	ience of the	case of Anne	Green?
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- a. psychopathology
- b. cognition
- c. neurology
- d. psychosis

ANS: C DIF: Easy REF: 1.1 A Historical Perspective OBJ: 1.1 MSC: Remembering

- 2. Aside from saving Anne Green's life, Thomas Willis and Christopher Wren also
 - a. created very accurate drawings of the brain.
 - b. came up with the names of a number of brain structures.
 - c. took the first steps that led to cognitive neuroscience.
 - d. All of the answer options are correct.

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- 3. Each of the following are reasons why Willis is considered one of the early figures in cognitive neuroscience EXCEPT:
 - a. He named many brain parts.
 - b. He gave frequent lectures on specific brain regions.
 - c. He was among the first to link behavioral deficits to brain damage.
 - d. He created very accurate brain images.

ANS: B DIF: Medium REF: 1.1 A Historical Perspective OBJ: 1.1 MSC: Remembering

4. While studying brain function, it is often useful to think of development in terms of ______ which is the perspective of ______.

- a. cognition; cognitive neuroscience c. blood flow; magnetic resonance imaging
- b. survival; evolution d. dysfunction; psychopathology

ANS: B DIF: Difficult REF: 1.1 A Historical Perspective

OBJ: 1.1 MSC: Analyzing

5.	Which stance would most for the conscious mind? a. monism b. behaviorism	c.	on that physical elements of the brain are responsible dualism relativism			
		F: Medium REF: C: Analyzing	1.1 A Historical Perspective			
6.	brain structure, the pineal a. regulating feelings an b. connecting the mind a	gland, as having what fu d emotions c. and the body d.	moderating cognitive processes adjusting behavior			
		F: Easy REF: C: Remembering	1.1 A Historical Perspective			
7.		lain how a cognitive func c.	roaching cognitive neuroscience, which of the stion may have developed? neurological dysfunction hunting and gathering			
		F: Difficult REF: C: Analyzing	1.1 A Historical Perspective			
8.	 3. A central issue of modern cognitive neuroscience is whether specific human cognitive abilities a. arise from networks of brain areas working together. b. are determined by the shape and size of the human skull or the brain beneath. c. are best studied using the scientific method. d. can be best identified using the Golgi silver method of staining or fMRI. 					
		F: Medium REF: C: Understanding	1.2 The Brain Story			
9.	The discipline of phrenologa. Broca and Wernicke.b. Fritsch and Hitzig.	c.	Ramón y Cajal and Sherrington. Gall and Spurzheim.			
		F: Easy REF: C: Remembering	1.2 The Brain Story			
	 O. Phrenologists believed that the contour of the skull could provide valuable information about an individual's cognitive capacities and personality traits. This approach was based on the assumption that a. skull protrusions are caused by disproportionate development of the brain areas beneath them, which are responsible for different specific functions. b. certain traits such as aggressiveness lead to life experiences and injuries that alter the shape of the skull in specific ways. c. life experiences and injuries that alter the shape of the skull in specific ways lead to certain traits, such as aggressiveness. d. the development of the skull bones directly influences the configuration of the soft brain areas beneath them, which are responsible for different specific functions. ANS: A DIF: Difficult REF: 1.2 The Brain Story OBJ: 1.2 MSC: Evaluating 					
11.	Localizationist is to	as holistic is to	·			

a. Wernicke; Gallb. Gall; Flourensc. Flourens; Brocad. Broca; Wernicke

ANS: B DIF: Medium REF: 1.2 The Brain Story

OBJ: 1.2 MSC: Understanding

- 12. Gall's method for investigating phrenology was flawed because
 - a. he used the wrong language to explain the characteristics he observed.
 - b. he did not tell Napoleon Bonaparte that he possessed noble characteristics.
 - c. he sought only to confirm, not disprove, the correlations he observed.
 - d. he used his own skull as the base model.

ANS: C DIF: Easy REF: 1.2 The Brain Story

OBJ: 1.2 MSC: Remembering

13. The view known as *aggregate field theory*, which stated that the whole brain participates in behavior, is most associated with

a. Broca.b. Hughlings Jackson.c. Brodmann.d. Flourens.

ANS: D DIF: Easy REF: 1.2 The Brain Story

OBJ: 1.2 MSC: Remembering

- 14. The key observation leading John Hughlings Jackson to propose a topographical organization in the cerebral cortex was that
 - a. speech disturbances could be identified by left-hemisphere lesions.
 - b. the two hemispheres of the brain served different functions.
 - c. seizures begin in a localized region of the cortex.
 - d. focal brain damage causes specific behavioral deficits.

ANS: C DIF: Difficult REF: 1.2 The Brain Story

OBJ: 1.2 MSC: Analyzing

- 15. In developing phrenology, Gall's main failure was that
 - a. he did not seek disconfirming evidence.
 - b. he was not a scientist.
 - c. his method was correlational.
 - d. All of the answer options are correct.

ANS: D DIF: Difficult REF: 1.2 The Brain Story

OBJ: 1.2 MSC: Analyzing

- 16. Giovanni visits his local phrenologist. What is this person likely to tell him?
 - a. You are a domineering person.
 - b. Your father was a very domineering person.
 - c. Your brother is a domineering person.
 - d. Your mother was a very domineering person.

ANS: A DIF: Medium REF: 1.2 The Brain Story

OBJ: 1.2 MSC: Applying

- 17. The view developed by Marie Jean Pierre Flourens, based on the idea that processes like language and memory cannot be localized within circumscribed brain regions, was known as
 - a. the neuron doctrine. c. rationalism.

b. aggregate field theory. d. the law of effect.

	ANS: B OBJ: 1.2	DIF: Easy MSC: Remembering		1.2 The Brain Story		
18.	John Hughlings Jackson proposed aorga with people with					
	a. holistic; aphasiab. topographic; aph			topographic; epilepsy holistic; epilepsy		
	ANS: C OBJ: 1.2	DIF: Medium MSC: Understandin		1.2 The Brain Story		
19.		was one of the first brain scientists to realize that specific cognitive functions can be localized to specific parts of the brain and that many different functional regions can take part in a				
	a. Brocab. Hughlings Jackso	on		Flourens Brodmann		
	ANS: B OBJ: 1.2	DIF: Medium MSC: Remembering		1.2 The Brain Story		
20.	Which 19th-century scientist suggested that the frontal lobe contributes to language and speech production?					
	a. Flourensb. Wernicke			Broca Brodmann		
	ANS: C OBJ: 1.2	DIF: Medium MSC: Remembering		1.2 The Brain Story		
21.		s nicknamed "Tan" be a due to a lesion in wh	ich area c.			
	ANS: B OBJ: 1.2	DIF: Easy MSC: Remembering	REF:	1.2 The Brain Story		
22.	Which of the following things would have been the most difficult for the famous individual studied by Paul Broca to do, compared to before his stroke?					
	a. listening to a piab. appreciating a pa	no recital	c.	reading a book aloud playing a game of cards		
	ANS: C OBJ: 1.2	DIF: Medium MSC: Applying	REF:	1.2 The Brain Story		
 Which of the following things would have been the most difficult for the famous individual by Carl Wernicke to do, compared to before his stroke? a. understanding a speech b. painting a picture c. singing a song d. riding a horse 						
	ANS: A OBJ: 1.2	DIF: Medium MSC: Applying	REF:	1.2 The Brain Story		
24.	Wernicke was an ear comprehension.	ly researcher who sug	gested t	hat the contributes to language		
	a. right frontotempob. left frontotempo			right temporoparietal area left temporoparietal area		

	ANS: D OBJ: 1.2	DIF: Medium MSC: Applying	REF:	1.2 The Brain Story
25.	a. understanding spb. speaking; undersc. aggregate field tl		ganizatio	on
	ANS: A OBJ: 1.2	DIF: Easy MSC: Remembering		1.2 The Brain Story
26.	have more difficulty a. fine motor contro b. the sense of touc c. the production of	, whereas individu	ials with	
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27.	a. most early invest b. investigators did 20th century. c. most early invest rather than in hur	developed rather slow tigators were limited to not know the brain wa tigators focused on stu	oly before postments separal dying the	rognitive capacities and the brain areas that are the 20th century is that ortem studies to localize lesions. ated into two hemispheres until the he brain—behavior relationship in animals th century.
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28.	Korbinian Brodmann a. phrenological; cu b. phrenological; cl ANS: C OBJ: 1.3	ytoarchitectonics	c. d. REF:	document 52 regions of the brain that differed in tissue staining; cytoarchitectonics tissue staining; chronometrics 1.2 The Brain Story
29.	a. Golgi's silver meb. Purkinje's descri	ethod. iption of the first nerve ervation of adaptive re	e cell.	olishment of the neuron doctrine EXCEPT:
	ANS: C OBJ: 1.3	DIF: Medium MSC: Understandin		1.2 The Brain Story

30.	discret specifi a. a; b. a; c. no	te parts of the c	ortex in	an experiment	using	ne idea that specific functions are localized to electrical stimulation of a dog's brain. More between the portion of the cortex stimulated and
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31.	a. the b. the c. the		neir surf the cellations the	ey perform.		al regions by
	ANS: OBJ:		DIF: MSC:	Easy Remembering		1.2 The Brain Story
32.	Yvette wants to figure out whether cells in two different layers of the occipital lobe have different functions. What would she have done if she had been a scientist in the early 20th century? a. look at a CAT scan b. observe the tracts that connect each layer c. study living patients with damage to those cells d. look at the layers under a microscope					
	ANS: OBJ:			Medium Applying	REF:	1.2 The Brain Story
33.	and what a. Pu			cribed 52 distireme is often us	ed toda c.	ical areas based on cell structure and arrangement, y, was Brodmann. Hyde.
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34.	cytopl a. sy		ng term	s refers to the i	dea of a c. d.	a continuous mass of tissue that shares a common striatum claustrum
	ANS: OBJ:		DIF: MSC:	Easy Remembering		1.2 The Brain Story
35.	 La reazione nera, or "the black reaction," refers to a. a cell stain developed by Golgi. b. a perceptual phenomenon described by the Gestalt psychologists. c. a ganglion preparation developed by Arvanitaki. d. a type of reinforcement-based learning described by the behaviorists. 					
	ANS: OBJ:		DIF: MSC:	Easy Remembering		1.2 The Brain Story

c. Gustav Theodor Fritsch a. Paul Broca b. Sir Charles Sherrington d. Santiago Ramón y Cajal ANS: A DIF: Medium REF: 1.2 The Brain Story OBJ: 1.3 MSC: Remembering 37. Which of the following statements best describes the "neuron doctrine"? The nervous system consists of a fused network of interconnected fibers. b. The brain can be subdivided into regions that are distinct in cytoarchitectonics yet functionally interactive. c. The nervous system consists of physically distinct cells that are functionally interactive. d. The brain can be subdivided into functionally autonomous modules. REF: 1.2 The Brain Story ANS: C DIF: Medium OBJ: 1.3 MSC: Understanding 38. The neuron doctrine is usually credited to ______, who used a staining technique pioneered by a. Purkinje; Brodmann c. Golgi; Ramón y Cajal b. Brodmann; Purkinje d. Ramón y Cajal; Golgi ANS: D DIF: Easy REF: 1.2 The Brain Story OBJ: 1.3 MSC: Remembering 39. The primary contribution of Golgi to the field of cognitive neuroscience was that he a. developed a staining technique that permitted full visualization of individual neurons. b. showed experimentally that the nervous system is composed of a net of physically interconnected neuronal units. c. discovered that cells in different regions of the cortex also differ in shape and size. d. demonstrated that nerves can release chemicals that have an activating effect on nearby muscle cells. ANS: A DIF: Medium REF: 1.2 The Brain Story OBJ: 1.3 MSC: Understanding 40. The term *synapse*, coined by Sherrington, refers to the junction between a. a blood vessel and surrounding neurons. b. two different cytoarchitectonic regions in the brain. c. two adjacent neurons. d. an axon and the cell body of a neuron. ANS: C DIF: Easy REF: 1.2 The Brain Story MSC: Remembering OBJ: 1.3 41. Rationalism is the philosophical position that knowledge a. originates from sensory experience. b. must be experimentally tested. c. must be deduced and justified through reason. d. is globally distributed in the cortex. ANS: C DIF: Easy REF: 1.3 The Psychological Story OBJ: 1.4 MSC: Remembering 42. *Empiricism* is the philosophical position that all knowledge a. must be deduced and justified through reason.

36. Which of the following scientists contributed to modern neuroscience in the 19th century?

- b. originates from sensory experience. c. must be experimentally tested.
- d. is globally distributed in the cortex.

DIF: Easy ANS: B REF: 1.3 The Psychological Story

OBJ: 1.4 MSC: Remembering

- 43. Which of the following is NOT true of empiricism?
 - a. It is primarily associated with the British philosophers Hobbes, Hume, and Mill.
 - b. It was a foundation for the associationist–behaviorist school of psychology.
 - c. It postulates a special role for reason and induction in human thought.
 - d. It emphasizes sensory experience in the development of knowledge.

ANS: C DIF: Medium REF: 1.3 The Psychological Story

OBJ: 1.4 MSC: Understanding

- 44. Ebbinghaus, who is considered the father of modern memory research, was among the first to demonstrate that
 - a. different types of brain lesions can produce different types of memory deficits.
 - b. in terms of cognition, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.
 - c. behavior is best understood in terms of stimulus—response relationships.
 - d. internal mental processes can be measured in rigorous and reproducible ways.

ANS: D DIF: Difficult REF: 1.3 The Psychological Story

OBJ: 1.4 MSC: Analyzing

- 45. All of the following are representative of the emergence of the field of cognitive science in the second half of the 20th century EXCEPT
 - a. new developments in computer technology and artificial intelligence.
 - b. a philosophical shift in the field toward empiricism and associationism.
 - c. Chomsky's work arguing that behaviorist theories cannot explain language acquisition.
 - d. Miller's work showing that internal processes like short-term memory can be quantified.

REF: 1.3 The Psychological Story ANS: B DIF: Difficult

OBJ: 1.4 MSC: Evaluating

- 46. Thorndike's law of effect
 - a. stated that much knowledge is innately specified due to natural selection.
 - b. was written to oppose Darwin's theory of natural selection.
 - c. stated that a behavior that is followed by a reward is likely to occur again.
 - d. was written to oppose the behaviorists.

ANS: C DIF: Easy REF: 1.3 The Psychological Story

OBJ: 1.5 MSC: Remembering

47. __ is the idea that all knowledge comes from sensory experiences, while _____

holds that truth is intellectual.

a. Empiricism; rationalism

- b. Empiricism; logic
- c. Rationalism; empiricism
- d. Rationalism; logic

REF: 1.3 The Psychological Story ANS: A DIF: Medium

OBJ: 1.5 MSC: Understanding

48. John Watson famously argued that newborn babies

- a. are incapable of forming memories. b. have an intelligence comparable to our nearest primate cousins. c. can be raised to become anything. d. will develop different intellectual abilities according to innate differences. ANS: C DIF: Difficult REF: 1.3 The Psychological Story OBJ: 1.5 MSC: Analyzing 49. According to associationist Herman Ebbinghaus, complex processes such as memory a. can be understood by combining different pieces of information. b. are best understood in terms of a stimulus's emergent properties. c. cannot be measured because they are not behaviors. d. can be measured in an analytic fashion. REF: 1.3 The Psychological Story ANS: D DIF: Difficult OBJ: 1.4 MSC: Evaluating 50. According to Edward Thorndike, which of the following is NOT true about rewards? a. They indicate which creatures have malleable structures in the brain. b. They help to stamp things into the mind. c. They lead to adaptive learning. d. They are part of the law of effect. ANS: A DIF: Difficult REF: 1.3 The Psychological Story OBJ: 1.5 MSC: Evaluating 51. "Cells that fire together, wire together" was first proposed by Donald Hebb as an explanation for a. epileptic seizures and their effects. b. cytoarchitectural variation. c. the way in which the brain codes new learning. d. amnesia caused by brain damage. ANS: C DIF: Medium REF: 1.3 The Psychological Story OBJ: 1.5 MSC: Understanding B. F. Skinner's assertion that languages are c. universal; rational a. innate; learned b. learned; universal d. rational; innate
- 52. Noam Chomsky argued that the structure of human languages is ______, in contrast to

ANS: A DIF: Easy REF: 1.3 The Psychological Story

MSC: Remembering OBJ: 1.6

53. Which of the following people did NOT play a strong role in the theoretical shift in psychology in the latter part of the 20th century?

a. Noam Chomsky c. George A. Miller b. Sir Charles Sherrington d. Claude Shannon

ANS: B DIF: Easy REF: 1.3 The Psychological Story

OBJ: 1.6 MSC: Remembering

- 54. Which of the following was NOT contributory to the development of the electroencephalogram?
 - a. measuring continuous activity from the cerebral cortex of dogs and apes
 - b. studying patients who had skull defects
 - c. making photographic recordings of activity from a string galvanometer
 - d. publishing a paper describing recordings of brain currents

DIF: Difficult ANS: B REF: 1.4 The Instruments of Neuroscience OBJ: 1.7 MSC: Analyzing 55. You decide that you want to measure blood flow of the brain. Which of the following methods would you employ to best achieve your goal? a. Listen to the blood flow across veins. b. Look at red blood cells under a microscope. c. Measure the amount of iron in the blood. d. None of the answer options is correct. DIF: Medium REF: 1.4 The Instruments of Neuroscience ANS: D MSC: Applying OBJ: 1.7 56. Computerized axial tomography is to MRI as _ ___ is to ____ a. X-ray; radio frequencies c. blood oxygenation; X-ray b. structure: function d. radiation; dipoles REF: 1.4 The Instruments of Neuroscience ANS: A DIF: Medium OBJ: 1.7 MSC: Analyzing 57. Which of the following methods relies on blood oxygenation? a. magnetic resonance imaging b. functional magnetic resonance imaging c. computerized axial tomography d. electroencephalogram DIF: Medium REF: 1.4 The Instruments of Neuroscience ANS: B OBJ: 1.7 MSC: Understanding 58. Suppose you are investigating neurological function, and one of the initial portions of your procedure is to inject radioactive oxygen-15 into the patient's bloodstream. Which of the following methods are you most likely using to measure neurological activity? electroencephalography (EEG) c. positron emission tomography (PET) computerized axial tomography (CAT) d. magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) ANS: C DIF: Difficult REF: 1.4 The Instruments of Neuroscience OBJ: 1.7 MSC: Applying 59. A group of investigators is conducting research on brain tumors, and they need to obtain three-dimensional brain views to localize the tumors. Which instrument will provide the least invasive way to obtain their objective? a. electroencephalography (EEG) c. positron emission tomography (PET) b. computerized axial tomography (CAT) d. magnetoencephalography (MEG) DIF: Difficult REF: 1.4 The Instruments of Neuroscience ANS: B OBJ: 1.7 MSC: Applying 60. Imagine that you are one of the researchers who advanced the field of cognitive neuroscience by developing a new instrument to measure the brain. Computerized axial tomography (CAT) has already been developed, but your team wants to expand the CAT to develop an instrument that will provide information about brain function. Which method are you most likely developing? a. electroencephalography (EEG) c. positron emission tomography (PET) b. functional magnetic resonance imaging d. magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

(fMRI)

ANS: C DIF: Difficult REF: 1.4 The Instruments of Neuroscience

OBJ: 1.7 MSC: Applying

SHORT ANSWER

1. Draw a diagram demonstrating the approach known as the scientific method. Your diagram should indicate the general procedures used and the order in which they are performed.

ANS:

Answers will vary. Each should include the following:

- make an observation
- ask why it came about
- form a hypothesis
- design and perform an experiment
- draw a conclusion
- may also include replication

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MSC: Creating

2. Describe how and why the term *cognitive neuroscience* was chosen for this field. Be sure to mention the two fields that combined to create this new field of study.

ANS:

Answers will vary.

DIF: Easy REF: 1.1 A Historical Perspective OBJ: 1.4

MSC: Remembering

3. Localizationists argued that higher cognitive functions were the product of brain activity in specific areas. Give evidence that they used to support their claims.

ANS:

Answers will vary.

DIF: Easy REF: 1.2 The Brain Story OBJ: 1.1

MSC: Remembering

4. Paul Broca and Carl Wernicke discovered two different forms of aphasia. Compare and contrast them.

ANS:

Answers will vary.

DIF: Medium REF: 1.2 The Brain Story OBJ: 1.2

MSC: Understanding

5. Describe the main tenets of the Neuron Doctrine.

ANS:

Answers will vary.

DIF: Easy REF: 1.2 The Brain Story OBJ: 1.2

MSC: Remembering

6. Describe the evidence that led Marie-Jean-Pierre Flourens to move the field away from localization toward aggregate-field theory.

ANS:

Answers will vary.

DIF: Easy REF: 1.2 The Brain Story OBJ: 1.2

MSC: Remembering

7. A major question in cognitive neuroscience is the extent to which regions of the brain are independent or integrated. Which of these two viewpoints is most valid? Present evidence to support your view.

ANS:

Answers will vary.

DIF: Difficult REF: 1.2 The Brain Story OBJ: 1.2

MSC: Evaluating

8. Associationism and empiricism are two main philosophical positions. Pick the one you think best describes how humans come to know things and explain why you think this.

ANS:

Answers will vary.

DIF: Medium REF: 1.3 The Psychological Story OBJ: 1.4

MSC: Remembering

9. Describe the transition from behaviorist to cognitive approaches in psychology.

ANS:

Answers will vary.

DIF: Easy REF: 1.3 The Psychological Story OBJ: 1.4

MSC: Understanding

10. Noam Chomsky wrote an article titled "Three Models for the Description of Language." Describe how the findings he reported moved the field of cognitive psychology forward.

ANS:

Answers will vary.

DIF: Medium REF: 1.3 The Psychological Story OBJ: 1.4

MSC: Remembering

11. Describe two principal methods used to measure brain structure.

ANS:

Answers will vary.

DIF: Easy REF: 1.4 The Instruments of Neuroscience

OBJ: 1.7 MSC: Remembering

12. You would like to understand at what point in time an event took place in the brain. What neuroimaging method would you choose? Explain why you would choose this method and what information you would be missing.

ANS:

Answers will vary.

DIF: Easy REF: 1.4 The Instruments of Neuroscience

OBJ: 1.7 MSC: Understanding