

FINAL EXAM: Clinical Assessment II

There are 4 questions on the Essay portion. Answer all three. Please number your answers. All exams are due no later than Midnight Saturday

Good luck

1.

Charlie Sheen comes to you, stating that in the past three weeks he has solved most of the worlds problems, had sex with nearly 20 women, and partied non-stop. He says he is amazed with his abilities and is thrilled that he is finally reaching “maximum Charlie Volocity, “ which will result in an end to all wars, poverty, famine and poor credit ratings. He speaks to you in a rapid fire of topics, and demonstrates other behaviors suggestive of a manic episode. His MMPI scores indicate personality disorder as well, and he admits to heavy drug and alcohol use. He says his only real problem is the boobs at the TV network, who don’t understand his amazing qualities.

Give a diagnosis including at least one differential diagnosis for Mr. Sheen’s condition. 5pts

2. An obese 19 year old woman, Ima Nutt, comes to therapy because her mother urged her to do so. In a somewhat flat monotone , she says her mother is concerned because Ima has no interest in meeting men or in making friends in general. Ima says that she personally is not bothered by this: she has always been that way and does not understand why this is a problem. Other than some occasional trouble sleeping, and “night visions” in which she is visited by her deceased father, she reports no problems to speak of. In her second session she casually mentions that she was molested by her father between the ages of 12 –15. After a month of treatment, she calls at 3:00am crying and screaming that she wants to kill herself.

DO NOT SPECIFY A TREATMENT PLAN FOR THIS CASE.

Discuss your diagnostic impressions, and give a diagnosis of Ima. Also give at least two other diagnoses you would consider and explain why (10points).

3. You are co-leading a therapy group called “self awareness and change” with another intern at a local agency. She excitedly tells you that she has added two new members to the group. She informs you that one of them has been diagnosed with dependent personality disorder, and the other with schizoid personality disorder. Describe what sorts of behaviors you might expect from these patients in such a group. Their approach to the topic, interactions with others and therapist. 5 pts

4. Discuss the differential diagnosis of Bipolar, PTSD, Dissociative and Psychotic disorders. What are the similarities and differences in symptom expression and presentation? 10 pts.