

Unit - IV

Intelligence

What is Intelligence? What is its form? The psychologists have different opinions regarding these questions. Some psychologists consider it the ability to abstract abstract thinking, while some consider intelligence the ability to adjust, while others take it as the ability of problem-solving. This is the reason that intelligence has not a universal definition. Different psychologists have

attempted to define intelligence in their own way.

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Psychologists
(According to definitions)

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| 1. | Intelligence :
Ability to
adjust | stern, Kruz, colvin
Burt |
| 2. | Intelligence :
Ability to learn | Thorndike, Dearborn
Bakingham |
| 3. | Intelligence :
Ability to
abstract thinking | Terman, Spearman,
Binet |

Definitions of Intelligence

According to woodworth —

"Intelligence is a way of acting."

According to stern —

"Intelligence is the general adoptibility to new problems of life."

According to Burt

"Intelligence is the innate capacity to adopt relatively to new situations."

According to Binet —

Intelligence is judgement or common sense, initiative, the ability to adopt oneself."

According to Terman

"Intelligence is the ability to think in terms of abstract idea."

According to Thorndike —

"Intelligence is the power of good response from the point of view of truth or fact."

According to Spearman —

"Intelligence is relational thinking."