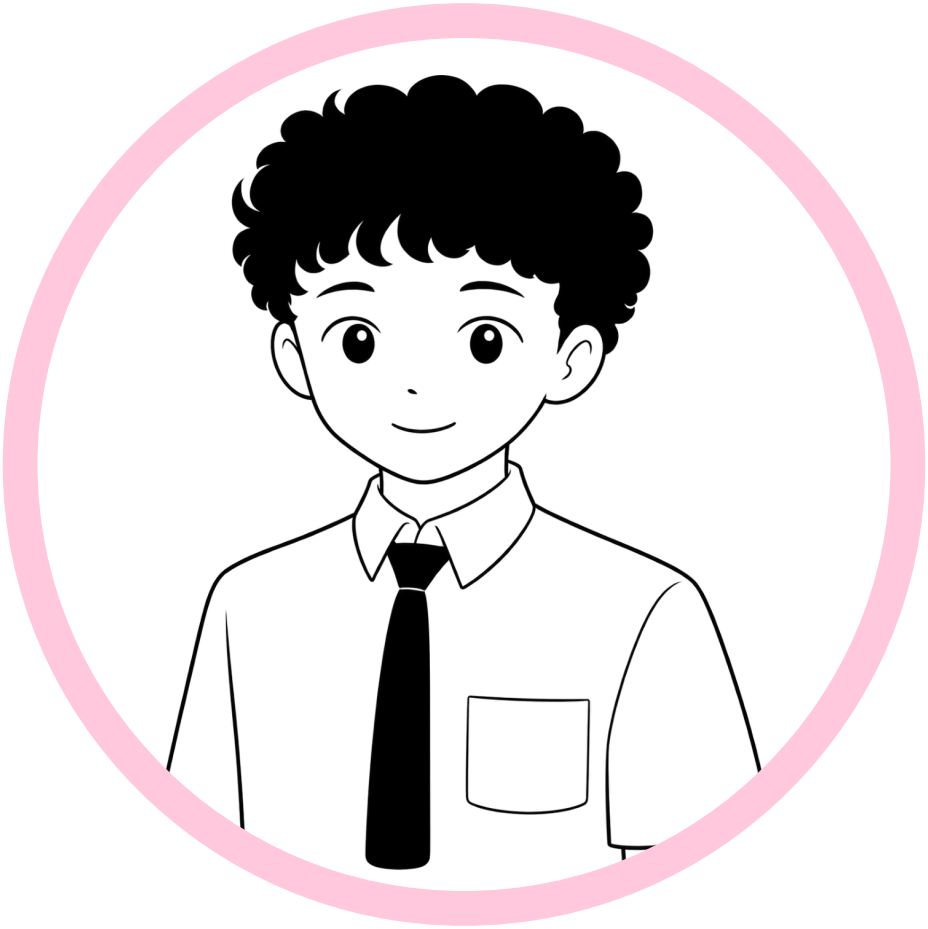
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3.3.1 FREE WILL AND DETERMINISM

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Q1.

Dancho is a talented and famous musician. He was taught to play the piano by his father who was a concert pianist. From the age of four years Dancho attended a specialist music school where he spent many hours each day practising the piano.

In a recent TV interview Dancho said, 'My earliest memories are of notes and melodies, so music is a part of me. To hear the applause in the concert hall is what I live for. Even if I wanted to stop playing, I could not.'

Discuss **two or more** types of determinism. Refer to the case of Dancho as part of your discussion.

(Total 16 marks)

Q2.

Which **two** of the following statements describe a strongly deterministic view? Write the letters of your chosen answers in your answer booklet.

A People are always responsible for their own actions

B People behave in a random fashion

C People's behaviour always has a cause

D People exercise full choice over how they behave

E People have no choice about how to act

(Total 2 marks)

Q3.

Name **two** types of determinism.

(Total 2 marks)

Q4.

Read the item and then answer the questions that follow.

Extract from a newspaper article

Coping with Life's Pressures

Depression often runs in families, but many depressed people have serious social problems or have experienced traumatic events in the past. However, many people find ways to cope. What we need is the will to overcome our problems.

(a) With reference to the item above, explain what is meant by 'determinism'. Refer to **three** types of determinism in your answer.

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(6)

(b) With reference to the item above, identify **one** influence of nature on our behaviour and **one** influence of nurture on our behaviour.

(2)

(Total 8 marks)

Q5.

Read the item and then answer the questions that follow.

A researcher studied the effect of light intensity on visual memory. He carried out a controlled experiment. Participants in Group 1 viewed a drawing in extra bright light for 60 seconds then had to recall the details. Participants in Group 2 viewed the same drawing in normal light for 60 seconds then had to recall the details. The researcher recorded the number of details correctly recalled in the two conditions.

Referring to the item above, explain what is meant by the scientific emphasis on causal explanations.

(Total 3 marks)

Q6.

With reference to a behaviour, explain the distinction between hard determinism and soft determinism.

(Total 3 marks)

Q7.

Joel has learned to get his own way at school by having fights with other children. His two older brothers were both excluded from school for injuring other children. Recently, Joel has also been excluded from school for attacking another child.

Explain what is meant by *determinism*. Refer to Joel's aggressive behaviour in your answer.

(Total 4 marks)

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