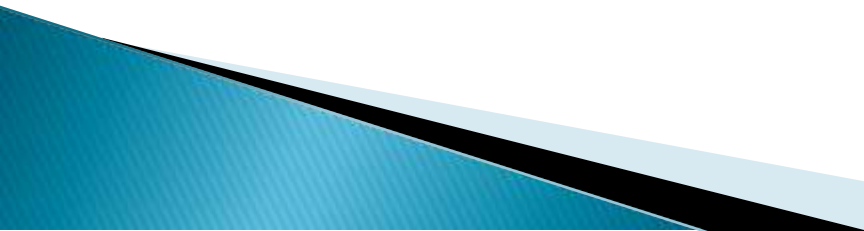


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Techniques of Psychological Assessment

- ▶ **1. The Test-** A test may be defined simply as a measuring device or procedure. Psychological test refers to a device or procedure designed to measure variables related to psychology (for example, intelligence, personality, aptitude, interests, attitudes, and values). Psychological tests and other tools of assessment may differ with respect to a number of variables such as content, format, administration procedures, scoring and interpretation procedures, and technical quality.
 - ▶ **2. The Interview-** The interview as a tool of psychological assessment typically involves more than talk. The interviewer is taking note of both verbal and nonverbal behavior. Nonverbal behavior may include the interviewee's "body language," movements and facial expressions in response to the interviewer, the extent of eye contact, and apparent willingness to cooperate. The interviewer may also take note of the way that the interviewee is dressed.
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- ▶ **3. Case History Data-** Case history data refers to records, transcripts, and other accounts in written, pictorial, or other form that preserve archival information, official and informal accounts, and other data and items relevant in an assessment. Case history data may include files or excerpts from files maintained at institutions and agencies such as schools, hospitals, employers, religious institutions, and criminal justice agencies. Other examples of case history data are letters and written correspondence, photos and family albums, newspaper and magazine clippings, and home videos, movies, and audiotapes. Work samples, artwork, doodlings, and accounts and pictures pertaining to interests and hobbies are yet other examples.
- ▶ **4. Behavioral Observation-** Behavioral observation, as it is employed by assessment professionals, may be defined as monitoring the actions of others or oneself by visual or electronic means while recording quantitative and/or qualitative information regarding the actions. Behavioral observation is often used as a diagnostic aid in various settings such as inpatient facilities, behavioral research laboratories, and classrooms.

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 - ▶ **6. Role-Play Tests-** A role-play test is a tool of assessment wherein assesseees are directed to act as if they were in a particular situation. Assesseees may then be evaluated with regard to their expressed thoughts, behaviors, abilities, and other variables.
 - ▶ **7. Computers as Tools-** The more important role of computers as a tool of assessment is their role in test administration, scoring, and interpretation.
 - ▶ **8. Other Tools-** Audio, Video, CD, DVD etc
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