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PROJECTIVE TECHNIQUES

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PROJECTIVE TECHNIQUES

A TYPE OF PERSONALITY TEST, PRIMARILY USED BY PSYCHOLOGISTS IN CLINICAL CONTEXTS, DESIGNED TO MEASURE OVERALL PERSONALITY DYNAMICS RATHER THAN DISCRETE PERSONALITY TRAITS OR DIMENSIONS.

THE TESTS INVOLVE PRESENTING SUBJECTS WITH A RELATIVELY UNSTRUCTURED TASK, SUCH AS COMPLETING A SENTENCE, OR DESCRIBING A VAGUE SHAPE OR PICTURE.

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- **THIS KIND OF TEST RELIES ON ONE OF THE DEFENSE MECHANISMS PROPOSED BY FREUD—PROJECTION—AS A WAY TO ASSESS UNCONSCIOUS PROCESSES.**
- **DURING THIS TYPE OF TESTING, A SERIES OF AMBIGUOUS CARDS IS SHOWN TO THE PERSON BEING TESTED, WHO THEN IS ENCOURAGED TO PROJECT HIS FEELINGS, IMPULSES, AND DESIRES ONTO THE CARDS—BY TELLING A STORY, INTERPRETING AN IMAGE, OR COMPLETING A SENTENCE.**

RORSCHACH INKBLOT TEST

- **THE RORSCHACH INKBLOT TEST WAS DEVELOPED IN 1921 BY A SWISS PSYCHOLOGIST NAMED HERMANN RORSCHACH.**
- **IT IS A SERIES OF TEN SYMMETRICAL INKBLOT CARDS THAT ARE PRESENTED TO A CLIENT BY A PSYCHOLOGIST.**
- **BLACK& WHITE-5 , COLOURED -2, MULTICOLOUR-3**

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- **WHILE LOOKING AT THE BLOT THE SUBJECT IS ASKED TO REVEAL WHATEVER HE/SHE SEES IN THEM.**
- **THE RESPONSES ARE ANALYSED ON THE DIMENSIONS LIKE LOCATION, DETERMINANTS AND CONTENTS.**

THE THEMATIC APPERCEPTION TEST

- **THIS TEST (TAT) WAS DEVELOPED BY HENRY MURRAY.**
- **IT CONSISTS 30 CARDS.**
- **MOST OF THE CARDS REPRESENT A SCENE IN WHICH PEOPLE ARE INTERACTING.**
- **SCENES ARE VAGUE AND SEMI STRUCTURED.**

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- **IN THIS TEST THE SUBJECT IS SUPPOSED TO LOOK AT EACH CARD AND WRITE A STORY ON THE BASIS OF HIS/HER OWN IMAGINATION.**
- **THE STORIES ARE ANALYSED IN TERMS OF NEEDS AND PRESSURE OPERATING OF THE SUBJECT.**
- **TEST IS USED IN CLINICAL AND NON-CLINICAL SETTINGS BOTH.**

WORD ASSOCIATION TEST

- **PROBABLY THE EARLIEST PROJECTIVE TEST IS THE WORD ASSOCIATION TEST (WAT).**
- **THIS TEST WAS DEVELOPED BY FRANCIS GALTON IN 1879.**
- **IN WAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS TO RESPOND TO EACH WORD ON A LIST WITH THE FIRST THAT COMES INTO MIND.**

LIMITATIONS OF PROJECTIVE TESTS

- **SCORING OF PROJECTIVE TESTS IS SUBJECTIVE, SO INTERPRETATIONS OF ANSWERS CAN VARY FROM ONE EXAMINER TO THE NEXT.**
- **THE RESPONDENT'S ANSWERS CAN BE HEAVIELY INFLUENCED BY THE EXAMINER'S ATTITUDES.**