

## Freewill vs Determinism: Homework

1) Before researching anything, what do you think psychologists mean by...

a) Freewill

b) Determinism

2) Use the internet, your pack or a text book to define these three terms. Try to include an example

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| <b>Free Will</b>        |  |
| <b>Hard Determinism</b> |  |
| <b>Soft Determinism</b> |  |

3) Now go to this link and write definitions for each of the following terms

<http://www.tutor2u.net/psychology/reference/issues-debates-types-of-determinism>

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| <b>Biological Determinism</b>    |  |
| <b>Environmental Determinism</b> |  |
| <b>Psychic Determinism</b>       |  |

4) Using psychological examples that you have studied over the last year and a half, give two examples of..(use your own knowledge and the issues and debates pack if needed)

|                                  | <b>My example</b>  | <b>Your example 1</b> | <b>Your example 2</b> |
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| <b>Free Will</b>                 | Marie Jahoda believed that humans have the ability to develop the required skill set to reach ideal mental health. We can overcome obstacles to self-actualise, master the environment, develop autonomy |                       |                       |
| <b>Biological determinism</b>    | Researchers have found a higher concordance rate between identical twins for depression than non-identical twins   |                       |                       |
| <b>Environmental determinism</b> | People will maintain phobias because of negative reinforcement. Their avoidance behaviour is negatively reinforced by the reduction of fear in the presence of the phobic stimulus                       |                       |                       |
| <b>Psychic determinism</b>       | A male will have gender identity disorder because he has excessive separation anxiety from his mother and has internalised her identity and behaviours to cope with the symbolic loss                    |                       |                       |

6. Consider the freewill vs determinism debate in the context of crime.

Does the criminal act on his or her free will or are their acts determined.

What impact does this have of criminal justice? **Make notes below**