

4.7 Emotion

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Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **emotion** 情绪.

You must be able to:

- contrast the main theories of the order of emotional events
- explain the **two-factor** 双因素 account of arousal plus label
- state what research shows about **facial expression** 面部表情 across cultures
- describe how **display rules** 表达规则 vary

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ The ordering question

Theories differ over the order of stimulus, bodily arousal, and conscious feeling. One holds that arousal comes first and the feeling is our reading of it; another that arousal and feeling occur simultaneously; a third that a **cognitive appraisal** determines which emotion an arousal becomes.

■ Two-factor

Emotion requires **physiological arousal** plus a **cognitive label** drawn from the situation. The same racing heart is read as fear, excitement or attraction depending on the context supplied.

■ Facial expression

A set of basic expressions is recognised at above-chance rates across widely separated cultures, indicating a biological component to expression and recognition.

■ Display rules

Cultures differ in **when** an emotion may be shown, to whom, and how intensely. Universality of the expression is compatible with wide variation in its display.

2 Practice

2.1 State what the two-factor account requires for an emotion to occur. [2]

2.2 State what cross-cultural recognition of facial expressions indicates. [2]

2.3 A person feels their heart racing before a speech and calls it excitement rather than fear.

(a) Name the account this illustrates. [1]

(b) State what has changed and what has not. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Cultural differences in when an emotion may be shown are called [1]

- A display rules
 - B appraisals
 - C two-factor labels
 - D basic emotions
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3.2 Above-chance recognition of expressions across isolated cultures suggests [1]

- A expressions are entirely learned
 - B a biological component to expression and recognition
 - C display rules do not exist
 - D emotion has no arousal component
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3.3 Two people show the same physiological arousal but report different emotions.

(a) State what account explains this. [1]

(b) Explain what determines the difference.

[2]

4 Go further

- work through the **4.7 Emotion** lesson on the **Learn** page;
- read the **Social Psychology and Personality** section of the AP Psychology handout on the **Know** page.

Solutions

2.1 physiological arousal plus a cognitive label drawn from the situation.

2.2 a set of basic expressions is recognised across widely separated cultures, indicating a biological component rather than purely learned signals.

2.3 (a) the two-factor account. (b) the label has changed; the arousal has not.

3.1 A. display rules govern when and how an emotion may be shown.

3.2 B. shared recognition across isolated groups points to a biological basis.

3.3 (a) the two-factor account. (b) the label applied to the arousal, which is drawn from the situation and the person's interpretation of it.