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Discussion

1. History of intelligence theories

The brief history of intelligence theory depicts that it goes back to the 1800s as the concept of intelligence was developed by Francis Galton. It was created for measuring physical characteristics and sensory qualities. The first intelligence test was developed by Frenchman Alfred Binet in the twentieth century that was considered as the modern intelligence test. The idea of Intelligence Quotient (IQ) was presented by Lewis Madison Terman in mid1900s. The need for intelligence tests became more evident when the military had to decide criteria for choosing the best citizens. Alpha and Beta tests were used by the military for the selection of competent people. The need for intelligence tests also increased in different fields such as in engineering, medicine and research (Blackman, 2017).

1. Intelligence tests

Different type of intelligence tests is described in the course such as the Stanford Binet intelligence test and Wechsler test. These tests are conducted for evaluating the level of IQ because they give overall scores and subscores. Staddon and Cerutti (2003) emphasize the behavioural and cognitive approaches for assessing the intelligence of individuals. These kind of tests are effective for evaluating the emotional strength and self-control of individuals (Staddon & Cerutti, 2003). Aptitude tests are also created for examining intelligence.

1. Views

Based on my knowledge of intelligence tests and course I believe that these tests are quite old and now used in different aspects of life. The tests provide an idea about the intelligence and performance level of individuals. I think today these tests are required in academics, jobs and career growth. Two common reasons for conducting tests is to evaluate the mental and emotional stability of individuals. The scores of the tests provide a better idea about the competency and performance level of people.

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