

**CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCING PSYCHOPATHOLOGY: CONCEPTS,  
PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES  
RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

- Psychoanalytic and psychodynamic approaches to psychopathology are still very influential, but can the central concepts in this approach be objectively defined and measured as part of an attempt to assess the validity of the approach?
- Behavioural approaches often stress the important of reinforcement histories in psychopathology, but are there any objective and systematic ways in which reinforcement histories can be traced?
- Can the efficacy of humanistic-existentialist therapies ever be objectively measured and compared with the efficacy of other therapies?
- Can research on the causes of psychopathology provide a basis for the classification of psychopathology?
- How can research be conducted to investigate the efficacy of interventions to reduce mental health stigma?
- How can findings from social psychology and inter-group relations contribute to understanding and changing mental health stigma?