**Study Questions:**

**Myers “Prologue” and “The Man Who Mistook His Wife For A Hat”**

**From the Prologue (pp. 1-13)**

1. Why is Wilhelm Wundt significant?

2. Describe “structuralism.” Why did it prove unreliable? (Make sure you explain “introspection.”)

3. How did Darwin influence William James’ brand of “functionalism”? What did he believe is the function of consciousness?

4. Why are Mary Whiton Calkins and Margaret Floy Washburn significant? Describe the discrimination they faced.

5. How did Watson and Skinner change the definition of psychology? Describe how they rooted their beliefs in science.

6. What was the emphasis of Freudian psychology?

7. Explain how humanistic and cognitive psychologists rejected the behaviorist definition of psychology.

8. “Unpack” the modern definition of psychology.

9. Sum up the nature-nurture debate in one or two sentences. If asked to debate this issue, which side would you take, and why?

10. “Our culture shapes our behavior.” Give a couple of examples, and explain why being aware of our differences is important.

11. Which perspective (see the chart on p. 10) interests you the most? What question do you want answered most from that perspective’s vantage point?

12. How is “positive psychology” different from most of the history of psychology?

13. Why do you think the biopsychosocial approach is favored by Myers?

14. What’s the difference between basic research and applied research?

15. What’s the difference between counseling psychologists, clinical psychologists, and psychiatrists?

**From Oliver Sacks, “The Man Who Mistook His Wife For A Hat”**

Aim for 1-2 paragraphs in which you address the following: If you had been in Dr. P’s music class, would you have considered him crazy? Why or why not? What is your definition of “crazy”? Provide several examples from the reading.