

### Questions on Luhrmann 203-293

1. Describe the major factors leading to the “split” Luhrmann describes.
2. On p. 207 Luhrmann discusses the “Dodo hypothesis.” What is it? Why does it have this name? Discuss the findings that supported this hypothesis; how do they strengthen or weaken the argument that dynamic psychotherapy is effective?
3. On p. 209 Luhrmann discusses a “now-famous” study of the effectiveness of psychopharmacology and psychotherapy. What is it? What did it find?
4. Describe the uphill battle psychotherapists face in the era of managed care.
5. What is insight? What is its role in psychoanalysis?
6. Describe “deinstitutionalization.”
7. Luhrmann talks about “the crisis of managed care.” What is the worst feature of this crisis, in your opinion?
8. Describe some of the research that shows the weaknesses of putting the psychiatrically ill into hospitals.
9. “We will kill someone.” (p. 256) Describe this crisis.
10. Luhrmann cites a psychotherapist who says that the idea that the patient who is reacting in an unusual and unhealthy way which is diagnosable has an illness, meaning a brain disorder is wrong. What are his reasons?
11. If you agree that the notion is wrong, discuss the implications for treatment.
12. Luhrmann’s last chapter is on “madness and moral responsibility.” Describe 3 or more points made.
13. How do you react when you encounter someone “not all there,” for instance, a psychotic panhandler?
14. Are psychiatric patients innocent sufferers? Are deeply depressed people who deliberately take an overdose? How do people with cancer remain humans, persons in a way psychotics don’t?
15. Luhrmann discusses physicians’ response to patients who somehow seem responsible/to blame for their illness to some degree. Describe what Hahn said about Barry. Describe Gordon’s analysis of the relationship between a patient’s blame/responsibility and being the target of slang in a hospital.

16. Luhrmann points out that “normality” is a difficult concept in psychiatry: healthy people are like this and unhealthy ones like that. List three ways the individuals in the video “Back from Madness” illustrate this difficulty.
17. Reread the bottom of p. 277 and the top of p. 278. Make the point she is making in your own words. Then, once again, provide a definition of *disease*, and *illness*.
18. We have discussed the positive consequences of seeing psychiatric patients as medically ill. What are the negative consequences, the “moral danger”?