Handout 1.3

**Operational Definitions**

A health psychologist and an industrial/organizational psychologist are interested in determining whether job stress has detrimental effects on health.

Independent/Subject Variable: ________________

Dependent Variable: __________________________

A clinical psychologist would like to know whether a history of early childhood abuse is related to later vulnerability to depression, substance abuse, and addiction.

Independent/Subject Variable: __________________________

Dependent Variables: __________________________

A cognitive psychologist would like to find out whether more extensive education might protect individuals from dementia and related disorders later in life.

Independent/Subject Variable: ________

Dependent Variable: ____________

An educational psychologist is studying the effectiveness of a special program for teen parents. The program provides education and support related to parenting skills and career goals. He wants to know whether participants’ school performance and psychological health will improve.

Independent/Subject Variable: __________________________

Dependent Variables: __________________________

A social psychologist is interested in the relationship between religiosity and marital satisfaction.

Independent/Subject Variable:

Dependent Variable: