

Chapter 11 Short answer questions

Background material

Note: Cannot use book on these

29.

- Explain the difference between an achievement test and an aptitude test.

Assessing Intelligence, 444

- **Aptitude Test**

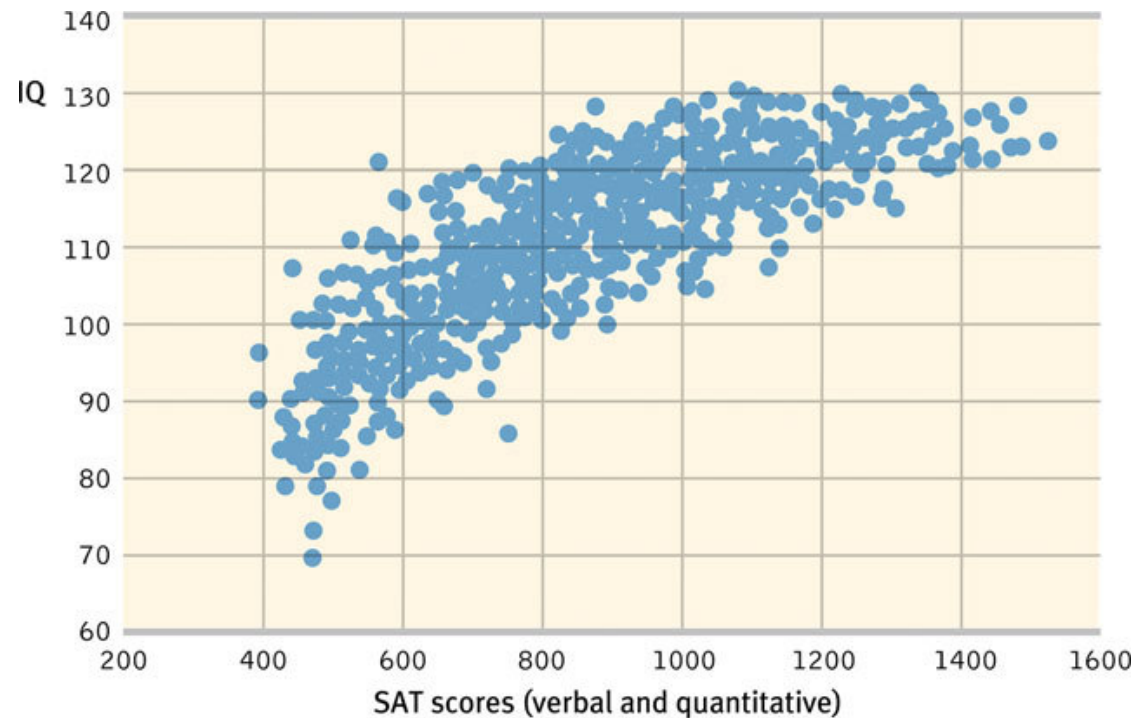
- a test designed to predict a person's future performance
- aptitude is the capacity to learn

- **Achievement Test**

- a test designed to assess what a person has learned

Aptitude and Achievement Tests, 445

Aptitude tests are intended to *predict* your ability to learn a new skill and **achievement tests** are intended to *reflect* what you have already learned.



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- Explain how a test could be reliable, yet not valid.

Reliability, 448

A test is *reliable* when it yields consistent results.

How accurate is the score?

If you take a test more than once does it provide approximately the same score?

To establish reliability researchers establish different procedures:

Test-Retest Reliability: Using the same test on two occasions to measure consistency.

Validity, 448

Validity of a test refers to what the test is supposed to measure or predict. A test is valid if it measures what it claims to measure.

Example: driving test contains driving tasks

Example: ACT is designed to predict college g.p.a.

Does the test measure what it's supposed to measure?