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INTELLIGENCE

It is individual's abilities to understand complex ideas, to adapt effectively to the environment, to learn from experience to engage in various forms of reasoning to overcome obstacles by careful thought.

More intelligent people adapt better to their environment by reasoning clearly and solving problems in order to attain goals. Intelligence can be seen in the exceptional social skills of the successful politician.

THORNDIKE THEORY OF INTELLIGENCE

Thorndike was an associanist and he opposed the theory of general intelligence. He proposed that they are specific stimuli and specific response. He said that intelligence is nothing more than a convenient name for almost infinite number of actual or potential

specific connection between these stimuli and responses.

According to the theory," intelligence is said to be constituted of multitude of separate factors or elements. He assumed that intelligence involves three mutually independent abilities:

1. Abstract intelligence:

The ability of verbal or symbolic thinking.

2. Mechanical intelligence:

The ability to effectively control your body and manipulate object.

3. Social intelligence:

The ability to communicate with the people, understand and perform in social relation.