

Emotion: Selected Linking Questions

Nature of emotion

- Can we ever know anything purely through emotions? How do emotions interact with reason, sense perception and language?
- To what degree is emotion biological or “hard-wired”, and hence universal to all human beings? To what extent is it shaped by culture and hence displayed differently in different societies?
- What sorts of things count as emotions? Are emotions and feelings the same thing?
- Do people act their way into feeling or feel their way into action? What is the relationship between emotion and experience (for example, in CAS activities)?
- How did your feelings or emotions affect (positively or negatively) your ability to perform, to make decisions or to reason in regard to particular CAS activities? How did you deal with such situations?

Intuition

Intuition will tell the thinking mind where to look next.

Jonas Salk

- In attempting to understand what is commonly called “intuition”, is it best to think of it as a rapid cognitive process or perhaps, as some say, as an irrational or unmediated awareness of phenomena?
- Germaine Greer once commented that “The frequently celebrated female intuition...is after all only a facility for observing tiny insignificant aspects of behaviour and forming an empirical conclusion which cannot be syllogistically examined.” Does “feminine intuition” exist? Do men’s ways of knowing differ from those of women?
- To what extent is intuition to be taken seriously in the different areas of knowledge?

Epiphany... *“a moment of sudden revelation or insight”*

- *What role does emotion play when one experiences an epiphany?*

