

Some Complex Questions

1. Why according to Freud can we not remember emotional experiences?
2. Briefly explain the Oedipus complex
3. Freud states that unresolved conflicts are suppressed by being placed in the subconscious, and that this can lead to pathological symptoms, such as phobias. How do you think a psychoanalyst might treat a patient in this situation?
4. Why, according to Freud, do male students not remember the Oedipus complex?
5. What is Freud's case study an example of action research?
6. Describe Hans' fantasy of the two giraffes and explain how Freud interpreted this fantasy?
7. What evidence does Freud give that Hans had sexual feelings towards his mother?
8. According to Freud, why was Hans afraid of horses?
9. Describe an alternative explanation for why Hans had a phobia of horses.
10. What evidence does Freud give that Hans had a 'sexual life'?
11. Describe one of Hans' concluding fantasies, which occurred during his recovery from his phobias
12. Little Hans was psychoanalysed by his own father. What problem does this raise?
13. What is the advantage of Little Hans being psychoanalysed by his own father?
14. Was Freud's study of little Hans ethical?
15. Did Freud use quantitative or qualitative measures and describe a strength and weakness of this.
16. Freud has been criticised for being an 'intellectual coward'. What does this mean?