

# **Some Social and Personality Correlates of Cognitive Dysfunction**

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Personality is one of those concepts that is familiar to everyone but is difficult to define, most people use the term, 'Personality' to identify the most obvious characteristics of a person, or to refer to that person's social skills.

Cognition refers to mental activity, describes the acquisition, storage, transformation and use of knowledge which includes attention, working memory, and executive function including initiative, decision making, and problem solving. In cognitive psychology, the term 'performance' refers to the measurement of several processes that can be represented both in cognitive and somatic functions of the brain. "The term performance denotes abilities and skills from the psychological functional ranges of perception, attention (concentration), learning and retention, thinking and intelligence, and psychomotor activity, all of which can be assessed by test". So, cognitive performance is not defined by a single value like the intelligence quotient but rather as a combination of performance of several cognitive functions and processes. Cognitive performance can be assessed by using many tasks, such as subjective measures, reaction time, memory tasks, reading comprehension, arithmetical operations, time estimations, or logical reasoning. All these tasks are the output of basic cognitive processes that are the building blocks of higher cerebral functions and human behavior.