PRAXIS

This is a test of a person's ability to copy simple geometric figures. This ability includes visual perception and motor execution and is a visuo-motor construction task.

The stimuli are carefully chosen, simple figures placed in order of increasing difficulty. There are 4 figures to be copied by the subject. Each figure is presented on a separate sheet of paper with space provided beneath the figure for the subject to copy.

The figures are:

1. Circle
2. Diamond
3. Overlapping rectangles
4. Box

Instructions

Say: "Now I am going to show you some figures. You have to copy them exactly as they are in the space provided below it." (point to the blank space on the answer sheet)

Then show the first figure – CIRCLE and say: "Here is a circle. Copy it below, as best as you can."

After he has finished drawing the circle, give the subject the next sheet with the DIAMOND on it and say: "Here is a diamond. Copy it below, as best as you can".

Next give him the sheet with the OVERLAPPING RECTANGLES and say, "Now, here is a figure which looks like two rectangles which are overlapping. Copy it below, as best as you can".

Lastly, give the subject the sheet with the BOX and say: "Here is a figure that looks like a box. Copy it below, as best as you can". If the subject is not satisfied with his drawing or wants to erase portions of it or redraw it, allow him to do so. If he makes a second attempt at the drawing, write '2nd attempt' below the figure, do it not erase the 1st attempt. Allow a maximum of two attempts.

Note any unusual circumstance, such as tremors in the hands, or if the subject does not hold the pencil properly.

Scoring Criteria

Circle:
   a. Closed Circle   = 1
   b. Circular Shape   = 1
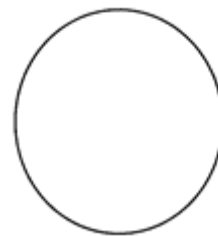
Diamond:
   a. Draw four sides   = 1
   b. Closes all 4 angles of figure   = 1
   c. Sides are equal   = 1
   d. Acute angles, approx. @50   = 1
   e. Obtuse angles, approx. @130   = 1

Overlapping rectangles:
   a. Forms have four sides   = 1
   b. Overlap must resemble original figure   = 1
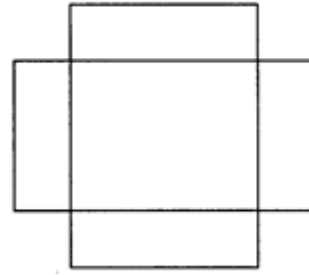
Box:
   a. Outer figure has 4 sides closed   = 1
   b. Inner figure has 4 sides closed   = 1
   c. Lines at each corner joining the outer   = 1
       with inner rectangle
   d. Inner rectangle approximately one   = 1
       third size of outer rectangle