

Passage 4

Mental health is an individual and personal matter. It involves a living human organism or, more precisely, the condition of an individual human mind. A social environment or culture may be conducive either to sickness or health, but the quality produced is characteristic only of a person; therefore, it is improper to speak of a "sick society" or a "sick community." In speaking of a person's mental health, it is advisable to distinguish between attributes and actions. The individual may be classified as more or less healthy in a long-term view of his behavior or, in other words, according to his enduring attributes. Or, his actions may be regarded as more or less healthy—that is, appropriate—from the viewpoint of single, immediate, short-term situation. Standards of mentally healthy, or normal behavior vary with the time, place, culture, and expectations of the social group. In short, different peoples have different standards. Mental health is one of many human values; it should not be regarded as the ultimate goal in itself. No completely acceptable, all-inclusive concept exists for physical health or physical illness, and, likewise, none exists for mental health or mental illness. A national program against mental illness and for mental health does not depend on acceptance of a single definition and need not await it.

136. The writer states that mental health
- is a subdivision of the community health
 - is much dependent on one's physical health
 - characterizes a particular person, not the society
 - is more or less the same throughout the world
137. In this reading selection, attributes and actions are
- used interchangeably by the writer
 - mentioned as the main cause of mental health
 - considered an individual's mental activities
 - treated as distinct concepts
138. Acceptance of a single definition of mental health
- involves an all-inclusive concept of physical health
 - leads to a better preventive national program
 - is recommended by the majority of health experts
 - has nothing to do with planning prevention
139. According to this reading selection, the environment or culture
- is the main cause of health or sickness
 - is independent of the quality of health or sickness
 - mostly affects the attributes rather than the actions
 - should set specific standards for mental and physical health
140. What does "it" (the last word) refer to?
- national program
 - single definition
 - mental illness
 - mental health

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