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Brain Performance Enhancing Drugs

Goal: Read about drugs which enhance student academic performance. You will connect the information to prior course material, addressing neuroanatomy and neurophysiology as well as the attention course chapter. You will also delve into the ethical components of the use of brain enhancing drugs and compare them to sports performance-enhancing drugs.

Key Words: attention; ADHD; prescription medication; performance enhancer; shift work sleep disorder; amphetamines

Read the following articles:

- 1) [Growing use of smart drugs by students could be a recipe for disaster](#)
- 2) [Students are using ADHD medication as academic steroids](#)

Using one or both articles above, as well as our discussion, summarize major concepts of attention in relation to the following prompt: performance-enhancing drugs in sports is considered unethical and for most competitions illegal. Should we consider it unethical for people to use amphetamine or other performance-enhancing drugs when they are taking tests or otherwise competing academically? Include an APA citation at the end of your response.

Rubric:

Category	4	3	2	1	Points Earned
Response	Used both articles AND class discussion information to compose a response that includes an in-depth summary of major concepts of attention in relation to the following: Should we consider it unethical for people to use amphetamine or other performance-enhancing drugs when they are taking tests or otherwise competing academically?	Used both articles AND class discussion information to compose a response that includes a summary of major concepts of attention in relation to the following: Should we consider it unethical for people to use amphetamine or other performance-enhancing drugs when they are taking tests or otherwise competing academically?	Used one articles AND brief summary of class discussion information to compose a response that includes a general summary of major concepts of attention in relation to the following: Should we consider it unethical for people to use amphetamine or other performance-enhancing drugs when they are taking tests or otherwise competing academically? Information very general.	Did not use at least one articles AND/OR class discussion information to compose a response. Does not include an in-depth summary of major concepts of attention in relation to the following: Should we consider it unethical for people to use amphetamine or other performance-enhancing drugs when they are taking tests or otherwise competing academically?	
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