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Section 6: THE TA 101 INTRODUCTORY COURSE

6.1 The Official TA 101 Course

6.1.1 Purpose

The TA 101 course is the official introduction to transactional analysis. Its purpose is to provide consistent and accurate information about TA concepts. The following requirements must be met in order to qualify as a TA 101 course recognized by EATA.

6.1.2 Requirements

- The course content must include content as specified in section 6.2
- The course must be a minimum of 12 hours long
- The TA 101 course must be led by either
 - a) a TTA / STA / TSTA, or
 - b) a CTA-TS
 - c) a PTSTA who is endorsed by a TSTA (13.6.2).

When the first time an official TA 101 is offered by a PTSTA (PTSC suggests to run a supervised 101 within 3 years after the TEW), it has to be:

- ⇒ led solely by the trainer (PTSTA) throughout the course.
- ⇒ supervised live by a TSTA who has to be present during all the duration of the course. The Supervisor provides detailed feedback on the teaching including, where appropriate, recommendations or requirements to be met before endorsement.
- ⇒ filled out “Endorsement form for TA 101 course” (see 13.6.2) by supervisor. It is valid for the duration of TSTA contract. This completed form is necessary for the TSTA exam.

6.1.3 Certification

Students who participate in the whole course are awarded the TA 101 Certificate (13.6.1). The 101 is awarded by the trainer who runs the 101 or by the National Association authorized by EATA, or by both.

Recipients of the TA 101 Certificate can apply for the appropriate category of membership in EATA, via membership of an EATA affiliated organization.

The basic knowledge of the TA 101 can also be acquired by independent study. The TA 101 Certificate is awarded on successful completion of the TA 101 Exam, Section 6.3.

6.2 The Transactional Analysis 101 Course Outline

A. STATEMENT OF THE PURPOSE OF THE TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS 101 COURSE

B. PLANNED OUTCOMES

By the end of the 101 participants will be able to:

- 1. Describe basic theoretical concepts of transactional analysis**
- 2. Apply basic transactional analysis concepts to problem solving**
- 3. Classify a range of interpersonal behaviors and internal processes using basic transactional analysis concepts**

C. DEFINITION AND UNDERLYING VALUES OF TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS AND ITS AREAS OF APPLICATION

- 1. Definition of transactional analysis**
- 2. Value base (philosophical principles)**
- 3. Definitions of autonomy**
- 4. Contractual method**
- 5. Areas of application - differences in process**
 - a) Psychotherapy
 - b) Counselling
 - c) Educational
 - d) Organizational

D. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS

- 1. Eric Berne**
 - o Who was Eric Berne
 - o Development of his ideas
 - o Literature list of Berne's most relevant works
- 2. Development of transactional analysis**
 - o Evolution of transactional analysis theory and methodology post Berne
 - o Eric Berne Memorial Awards
 - o Literature list of EBMA award winning publications

3. Transactional analysis organizations

- o TA-worldwide: national, regional, multi-national and international TA associations

E. THEORY OF PERSONALITY – EGO STATES

1. Definition of ego states

2. Structural model of ego states

- o Recognition and 4 types of diagnosis of ego states
- o Internal dialogue

3. Contamination

- o Exclusion

4. Behavioral descriptions of ego states

- o Egograms

F. THEORY OF COMMUNICATION – TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS PROPER

1. Motivational theory - structure, stimulus and recognition hungers

2. Transactions

- o Definition of a transaction
- o Types of transactions
- o Rules of communication
- o Options

3. Strokes

- o Definition of strokes
- o Types of strokes
- o Stroke economy

4. Social time structuring

G. THEORY OF LIFE PATTERNS – SCRIPTS

1. Script analysis

a) Life positions

- o Definition of life positions, OK-ness
- o Four life positions
- o Relationship of life positions to games and script

b) Script

- o Definitions of script
- o Origin of script in child's experiences
- o Process of Script development
 - Injunctions
 - Attributions
 - Counter-injunctions
 - Early decisions
 - Somatic component
 - Program
 - Script change
 - Script matrix and other script diagrams

2. Game analysis

- a) Definitions of games
 - o Reasons for playing games
 - o Advantages of games
 - o Examples of games
 - o Degrees of games
- b) Ways of describing the process of games
 - o Drama triangle
 - o Formula G
 - o Transactional game diagram

3. Racket analysis

- a) Definitions of rackets and their pay offs
 - o Trading stamps
- b) Significance of internal / intra-psychic processes
- c) Relationship of rackets to transactions, games and script
 - o Racket system and racket analysis

H. TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY

TA as a Group and Individual methodology

Notes:

1. SECTIONS (A, B,) and NUMBERED ITEMS (1,2,...a,b,...) are essential and mandatory.
2. The outline above can be taught in any order at trainer's discretion.

PTSC recommends that the TA 101 course reflects the material and recent developments in transactional analysis that are represented in the Eric

Berne Memorial Award winning articles. A list of authors with references to the works for which they received their awards can be found in Section 6.4.

6.3 The TA 101 Written Examination

The TA 101 Written Examination is based on the TA 101 Course Outline. It is an “open-book” examination, which is to say that the candidate answers the questions in their own time and with the help of any TA books or other sources of information they wish. There is a minimum pass score of sixty-five. A pass in the examination can be accepted in the place of attendance at an official TA 101 course.

6.3.1 Instructions to candidates

- Write your name and address at the top of each page
- Write out the complete question above each answer
- Each answer should be about one-page long
- This is an ‘open-book’ examination, and you may use any literature sources for preparing your answers to the ten questions below
- Use personal examples where relevant, not those in the TA books
- Cite the references you use to answer each question either in the text of your answer or at the end of your answer
- Where an introductory text is used, the originator of the TA theory should be referenced
- Send your TA 101 written exam to any TSTA, CTA TS, PTSTA of your choice. Before sending your 101 written exam to a trainer ask her/him the cost she/he practices for the evaluation and feedback included in the marking

6.3.2 TA 101 Written examination questions

1. Briefly define transactional analysis (TA) as you see it expressed in one of Eric Berne's books, giving the reference. Give two examples to illustrate how TA can be used to make life changes. (This question refers to TA as a body of knowledge, not to “transactional analysis proper”. If no Eric Berne book is available in your language, use a TA theory book that is available, remembering to cite the book).

2(a) The structural model of ego states: Give a definition of an ego-state. Describe each ego state and explain four ways to diagnose an ego-state.

2(b) Functional Analysis: Draw a diagram of the functional model and give examples of behavior from each mode.

3. Define a transaction; list the three types of transactions; and describe and draw an example of each type of transaction with dialogue.
4. Explain the relationship between stimulus hunger, recognition hunger, and strokes. Include definitions of each concept in your answer.
5. Using an example of your own, describe the various elements of the racket-system.
6. Describe how work colleagues might model the six ways of structuring time at a party.
7. Describe a game that you have observed and use the Drama Triangle to analyze it. What was the Payoff for each of the participants?
8. Name the four life positions and explain how they relate to games and scripts, giving examples.
9. Define injunction, program, counter-injunction, and early decision. Explain the part each plays in script formation, using a script matrix to illustrate.
10. Using a TA definition of autonomy, distinguish between autonomy and independence, giving examples of how you might recognize the difference.

6.3.3 Evaluation and Marking and the TA 101 Written examination

A. Instructions to evaluators of 101 written examination

When you mark the TA 101 written examination, please bear in mind that the examination is a substitute for the TA 101 course and that expert knowledge is not expected.

B. Recommended procedure

- Read each question checking the references used by the examinee
- Score each question on a scale from 1 to 10
- Use the following guidelines, which are based on three criteria
 - a. the amount and accuracy of information
 - b. understanding of the material and relevance of examples
 - c. the organization and clarity of the written answer

10 points:

- ❖ The information included is comprehensive and accurate

- ❖ The candidate's understanding of the material is good
- ❖ The answer is carefully thought out and presented clearly and concisely

8 points:

- ❖ The information given is accurate and covers the material well
- ❖ The candidate's understanding of the material is above average
- ❖ The answer is concise and clear

6 points:

- ❖ The basic information is given and is accurate
- ❖ The candidate's understanding of the material is average
- ❖ The answer is clear

4 points:

- ❖ Some basic information but one or two important aspects are missing or inaccurate
- ❖ The candidate's understanding of the material is below average
- ❖ The answer is poorly organized but clear

2 points:

- ❖ Only minimal information is given or answered inaccurately
- ❖ The candidate's understanding is not sufficient
- ❖ The answer is poorly organized or unclear

0 points:

- ❖ The information given is inaccurate or insufficient
- ❖ The candidate's understanding is poor
- ❖ The answer is chaotic or incoherent

C. Comments and verification. Please write feedback for the examinee on the examination or on a separate sheet. This should be clear, concise and accurate. Where the candidate's answer is insufficient or inaccurate, give references where they can find the relevant information. For the candidates who pass, please fill out the TA 101 Verification Form (13.6.1) and, if the candidate wishes (optional) he/she can send this Form to the local TA association for registration.

6.4 Winners of the Eric Berne Memorial Award

The Eric Berne Memorial Scientific Award was established in 1971 to honor and perpetuate the memory of Eric Berne's scientific contributions. It was to be given annually to the originator of a new scientific concept in TA. In 1990, the ITAA Board of Trustees decided to change the title and scope of the Award. It is now known as the Eric Berne Memorial Award in Transactional Analysis. The Award is given annually for published contributions to TA theory or practice, or for the integration or comparison of TA theory or practice with other therapeutic modalities. A committee

appointed by the ITAA Board of Trustees chooses the winner(s) of the Award.

The following is a chronological list of winners of the Award for the years 1971-2015 together with references to the works for which they received their awards.

1971 Claude Steiner, Script Matrix.

"Script and counterscript". TAB 5, 18, 1966, 133-35.

1972 Stephen Karpman, Drama Triangle.

"Fairy tales and script drama analysis". TAB 7, 26, 1968, 39-43.

1973 John Dusay, Egograms.

"Egograms and the constancy hypothesis". TAJ 2, 3, 1972, 37-42.

1974 Aaron Schiff and Jacqui Schiff, Passivity and the Four Discounts.

"Passivity". TAJ 1, 1, 1971, 71-8.

1975 Robert Goulding and Mary Goulding, Redecision and the Twelve Injunctions.

"New directions in Transactional Analysis". In Sager and Kaplan (eds.), *Progress in group and family therapy*. New York: Brunner/Mazel, 1972, 105-34; and *"Injunctions, decisions and redécisions"*. TAJ 6, 1, 1976, 41-8.

1976 Pat Crossman, Protection.

"Permission and protection". TAB 5, 19, 1966, 152-4.

1977 Taibi Kahler, Miniscript and Five Drivers.

"The miniscript". TAJ 4, 1, 1974, 26-42.

1978 Fanita English, Rackets and Real Feelings: the Substitution Factor.

"The substitution factor: rackets and real feelings". TAJ 1, 4, 1971, 225-30; and *"Rackets and real feelings, Part II"*. TAJ 2, 1, 1972, 23-5.

1979 Stephen Karpman, Options.

"Options". TAJ 1, 1, 1971, 79-87.

1980 Joint award: Claude Steiner, The Stroke Economy.

"The stroke economy". TAJ 1, 3, 1971, 9-15.

1980 Joint award: **Ken Mellor and Eric Sigmund**, Discounting and Redefining.

"Discounting". TAJ 5, 3, 1975, 295-302; and *"Redefining"*. TAJ 5, 3, 1975, 303-11.

1981 Franklin H. Ernst, Jr., The OK Corral.

"The OK corral: the grid for get-on-with". TAJ 1, 4, 1971, 231-40.

1982 Richard Erskine and Marilyn Zalzman, Racket System and Racket Analysis.

"The racket system: a model for racket analysis". TAJ 9, 1, 1979, 51-9.

1983 Muriel James, Self-Parenting.

"Self-parenting: theory and process". TAJ 4, 3, 1974, 32-9.

1984 Pam Levin, Developmental Cycles.

"The cycle of development". TAJ 12, 2, 1982, 129-39.

1985-1986: No awards presented

1987 Carlo Moiso: Ego States and Transference.

"Ego states and transference". TAJ 15, 3, 1985, 194-201.

1988-1993: Not awarded

1994 Joint award: **Sharon R. Dashiell** (area: Practice Applications).

"The Parent resolution process: reprogramming psychic incorporations in the Parent". TAJ 8, 4, 1978, 289-94.

1994 Joint award: **John R. McNeel** (area: Practice Applications).

"The Parent Interview". TAJ 6, 1, 1976, 61-8.

1994 Joint award: **Vann S. Joines** (area: Integration of TA with other Theories and Approaches).

"Using rededication therapy with different personality adaptations". TAJ 16, 3, 1986, 152-60; and *"Diagnosis and treatment planning using a Transactional Analysis framework"*. TAJ 18, 3, 1988, 185-90.

1995 Joint award: **Peg Blackstone**

(area: Integration of TA with Other Theories and Approaches).

"The dynamic Child: integration of second-order structure, object relations, and self psychology". TAJ 23, 4, 1993, 216-34.

- 1995** Joint award: **Jean Illsley Clarke** (area: Practice Applications).
Applied Transactional Analysis in Parent Education
"Self-esteem: A Family Affair", Harper San Francisco, 1978
"Self-esteem: A Family Affair Leader Guide". Harper San Francisco, 1981.
(additional reading) Bredehoff, D.J. *"An_Evaluation Study of the 'Self-Esteem: A Family Affair' Program with High Risk Abusive Parents"*, TAJ 20, 2, 1990, 111-17.
- 1996** **Alan Jacobs** (area: Theory). Transactional Analysis and Social Applications
"Autocratic power", TAJ 17, 1987, 59-71.
"Nationalism", TAJ 20, 1990, 221-228.
"Aspects of Survival: Triumph over Death and Lonliness", TAJ 21, 1991, 4-11.
"Autocracy: Groups, Organizations, Nations, and Players", TAJ 21, 1991, 199-206
- 1997** **Fanita English** (area: Theory). Hot Potato Transmission and Episcrypt
"Episcrypt and the "Hot Potato" Game", TAB 8 (32), 1969, 77-82
- 1998** Joint award: **Richard G. Erskine and Rebecca L. Trautmann** (area: Comparison and/or Integration)
"Ego State Analysis: A Comparative View" TAJ 11, 1981, 178-185.
"Ego Structure, Intrapsychic Function, and Defense Mechanisms: A Commentary on Eric Berne's Original Theoretical Concepts", TAJ 18, 1988, 15-19.
"Transference and Transactions: Critique from an Intrapsychic and Integrative Perspective", TAJ 21, 1991, 63-76.
"Inquiry, Attunement and Involvement in the Psychotherapy of Dissociation", TAJ 23, 1993, 184-190.
"The Process of Integrative Psychotherapy", In B.R. Loria (Ed), *The Boardwalk Papers: Selections from the 1993 ERTAA Conference*, (pp.1-26).
"Shame and Self-Righteousness: Transactional Analysis Perspectives and Clinical Interventions", TAJ 24, 1994, 86-102.
"Methods of an Integrative Psychotherapy", TAJ 26, 1996, 316-328.
"Theories and Methods of an Integrative Transactional Analysis: A Volume of Selected Articles Motivation and Personality Theories", TAJ 28, 1997, 132-141.

- 1998** Joint award: **James R. Allen and Barbara Ann Allen** (area: Theory)
"Narrative Theory, Redecision Therapy and Postmodernism", TAJ 25, 1997, 327-334.
"A New Type of Transactional Analysis and One Version of Script Work with a Constructionist Sensibility", TAJ 27, 1997, 89-98.
"A Typology of Psychopathology and Treatment of Children and Adolescents", TAJ 25, 1997, 256-264
- 1999 - 2001** No awards presented
- 2002** **Leonard Schlegel** (area: Theory)
"What is Transactional Analysis?" TAJ 28, 1998, 269-287
- 2003** **Michele Novellino** (area: Theory)
"Unconscious Communication and Interpretation in Transactional Analysis", TAJ 20, 3, 1990
- 2004** **Pearl Drego** (area: Permission Ritual Therapy)
"Changing Systems through Correlations of Injunction Inventories," from P. Lapworth (Ed.), *The Maastricht Papers: Selections from the 20th EATA Conference* (pp. 5-19), Amersfoort, The Netherlands: European Transactional Analysis Association. *Building Family Unity through Permission Rituals: Permissions and Ego State Models*, Bombay: Alfreruby Publishers.
- 2005** **Graham Barnes** The Circularity of Theory and Psychopathology with Specific Identification in the Construction of Schizophrenia, Alcoholism, and Homosexuality. Chapters 5 and 6 of Graham's doctoral dissertation, "*Psychopathology of Psychotherapy: A Cybernetic Study of Theory*" (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia) and "*Homosexuality in the First Three Decades of Transactional Analysis: A Study of Theory in the Practice of Transactional Analysis Psychotherapy*," TAJ, 34, 126-155 (2004).
- 2006** **Theodore B. Novey** "Measuring the Effectiveness of Transactional Analysis: An International Study." TAJ, Vol. 32, No. 1, pp. 8-24, January 2002
- 2007** Joint Award: **Helena Hargaden and Charlotte Sills**: New theory of

relational domains of transference. Chapters 4 and 5 in Hargaden, Helena, and Sills, Charlotte, *Transactional Analysis - A Relational Perspective*, Hove: Brunner- Routledge, 2002.

- 2007** Joint Award: **Bernd Schmid**: New theory, role concept
Transactional analysis and social roles In
G. Mohr & T. Steinert (Eds.), *Growth and change for organizations: Transactional analysis new developments 1995-2006* (pp. 32-61).
Pleasanton, CA: *International Transactional Analysis Association*.
(Original work published 1994)
- 2008** **Gloria Noriega Gayol**: Contribution New Theory, Mechanisms for Transmitting Transgenerational Scripts.
“*Codependence: A Transgenerational Script*”, TAJ, 34, 312-322 (2004),
“*Construcción y Validación del Instrumento de Codependencia (ICOD) para Mujeres Mexicanas*” [Construction and Validation of the Codependency Instrument (ICOD) for Mexican Women],” April 2002
Revista Salud Mental.
- 2009** **Dolores Munari Poda**: Contribution A Unique Approach in Child Therapy Using Transactional Analysis and an Innovative Method for Communicating with a Child-Patient’s Different Ego States to Effect Positive Changes in Self-Image and Script “*Every Child is a Group: The Girl of the Snakes*” TAJ, 34, 52-68 (2004)
- 2010** **William F. Cornell**: Contribution The Relational and Somatic Organization of the Child Ego State: Expanding Our Understanding of Script and Script Protocol
“*Life Script Theory: A Critical Review from a Developmental Perspective*” TAJ, 18, 270-282 (1988); W. F. Cornell,
“*Babies, Brains, and Bodies: Somatic Foundations of the Child Ego State*”, in C. Sills & H. Hargaden (Eds.), *Ego States*, pp. 28-54. London: Worth Publishing, 2003;
W. F. Cornell & N. M. Landaiche III, “*Impasse and Intimacy: Applying Berne’s Concept of Script Protocol*” TAJ, 36, 196-213 (2006)
- 2012** **Rosa Krausz**: Contribution For the Use of Transactional Analysis Concepts to Understand the Dynamic Relationship Between the Use of Power and Leadership Styles; Organizational Script as a Tool for Diagnosis and Designing Change Interventions in Organizations.

“Power and Leadership in Organizations” TAJ, 16, 85-94 (1986);
“Organizational Scripts” TAJ, 23, 77-86 (1993)

2012 Marco Mazzetti: Contribution For Advancement in the Theory and Practice of Transactional Analysis Supervision
“Supervision in Transactional Analysis: An Operational Model” TAJ, 37, 93-103 (2007)

2013 Not awarded

2014 Susanna Temple: For the Functional Fluency Model of Human Social Behavior as the Basis for the Behavioral Diagnosis of Any Class of Ego State
“Functional Fluency for educational transactional analysts”, TAJ, 29, 164- 174, (1999).
“Update on the Functional Fluency Model in education”, TAJ, 34, 197- 204, (2004)
“Bringing up the child”, In K. Tudor, The adult is parent to the child: Transactional analysis with children and young people, Part 3, Chapter 17, (pp. 228-237). Russell House Publishing, 2008.

2015 Servaas van Beekum: Subject Area/Area of Contribution: Unconscious Processes and Dynamics as Vital Mechanisms for Increasing Awareness and Knowledge of Self, Clients, and Groups Across a Broad Variety of Contexts and Their Role in All Fields of Application in Transactional Analysis
“The Therapist as a New Object” TAJ, 37(2), 187-191 (2005).
“The Relational Consultant” TAJ, 36(4), 318-329 (2006).
“Supervision as a Metamodality and Multiarea Activity” TAJ, 37(2), 140-149 (2007).

2016-2017 – not awarded winners

2018 Richard G. Erskine: Subject Area/Area of Contribution: Unconscious Experience, Attachment Patterns, and Neuropsychological Research in the Psychotherapy of Life Scripts
Works Cited: *“Psychotherapy of Unconscious Experience,”* TAJ, 38, 128-138 (2008); *“Life Scripts and Attachment Patterns: Theoretical Integration and Therapeutic Involvement.”* TAJ, 39, 207-218 (2009); *“Life Scripts: Unconscious Relational Patterns and Psychotherapeutic Involvement.”* In R. G. Erskine (Ed.), *Life Scripts:*

A Transactional Analysis of Unconscious Relational Patterns (pp. 1-28). London: Karnac Books (2010).

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6.5 Documentation (see Section 13)

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