**Applying Definitions of Abnormality**

Go back to the examples on the previous handout. Would each of the definitions we have seen classify these people as abnormal? Which do you think is the best definition for capturing each example? Write some brief notes explaining your views.

Example

Definitions Which is the best definition for capturing this example? Why?

The woman with a fear of snakes

 Statistical infrequency

 Violation of social

norms

 Failure to function adequately

 Deviation from ideal

mental health

The man who hears voices

 Statistical infrequency

 Violation of social norms

 Failure to function

adequately

 Deviation from ideal

mental health

The woman who is obsessed with germs

 Statistical infrequency

 Violation of social

norms

 Failure to function adequately

 Deviation from ideal

mental health

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