Contributing Factors to Challenging Behavior

Please read the following scenario.

Jon is a 16-year-old who recently moved to a new high school. Teachers are particularly concerned about Jon because in the first month of school he has already been caught fighting other students three times. He is currently living with his mom and little brother in a run down neighborhood with high crime rates. Jon’s parents recently got divorced, so his father lives in a different city. Jon’s new teachers have noticed that he often seems sad and moody, and they are concerned that he might be depressed. Records from his last high school show that Jon has always struggled with reading, and he continues to do poorly in reading-intensive classes at the new high school.

Considering what you have learned in this lesson, answer the following questions about Jon’s situation:

1. What is the challenging behavior in this situation?

2. Identify biological factors that could be contributing to Jon’s behavior.

3. Identify family factors that could be contributing to Jon’s behavior.

4. Identify school factors that could be contributing to Jon’s behavior.

5. Identify community factors that could be contributing to Jon’s behavior.