



Multiple Choice Answer Key & Explanations

Developmental Psychology

1. A _____ is a genetic characteristic of a child and a _____ is a physical characteristic of a child.	
A. Phenotype, genotype	This is not the correct answer. The terms are in the wrong order
B. Zygote, genotype	This is not the correct answer. A zygote is a fertilized egg and a genotype is a genetic characteristic
C. Genotype, phenotype	This is the correct answer.
D. Teratogen, placenta	This is not the correct answer. A teratogen is a harmful substance that can cause birth defects or abnormalities in a developing embryo or fetus. A placenta allows for the transfer of oxygen and nutrients from the mother to the embryo and fetus.
E. Genotype, teratogen	This is not the correct answer. A teratogen is a harmful substance that can cause birth defects or abnormalities in a developing embryo or fetus.

2. Andrew's parents do not set ground rules at home and do not demand much from Andrew. He is allowed to do what he wants with his life and his parents act more as friends instead of rule enforcers. What parenting style is being described in this scenario?	
A. Authoritarian	This is not the correct answer. This is when parents set strict rules and expect their children to follow every rule without explaining their reasoning
B. Permissive	This is the correct answer. Parents are loose with the rules and do not demand much from their children
C. Negligent	This is not the correct answer. Parents are completely uninvolved in their children's lives
D. Authoritative	This is not the correct answer. Parents set expectations for children and do enforce rules, but encourage discussion and dialogue
E. Moratorium	This is not the correct answer. This is one of the stages in James Marcia's identity model



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3. Which of the following is a criticism of Kohlberg's theory?	
A. The study had too many participants in it	This is not the correct answer. The study was criticized for not having more people in the study
B. The study had too much diversity and did not represent one specific group	This is not the correct answer. The study was criticized for only having men in it
C. The study did not have women participate in the study	This is the correct answer. Individuals such as Carol Gilligan would eventually conduct their own study and use both men and women
D. The study did not have content validity	This is not the correct answer. The study did have content validity
E. All of the above	This is not the correct answer. The correct answer is C

4. Identify the quote that best connects with the Foreclosure stage in James Marcia's identity model.	
A. "I do not know who I am but I am working on figuring that out"	This is not the correct answer. This is when an individual has a low commitment to their identity and has actively explored other identities (Moratorium)
B. "I do not have a set identity or idea but I am thinking about what I should do and exploring different options."	This is not the correct answer. This is when an individual has a low commitment to their identity and has actively explored other identities (Moratorium)
C. "I do not have a set identity and have little interest to find one"	This is not the correct answer. This is when an individual has not committed to a set identity and has not looked at other options. (Identity diffusion)
D. "After looking at a variety of different ideas and identity I am now confident in who I am"	This is not the correct answer. This when an individual has a set identity and has explored a variety of different options (Identity Achievement)
E. "I have a set identity but I have not looked at any other ideas or options"	This is the correct answer. This is when an individual has a high degree of commitment to a particular identity, but has not looked at other options



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5. Charles is just being able to start understanding what other people around him may be thinking or feeling. Which of the following answers best connects with Charles?	
A. Theory of mind	This is the correct answer. This is when an individual gains the ability to understand what other people are thinking and feeling
B. Conservation	This is not the correct answer. This is when a person can understand that properties, such as volume, remain the same when transferred into different containers
C. Reversibility	This is not the correct answer. This is when mental operations can be reversed by an individual
D. Sensorimotor	This is not the correct answer. This is when a child gains access to their hands and begins to move.
E. Imaginary audience	This is not the correct answer. This is when an adolescent believes that others are watching and judging them, leading them to have self-conscious behaviors and thoughts

6. While helping her friend study Alisha utilized what she learned about Vygotsky and his zone of proximal development to make sure her friend could learn the material. Which concept would Alisha have used in this situation ?	
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B. Conservation	This is not the correct answer. This is when a person can understand that properties, such as volume, remain the same when transferred into different containers
C. Scaffolding	This is the correct answer. This is when an individual provides support and guides a learner to an understanding of unfamiliar concepts
D. Theory of mind	This is not the correct answer. This is when an individual gains the ability to understand what other people are thinking and feeling
E. Assimilation	This is not the correct answer. This is when a person encounters new information and puts it into an existing schema



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7. Which of the following best matches with Freud's latency stage in his psychosexual theory?	
A. Individuals get sexual pleasure from sexual behavior	This is not the correct answer. This is the genital stage
B. Individuals explore their body and genitals	This is not the correct answer. This is the phallic stage
C. Individuals focus on oral stimulation	This is not the correct answer. This is the oral stage
D. Individuals sexual feelings are hidden	This is the correct answer. Here individuals focus on past fixations
E. Individuals focus on controlling their bowel movements	This is not the correct answer. This is the anal stage

8. During Mary Ainsworth's strange situation test a child that became stressed when their mother left, but was able to be calmed quickly once the mother returned most likely has....	
A. A secure attachment	This is the correct answer. Children feel comfortable and can quickly be soothed
B. A resistant attachment	This is not the correct answer. This is when a child becomes stressed when the mother leaves and resists the mother when she returns
C. An avoidant attachment	This is not the correct answer. This is when the child does not react when the mother leaves or returns.
D. An insecure attachment	This is not the correct answer. This is when the child displays a resistant or avoidant attachment
E. Object permanence	This is not the correct answer. This when a child has the ability to understand that objects exist when they are out of sight



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9. The most important thing in Katie's life is school and her friends. Katie is starting to figure out what she wants to do with her life and values the friendships she has made so far. Which of the following stages of Erik Erikson's stages of development is Katie most likely in?

A. Initiative vs guilt	This is not the correct answer. This is when a child becomes social and will ask lots of questions. (Preschool years)
B. Integrity vs despair	This is not the correct answer. This is when an individual reflects on their life and thinks about their accomplishments. (65+)
C. Autonomy v. shame/doubt	This is not the correct answer. This is when a child starts to separate items in the environment. (Early childhood)
D. Trust v. mistrust	This is not the correct answer. This is when security, feeding, and affection are the most important life events. (Infancy)
E. Identity vs role confusion	This is the correct answer. This happens when a person is in high school. Here individuals are trying to understand their place in the world

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