

AP Psychology Unit 6 - Developmental Psychology Practice Test

Question 1

What is the first stage of Piaget's cognitive development?

- A. Preoperational
- B. Sensorimotor
- C. Formal operational
- D. Concrete operational

Question 2

If Jeremy begs for a new electronic gadget, his parents nearly always buy it for him. What type of family is this?

- A. Permissive
- B. Democratic
- C. Authoritarian
- D. Submissive

Question 3

Jane, a pre-schooler, insists on dressing herself each morning for school, even though she generally selects mismatching outfits, misses buttons, and wears her shoes on the wrong feet. When her mother tries to dress Jane or fix her outfit, Jane brushes her mother off and insists on doing it herself. What stage of psychosocial development best describes Jane's behavior?

- A. Trust vs. Mistrust
- B. Autonomy vs. Shame and Doubt
- C. Initiative vs. Guilt
- D. Industry vs. Inferiority

Question 4

According to Erikson, what is the major conflict faced during adolescence?

- A. Autonomy vs. Shame and Doubt
- B. Intimacy vs. Isolation
- C. Identity vs. Role Confusion
- D. Generativity vs. Stagnation

Question 5

Which of the following perspective is most likely to address how the encoding, storing, and retrieval of information might alter our thoughts?

- A. Behavioral
- B. Psychodynamic
- C. Humanistic
- D. Cognitive

Question 6

Which perspective would be most useful when explaining how people from different countries express anger?

- A. Psychodynamic
- B. Behavioral
- C. Social- cultural
- D. Biological

Question 7

According to the behaviorist perspective, psychological science should be rooted in what?

- A. Introspection
- B. Observation
- C. Cultural influences
- D. Growth potential

Question 8

How do cliques help adolescents with social development?

- A. They encourage them to develop stronger family ties.
- B. They emphasize the importance of preparing for college and a career.
- C. They foster friendships with individuals from a wide variety of cultures and social classes.
- D. They help adolescents establish an identity.

Question 9

Which of the following reflects the inborn and stable rudiments of personality, such as excitability?

- A. imprinting

- B. egocentrism
- C. temperament
- D. social referencing

Question 10

Which of the following is not a stage of Erik Erikson's Psychosocial Development?

- A. generativity vs. stagnation
- B. security vs. despair
- C. trust vs. mistrust
- D. initiative vs. guilt

Question 11

What term is used to describe a child's inability to see the world through anyone else's eyes except his or her own?

- A. egocentrism
- B. narcissism
- C. disparity
- D. assimilation

Question 12

What is the last stage of a human fertilized egg?

- A. Embryonic stage
- B. Fetal stage
- C. Germinal stage
- D. Neonate
- E. Spermic stage

Question 13

Which of the following is not one of Piaget's stages of cognitive development?

- A. Postoperational
- B. Pre-operational
- C. Concrete operational
- D. Sensory and motor
- E. Formal operational

Question 14

Grandma Edith knows you are studying psychology and asks you what physical changes she can expect to experience as she grows older. Which of the following statements is most accurate?

- A. Her senses won't change much but her memory will decline.
- B. Sight, smell and hearing usually begin a steep decline around age 65.
- C. She shouldn't expect any changes until she reaches senile dementia.
- D. There is no way to predict what will happen.
- E. She will most certainly develop anterograde amnesia.

Question 15

Which of the following is most likely to be influenced by a culture's social clock?

- A. Being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease
- B. Declining fluid intelligence
- C. Going through menopause
- D. Giving birth to a first child
- E. Prevalence of Schizophrenia within the culture

Question 16

Which of the following kinds of development would be least affected by early life experiences?

- A. Attachment development
- B. Cognitive development
- C. Moral development
- D. Motor development
- E. Social development

Question 17

Theories of human development have been most criticized for placing too much emphasis on what?

- A. Cognitive changes during adult development
- B. Discrete age-linked stages
- C. Maturation during adolescent development
- D. Interaction of nature and nurture
- E. Interpretations of observable behaviour

Question 18

Which is true of social relations during the teen years?

- A. Parental influence peaks during mid to late adolescence.
- B. As teens distance themselves from parents, peer relationships become more important.
- C. High school girls who have the poorest relationships with their mothers have the most intense friendships with peers.
- D. Most adolescents have serious disagreements with parents, leading to great social stress.
- E. Teens are generally more concerned with family relationships than peer relationships.

Question 19

According to Mary Ainsworth's research on attachment what would a child need most to become "securely attached"?

- A. sensitive, responsive caregivers
- B. the right temperament
- C. a terry cloth-wrapped "surrogate" mother
- D. an imprinting experience shortly after birth
- E. enriched motor development experiences

Answer Key

1. B
2. A

- 3. B
- 4. C
- 5. D
- 6. C
- 7. B
- 8. D
- 9. C
- 10. B
- 11. A
- 12. B
- 13. A
- 14. B
- 15. D
- 16. D
- 17. B
- 18. B
- 19. A