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which default options, such as feedback and images, are available for question creation. Add Calculated Formula GO **Creation Settings** Name Chapter 1 Introduction to Developmental Psychology and Its Research Strategies Description Modify Instructions Add Question Here Question 1 **Multiple Choice** 0 points Remove Question How do experience and biological processes affect human development? **Answer** Experience produces change through maturation, and biological processes produce change through learning. Both experience and biological processes produce change through learning. Experience produces change through learning, and biological processes produce change through maturation. Both experience and biological processes produce change through maturation. Add Question Here **Multiple Choice** Question 2 0 points Question What are the two major underlying processes that interact to determine the development of the individual? **Answer** maturation and recapitulation growth and learning learning and maturation recapitulation and growth Add Question Here Question 3 **Multiple Choice** 0 points Modify Remove Question Which of the following is an example of developmental change that primarily reflects maturation? **Answer** ✓ a child taking his or her first steps at about 1 year of age a child solving simple arithmetic problems in Grade 1 a child speaking the same language as his or her parents a child becoming proficient at riding a bicycle Add Question Here Question 4 **Multiple Choice** 0 points Modify Remove Question Which of the following is an example of developmental change that primarily reflects learning? **Answer** a child taking his or her first steps at about 1 year of age a child speaking his or her first word at about 1 year of age a child solving simple arithmetic problems in Grade 1 a child reaching sexual maturity in early adolescence Add Question Here **Multiple Choice** 0 points Question 5 Remove Question What is the term for the developmental process that underlies a change in response to experience? **Answer** maturation biological process

learning

physical development

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Question What is the best way to start when beginning an intervention to optimize a child's development?

**Answer** Determine what goals to achieve and work toward those goals.

Identify what is normal and determine why changes occur before trying to optimize development. Set goals and develop a system of rewards and punishments. Locate children who have developed optimally, so information can be compiled about their experiences.

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Question 7 **Multiple Choice** 

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Question A researcher videotaped preschoolers at a playground for a study of the frequency of cooperative behaviours. What was the researcher's goal?

description explanation operationalization

optimization Add Question Here Question 8 **Multiple Choice** 0 points Modify Remove Question Which research goal establishes the facts of development? **Answer** optimization adaptation explanation description Add Question Here Question 9 **Multiple Choice** 0 points Remove Question Suppose that researchers find that the average Canadian infant begins to stand alone at the age of 10 months. What type of development would this be an example of? **Answer** psychoanalytic ideographic nonrepresentative normative Add Question Here Question 10 **Multiple Choice** 0 points Modify Remove Question How can the research goal of description be summarized? **Answer** as How as Best as What as Why Add Question Here **Multiple Choice** Modify Question 11 0 points Remove Question What does normative development consist of? changes that characterize most individuals changes that are specific to the individual changes that result from experience and environmental influences changes that optimize developmental outcomes Add Question Here Question 12 **Multiple Choice** 0 points Modify Remove Question What does ideographic development consist of? **Answer** changes that characterize most individuals changes that are specific to the individual changes that result from the unfolding of a genetic "blueprint" changes that optimize developmental outcomes Add Question Here **Multiple Choice** Question 13 0 points Modify Remove Question Kayla started walking at 12 months of age, just like her three brothers and her seven cousins. Most children start walking at about this age. What type of development does this example illustrate? **Answer** optimization of development holistic development normative development ideographic development Add Question Here Question 14 **Multiple Choice** 0 points Modify Remove Question Michaela is 24 months old and she still has not spoken her first word. All four of her brothers spoke their first words at about 12 months of age, which is typical for most children. In this example, which general developmental concept does Michaela's lack of speech illustrate? **Answer** maturational development holistic development normative development

ideographic development

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**Question** Contemporary developmentalists maintain that human development is a continual and cumulative process. Which statement most accurately expresses this viewpoint?

Early childhood experiences have little impact on adult behaviour and attitudes.

Early childhood experiences are the major determinants of adult behaviour and attitudes.

Early childhood experiences have a lasting impact on adult behaviour and attitudes, but experiences during other, later, periods of life also play a role.

Negative childhood events affect adult personality and behaviour, but positive childhood events have little impact.

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Question Which statement best exemplifies the holistic approach to development?

**Answer** 

Parents notice the gaps in the child's abilities and must work to fill those gaps.

Traits or abilities are distinct and show separate developmental patterns of change.

Aspects of developmental change are interrelated.

Developmental trends in human and nonhuman animals are similar.

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Question The holistic perspective is a dominant theme of human development. What does this perspective emphasize?

**Answer** 

Growth and change are continual.

Physical, cognitive, and psychosocial aspects of development are independent.

Growth and change are cumulative processes.

Physical, cognitive, and psychosocial aspects of development are interdependent.

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Question Suppose that the plasticity principle did not apply to development. How would this change our understanding of a child's abilities?

**Answer** 

Children with cognitive disabilities could be taught many skills.

Children who grow up in poor environments would suffer inevitably from their deficiencies.

Parental training would be vital for all children to develop normally.

Sex differences in children's behaviour would be nonexistent.

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Question Which of the following terms refers to the capacity for change in response to positive or negative life experiences?

**Answer** 

holistic tabula rasa innate purity plasticity

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Question What does the holistic perspective of development emphasize?

**Answer** 

the active role of the child in his or her own development development is a lifelong process that is continual and cumulative

the interdependent way in which all components of the self determine development the belief that all the members of the family influence the development of each other

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Question Nancy is a developmentalist and she tells her friend that she believes it is important to study children in laboratory settings. She further states that there is no need to study the child's social relationships. Are Nancy's views consistent with the holistic view of development?

**Answer** 

They are consistent with the holistic perspective.

They are consistent with the holistic perspective, but they do not represent complete agreement with it either.

They are consistent with the holistic perspective, but Nancy is not aware of recent research.

They are not consistent with the holistic perspective.

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Question Clovis was abandoned as an infant and spent the first five years of his life being moved from one temporary foster home to another. When he is 5, his aunt discovers Clovis's whereabouts and provides him with a great deal of understanding, love, and stimulating activities. When Clovis becomes an adult, how would you expect him to behave?

Clovis has become angry, antisocial, and aggressive because of his early abandonment.

Clovis has become shy and anxious because of his early abandonment.

Clovis has no residual effects of the early experiences and has reached his fullest potential.

Clovis may or may not show residual effects of his early experiences; there is no way of knowing for sure what he will be like as an adult.

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Question How were children treated during the medieval period?

Answer

as miniature adults with full rights and privileges harshly, and they were viewed as expendable

differently than they are today, but there was some concept that they were not adults coddled and indulged even more than modern children

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Question Ivan, a father of three children, states that children are really no different from adults. He believes that the way to raise children is to have them take on adult responsibilities as soon as they are physically able. Which statement best describes Ivan's view?

Answer

It is an example of what developmentalists suggest are the most effective modern child-rearing practices.

✓ It is more consistent with some previous periods in history than with today's modern view of child rearing in Canada.

It is an example of what developmentalists suggest is a causal factor for the development of pathology. It is more consistent with today's modern Canadian view of child rearing than with views from previous periods of history.

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Question In which ancient society were boys deliberately treated very harshly to toughen them to become disciplined soldiers in adulthood?

Answer

Rome Israel

Britain

Sparta

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Question What was the general attitude toward children in ancient Europe?

Answer

The child deserved legal protection by the government.

The child should be coddled and pampered by parents.

✓ The child was the property of parents, with no rights of its own.

The child was given life to provide eventual support to parents.

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**Question** According to the authors of the text, what can be concluded regarding the historical and cultural factors that influence the phase of development we call adolescence?

Answer

Adolescence is a universal phase of life that is experienced similarly across many eras and cultures. Adolescence is universally a difficult period of transition to adulthood.

Adolescence as viewed by modern Western standards is a positive change that would benefit teens of all cultures

Adolescence, like many other areas of development, differs markedly depending on culture and era in history.

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Question How long has adolescence been recognized as a distinct phase of life?

Answer

since early Roman times since the early 17th century

since the 1950s

since the early 20th century

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Question One philosophical view suggests that children are "selfish egoists" who must learn to rechannel their naturally selfish interests into socially desirable outlets. What is this philosophical view, and which psychological theory does it

underpin?

Tabula rasa is the philosophical underpinning for psychoanalytic theory.

Original sin is the philosophical underpinning for learning theory.

Original sin is the philosophical underpinning for psychoanalytic theory. Tabula rasa is the philosophical underpinning for learning theory.

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Question Garrett tells you that he believes that it is crucial for a parent to establish ground rules for acceptable behaviour, from day one. Garrett confides that everyone knows that all children will be naughty. Which philosophy does Garrett likely believe in?

**Answer** 

tabula rasa innate purity experiential purity original sin

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Question Peter tells his wife that he thinks that their 4-year-old, Maria, is a good girl. When Maria misbehaves, Peter states that she is exploring and learning, and it is important for them to teach her more appropriate behaviour. Which of the following philosophical positions are Peter's views consistent with?

**Answer** 

original sin innate purity tabula rasa psychoanalytic sin

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Question What did John Locke mean when he said that the mind of an infant is a tabula rasa?

**Answer** 

Children are inherently evil or sinful.

Children are blank slates ready to learn from experience.

Children are innately good.

Children are incapable of learning.

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Question Which theorist would endorse the statement that the child's nature is basically evil, and it is the work of society to restrain that evil?

**Answer** 

G Stanley Hall **Charles Darwin** 

Jean Jacques Rousseau

**Thomas Hobbes** 

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Question Which theorist proposed the notion that children are selfish egoists?

**Answer** 

**Thomas Hobbes Charles Darwin** G Stanley Hall Sigmund Freud

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Question In Edgar Rice Burroughs's novel Tarzan of the Apes (c. 1930), Tarzan's character remained innately pure because he was reared as a feral child by apes, away from the corruption of human society. With whose philosophical viewpoint is this consistent?

**Answer** 

Thomas Hobbes (1651) John Locke (1690)

Jean Jacques Rousseau (1762)

G. Stanley Hall (c. 1890)

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Question If Meryl believes strongly in the tabula rasa philosophy, what is she LEAST likely to be concerned with? **Answer** 

the IQ of her child's father

how stimulating her child's environment is what kinds of role models her child has the books she reads to her child

Add Question Here Question 37 0 points **Multiple Choice** Modify Remove Question Which question would a researcher who believes in the philosophy of tabula rasa find of particular interest? **Answer** What role does heredity play in determining behaviour? What is the best way to teach a child to trust?

What is the best way to teach a child to restrain his or her inherent selfishness?

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Question 38 **Multiple Choice**  0 points

Question What does John Locke's tabula rasa metaphor imply about the newborn infant?

**Answer** 

He or she has an evil nature.

He or she has a pure, virtuous nature.

What do newborns understand about shape?

He or she has no ideas because he or she has not yet had experiences.

He or she has instinctive ideas.

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Question Whose theory of human nature implies that the newborn infant acquires all its traits and knowledge from his or her experiences?

**Answer** 

John Locke **Thomas Hobbes Charles Darwin** 

Jean Jacques Rousseau

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Question In which of his doctrines did Jean Jacques Rousseau emphasize the active role of the child as a self-motivated explorer?

Answer

tabula rasa innate purity original sin

developmental plasticity

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Question 41

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Question Which of the following methods of inquiry is a person using when recording careful observations of the ongoing development of his or her own child?

**Answer** 

correlational note-taking systematic experimentation

a biography an autobiography

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Question Who is credited as the "founder" of the discipline of developmental psychology because of his influential book, Adolescence?

Answer

Jean Jacques Rousseau

Sigmund Freud **Charles Darwin** G Stanley Hall

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**Answer** 

Philosophical perspectives are based on objective data collected through the use of controlled experiments.

Question Why do philosophical perspectives on childhood differ from those proposed by developmental psychologists?

Philosophical perspectives are supported by persuasive, logical arguments and are more believable than those proposed by developmental psychologists.

Philosophical perspectives have a long history and are based on more years of research than those of developmentalists.

Developmentalist perspectives are based on objective data collection and analysis.

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Question What is the term for a set of propositions that describe behaviour?

Answer

a theory a variable

a prediction a definition

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**Question** What is the term for a set of concepts and propositions designed to organize, describe, and explain an existing set of observations?

Answer

a hypothesisa theoryan observationan experiment

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Question What is the term for a prediction about the characteristics of a behaviour under investigation?

Answer

a hypothesis

an operational definition empirical knowledge a dependent variable

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Question André tells you that he predicts if you continue to allow your daughter to have candy when she has a temper tantrum at the store checkout, you will find that she has more frequent tantrums. What principle is André relating?

Answer

his theory about temper tantrums his theory about the effects of sweets his observations about your daughter

✓ his hypothesis about your daughter's future temper tantrums

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**Question** George and Elizabeth have eight children ranging in age from 3 months to 19 years. Based on their experiences with their children, George and Elizabeth tell you that they believe temper tantrums can be eliminated if a parent follows several simple steps in responding to a child when he or she has a temper tantrum. What have George and Elizabeth developed with respect to childhood temper tantrums?

Answer

a hypothesis an observation a theory

a definition

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Question Dr. Lauterbach predicts that if the temperature of a room is increased, then individuals are more likely to act aggressively. What does Dr. Lauterbach's prediction exemplify?

Answer

a hypothesis

empirical knowledge an operational definition a dependent variable

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Question Dr. Bauer predicts that if parents are nurturing and responsive, then children are less likely to act aggressively. What does Dr. Bauer's prediction exemplify?

Answer

empirical knowledge an operational definition

a hypothesis

a dependent variable

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**Question** Helen proposed a new theory of child development. Using this theory, she has successfully described and explained past behaviours but she is unable to predict or explain new observations. How should Helen's theory be categorized?

It is a superior theory because it describes and explains past behaviour, which is more than most theories do.

It is a weak theory because it cannot generate new research.

It is an adequate theory because it may have some minor flaws, but in general it is good.

It is a weak theory because if it doesn't predict or explain new observations, it is of little value.

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Question What is a measure said to be if it consistently gives the same results? **Answer** 

valid reliable

objective generative

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Question What is a measure said to be if it accurately measures what it is designed to measure?

**Answer** 

valid reliable objective generative

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Question Pat has developed a test to measure aggression. Pat gives the test to her developmental psychology class at the beginning of the term and again at the end of the term. Much to Pat's dismay, the results obtained at the end of the semester are completely different from those obtained at the start. What is a likely explanation for the difference in results?

**Answer** 

The test does not have strong validity.

The test is not reliable.

The test is free from cohort effects. The test is adequately standardized.

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Question Dr. Richards is developing a questionnaire to assess shyness. He administers the questionnaire to participants in February and then again in April. The scores obtained are consistent. Based on this information, what can Dr. Richards conclude about his questionnaire?

**Answer** 

It is adequately standardized.

It is valid. It is reliable.

It is free from cohort effects.

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**Answer** 

Question What is the advantage of structured interviews over unstructured interviews?

A person can fully explain his or her views.

A person will submit for interview even without pay. The interviewer's racial or gender biases are minimized.

Subjects are treated alike and responses can be compared among them.

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Question Which data-collection methods would be most affected by individual and age-related differences in verbal skills?

**Answer** 

interviews and questionnaires naturalistic observation structured observation controlled experiments

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Question What is one potential shortcoming of using interviews and questionnaires in developmental research?

**Answer** 

Responses often change if the interview or questionnaire is re-administered to the same set of participants.

Only a small amount of useful information is typically obtained.

Responses may be inaccurate because participants provide socially desirable responses. Both interviews and questionnaires are time consuming to administer.

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Question What is one of the advantages associated with the use of interviews and questionnaires in developmental research?

Answer 🗸

A large amount of useful information can be obtained in a short period of time.

The researcher does not need to be present when the data are collected.

These methods can be used with any age of participant.

Data obtained from interviews and questionnaires are more likely to be reliable and valid, compared to data obtained using other methods of research.

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Question Lexis is conducting research related to moral development in children of different ages. She asks each participant in her study the same set of questions, in the same order. Which research method is Lexis using?

**Answer** 

clinical interview case study

structured interview

ethnography

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Question Which research methodology provides both an advantage and disadvantage because it allows for flexibility and adaptability to the individual child?

**Answer** 

a standardized interview or questionnaire

the clinical method naturalistic observation structured observation

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Question Which of the following is an interview technique in which a child's response to each successive question determines what the investigator will ask next?

**Answer** 

the experimental method the case study method the correlational method the clinical method

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Question Reginald is conducting research related to moral development in children of different ages. Initially he asks each participant in his study the same set of questions, but he follows up each answer, and asks participants to elaborate and clarify their responses. Which research method is Reginald using?

**Answer** 

a case study

the clinical method a structured interview

ethnography

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Question Suppose that a researcher observes a group of children at a neighbourhood playground and records the amount of time that each child spends engaging in various activities. Based on this description, what data collection method is the researcher using?

Answer

correlational observation naturalistic observation controlled experimentation case study documentation

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Question If a researcher wanted to know how a child behaves in his or her everyday environment, which research technique would be most appropriate?

**Answer** 

interview or questionnaire the clinical method

naturalistic observation structured observation

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Question What is one of the advantages associated with naturalistic observation?

Answer

Some behaviours occur infrequently and, therefore, are unlikely to be observed.

People may behave differently when they know they are being observed.

Naturalistic observation does not require verbal instructions and, therefore, can be used to study the behaviour of infants and toddlers.

Some socially undesirable behaviours are unlikely to be witnessed by an unknown observer in natural settings.

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Question How can researchers try to reduce observer influence in naturalistic observation?

Answer 🗸 videotape participants using a concealed camera

introduce themselves to the participants before beginning their observations tell participants that all their responses will be kept strictly confidential

record only socially desirable behaviours and ignore socially undesirable behaviours

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**Question** Marcus designed a research study to assess curiosity. Participants were taken to a waiting room by a research assistant who left behind a file marked "confidential." Hidden observers then recorded whether the participant looked at the confidential material once they were left alone. Based upon this description, what data collection method is Marcus using?

Answer

the clinical method

case study

correlational observation structured observation

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**Question** What is the term for the procedure in which the investigator records the frequencies with which individuals display particular behaviours during the brief time intervals that each participant is observed?

Answer

time sampling

structured timing observer timing validity clinical timed interview

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Question Which statement best describes the case study method?

Answer ✓ Certain individuals are selected for study because of their unique characteristics.

Representative samples of individuals asked for their opinions.

Selected individuals are carefully observed in their natural environments.

A researcher tries to determine relationships between two variables.

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**Question** In order to better understand the factors that might produce exceptional skills, Dr. Zittleman carefully observed and extensively questioned three child prodigies. Based on this information, what type of research was Dr. Zittleman conducting?

Answer

case study correlational survey experimental

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Question Which research method did Darwin and others use in compiling their "baby biographies"?

Answer

structured observation cross-sectional comparison

case study clinical interview

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Question What shortcoming of the case study approach is exemplified by the early "baby biographies"?

lack of generalization

artificiality

inflexible procedures

lack of control

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Question What is one of the main disadvantages to using the case study method?

Answer

A historical analysis of the behaviour is not possible.

The data may not be representative of the general population.
Hypotheses for the origin of the behaviour cannot be generated.

Events that are rare or atypical cannot be described.

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Question What does ethnography require of a researcher?

that he or she lives within a culture or subculture and makes extensive observations that he or she gathers extensive information about one or a few individuals that he or she randomly selects participants from different cultures to participate in the study that he or she measures the relationship between physiological processes and various aspects of the

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culture

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Question Erika has been living in an Inuit community for the past three years in an attempt to understand how the Inuit culture affects different aspects of development. Based on this example, which research method is Erika using?

Answer structured observational

ethnography cross-sectional clinical

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Question What is one limitation to the use of the ethnographic approach?

Answer

Only a small amount of information can be obtained.

The data cannot be used to chart longitudinal changes.

There is an increased risk for biased observations.

The findings can be generalized beyond the original study participants.

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Question Which statement best characterizes the use of psychophysiological research methods?

Answer

A researcher lives within a culture or subculture and makes extensive naturalistic observations of the member's physical attributes.

A researcher measures the relationship between physiological processes and various aspects of development.

A researcher gathers extensive information about a few individuals regarding physical features that relate to cultural circumstances.

A researcher randomly selects participants for the study.

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Question Yvonne is designing a research study to determine whether infants can discriminate between sounds of different frequencies. In order to answer her question, which research method should Yvonne use?

Answer naturalistic observation

clinical interviewpsychophysiologystructured observation

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**Question** Merlin is analyzing the event-related potential data from his most recent research study. Which research method is Merlin using?

Answer

ethnographic psychophysiology clinical-physical interview

structured observation of physical attributes

psychophysiology

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Question 81 **Multiple Choice** Modify 0 points Remove Question Which statement is a limitation of psychophysiological methods? Changes in physiological responding may reflect mood swings or fatigue. They cannot be used with very young infants. Conclusions may not generalize to other contexts. They are likely to be inaccurate. Add Question Here **Multiple Choice** Question 82 0 points Modify Remove Question Which research design would be used to assess whether two variables vary together in a systematic way? **Answer** a case study naturalistic observation a correlational study the survey method Add Question Here 0 points **Multiple Choice** Question 83 Modify Remove Question What is the term for a systematic relationship between two measured variables? **Answer** correlated controlled congruent contingent Add Question Here **Multiple Choice** 0 points Modify Question 84 Remove Question When a correlation coefficient has a negative sign, what does it indicate? **Answer** The two factors being measured move in the same direction. The two factors being measured move in opposite directions. There is no relationship between the two factors being measured. There is a significant relationship between the two factors being measured. Add Question Here **Multiple Choice** Question 85 0 points Modify Remove Question When a correlation coefficient has a positive sign, what does it indicate? **Answer** The two factors being measured move in opposite directions. There is no relationship between the two factors being measured. There is a significant relationship between the two factors being measured. The two factors being measured move in the same direction. Add Question Here **Multiple Choice** Question 86 0 points Remove Question Dr. Donnetelli predicts that if parents are nurturing and responsive, then children are less likely to act aggressively. What does Dr. Donnetelli believe about parental responsiveness and children's aggression? **Answer** They are positively correlated. They are uncorrelated. They are negatively correlated. They are independently correlated. Add Question Here Question 87 Multiple Choice 0 points Remove Modify Question Of the following, which correlation coefficient indicates the strongest relationship between two variables? Answer +0.80+0.65 -0.70**√** –0.89 Add Question Here Question 88 **Multiple Choice** 0 points Modify Remove Question Of the following, which correlation coefficient indicates the weakest relationship between two variables? **Answer** +0.95 +0.70 **✓** −0.69 -0.85

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Question Suppose that a researcher has found a strong relationship between the amount of time spent playing video games and physical fitness such that as the time playing video games increases, physical fitness decreases. Which of the following correlation coefficients is most consistent with this finding?

**Answer** -.80

-.10

+.10

+.80

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Question Devon is excited because she found a very strong correlation between teenage sexual activity and intelligence. Assuming that Devon's results are accurate, what can she conclude about teenage sexual activity and intelligence?

**Answer** 

High intelligence causes teenagers to have more sex.

Having sex increases teenagers' intelligence.

High intelligence and increased sexual activity are related. High intelligence increases popularity among teenagers.

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Question Lia has found a strong positive relationship between pet ownership and children's academic performance. What can Lia conclude from this result?

**Answer** 

Pet ownership causes children to perform better in school.

Children who do well in school are allowed to have pets more often.

Pet ownership and school performance are related but it is not clear that there is a causal link. Children do better in school when they have no pets to distract them while they study.

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Question Jason participated in a study designed to measure personality traits. A significant positive correlation was found between the personality traits of openness and extroversion. If Jason's score in openness is extremely low, what would be his score on a test that measures extroversion?

**Answer** 

opposite to his score on the openness scale

most likely at the high end of the extroversion scale

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most likely at the low end of the extroversion scale no different from his score on the openness scale

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Question Which method of research allows the developmentalist to make appropriate inferences about cause and effect?

**Answer** 

naturalistic observation quasi-experimental correlational experimental

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Question Which research method allows for the least ambiguous conclusions regarding causality?

**Answer** 

correlational quasi/natural experimental

naturalistic observation

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**Multiple Choice** Question 95

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Question Jennifer is interested in studying whether gender messages in toy advertisements influence how children perceive themselves. Which research method should Jennifer use to best answer her question?

**Answer** 

clinical interview

naturalistic observation

case study

controlled experiment

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Question Which research method involves introducing a change to the environment of some participants but not to others?

correlational quasi/natural

experimental

naturalistic observational

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Question Which research design involves experimenter control of an independent variable?

**Answer** 

correlational experimental quasi/natural hypothetical

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Question 98 **Multiple Choice** 

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Question What is the independent variable in an experiment?

**Answer** 

It is the behaviour that is observed or measured.

It is different for each participant in an experiment.

It is the factor that is manipulated or changed by the researcher.

It is an external, uncontrolled factor that changes during the course of the experiment.

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Question 99

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Question What is the term for the variable that is manipulated or changed by the researcher during the course of an experiment?

**Answer** 

independent dependent confounding bi-directional

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Question 100 Multiple Choice

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Question Dr. Franz sets up an experimental study to investigate how self-esteem is affected by feedback from teachers. During the study, teachers of Grade 3 administer a short quiz where each child earns the same score (5 out of a possible 10 points). All of the children are then given feedback. Half the children are told that this is a very good score whereas the rest are told that it is an average score.

In this study, what is the independent variable?

**Answer** 

the child's score on the quiz

the child's level of self-esteem after the quiz is returned

the type of feedback the child receives

the age of the children who take part in the study

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In this study, what is the dependent variable?

**Answer** 

the age of the research participants the amount of alcohol consumed

the length of time between drinking the beverage and the assessment

the physical coordination skills of the research participants

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the physical coordination skills of the research participants

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Which of the following defines the term dependent variable?

**Answer** 

an internal, motivational factor that remains stable an external, uncontrolled factor that fluctuates

a factor that is manipulated or changed by the researcher

a behaviour that is observed or measured by the researcher

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Question 105 Multiple Choice

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Question What is the term for the variable that is observed or measured during an experiment?

Answer

dependent independent confounding bi-directional

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Question 106 Multiple Choice

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Question What is a research technique that involves unbiased selection of participants for different experimental conditions?

Answer

 random assignment correlational sampling random sampling

quasi/natural assignment

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Question 107 Multiple Choice

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**Question** Which characteristic of experimental design allows for more confident cause–effect interpretation than do other designs?

Answer

random assignment of subjects to groups objective measurement of the variables of interest people studied in naturally occurring real-world groups random sampling of a population

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**Question** Random assignment to either the control or experimental group is an important aspect of experimental procedures. Why is random assignment used?

Answer

to gather a representative sample of participants

 to equate the experimental and control groups to ensure that cohort effects are minimized

to ensure that the independent variable will be reliable and valid

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Question 109 Multiple Choice

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Question In comparison to laboratory studies, what is the primary advantage of using a field experimental design?

Answer 🗸 They often have a real-world quality that experimental studies lack.

They are more useful than experimental studies for determining cause-and-effect relationships.

They are less expensive than experimental studies.

They use a more representative sample of the general population.

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Question Under what circumstances would a field experiment be most useful?

Answer

The researcher wants to enhance the impact of observer influence.

The nature of the behaviour being studied is correlational.

✓ Strict random assignment cannot be used for ethical reasons.

The researcher wants to obtain both cross-sectional and longitudinal data.

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#### Question 111 Multiple Choice

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Question Under what circumstances would a natural or quasi-experiment be most useful?

Answer

The researcher wants to reduce the impact of observer influence.

The factors being studied are negatively correlated.

✓ An experimental design cannot be used for ethical reasons.

The researcher wants to obtain both cross-sectional and longitudinal data.

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#### Question 112 Multiple Choice

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**Question** Darius wants to determine if the timing of puberty is affected by malnutrition. He plans to check the age of sexual maturation in malnourished and adequately nourished adolescents. What would be the most appropriate research method for his study?

**Answer** 

structured observational

✓ natural or quasi-experimental

ethnographical

laboratory experimental

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### Question 113 Multiple Choice

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Question What is the term for studies that compare children in two naturally existing situations?

Answer

cross-sectional

experimental

quasi-experimental

correlational

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#### Question 114 Multiple Choice

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Question What is the major disadvantage of the quasi-experimental approach?

**Answer** 

vulnerability to observer bias

nonstandardized treatment of research participants

contrived or artificial situations

nonrandom assignment of participants to groups

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Question What defines a cross-cultural study?

Answer

A researcher makes extensive observations of a given culture while living with its members.

Participants from different cultural or subcultural backgrounds are observed, tested, and compared.
The ethnographic approach is used.

A researcher focuses on normative rather than ideographic changes.

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Question What are investigators who prefer the cross-cultural approach often looking for?

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Answer longitudinal rather than cross-sectional changes

similarities rather than differences

cross-sectional rather than longitudinal changes

differences rather than similarities

# Question 117 Multiple Choice

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**Question** Which method of studying developmental change would a researcher be using if he or she compared the television-viewing habits of three different cohorts of children who were attending the same middle school but were in different grades?

Answer

 cross-sectional longitudinal sequential experimental

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**Question** Marissa interviews preschoolers to find out what they want to be when they grow up. She compares the responses from the preschoolers to those she obtained from interviewing Grade 5 students, high-school students, and university students. Which method of studying developmental change is Marissa using?

cross-sectional longitudinal microgenetic sequential

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## Question 119 Multiple Choice

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**Question** Suppose that a researcher wants to study the impact of peers on a child's acquisition of a cognitive task. The researcher uses a computer task to measure the difference in performance between Grade 1, Grade 3- and Grade 5 students, depending on whether they work alone or in a pair. Which design does this research exemplify?

**Answer** 

cross-correlational natural longitudinal cross-sectional longitudinal correlation

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Question 120 Multiple Choice

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Question Which statement best describes a cross-sectional study spanning an age range of four years?

Answer

Individual differences are tracked over a four-year period.

Temporal descriptions of behaviour are obtained over a four-year period.

The data gathered are comparable to that of a four-year longitudinal study.

✓ The data gathered across a four-year age span can be collected at the same time.

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Question 121 Multiple Choice

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Question Inherent in the cross-sectional method is the possibility that age and cohort will be confounded. In addition to the age of the subjects, what other variable could influence the results?

**Answer** 

the ethnic background of the subjects

an observer bias

differences between groups in their interpretation of the experiences that they have shared

✓ differences between groups in the experiences they had during the time period in which they grew up
(e.g., 1970s vs. 1990s)

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Question 122 Multiple Choice

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Question The confounding of age and cohort effects that occurs with the cross-sectional design is most likely to impact interpretation in a comparison between which of the following age groups?

Answer

1-, 2-, 3-, and 4-month-olds
3-, 4-, 5-, and 6-year-olds
3-, 10-, 18-, and 30-year-olds
15-, 16-, and 17-year-olds

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Question If Gail is interested in studying the timing of changes that occur as children reach puberty, what is the best research method for her to use?

Answer

 longitudinal cross-sectional cross-correlational cross-longitudinal

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Question 124 Multiple Choice

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**Question** Blair is interested in understanding how children's academic performance changes over long periods of time as a result of the number of friends they have. What would be Blair's best choice of research design and method?

Answer

a microgenetic, experimental study a microgenetic, observational study a longitudinal observational study

a longitudinal, observational study a cross-sectional, experimental study

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Question 125 Multiple Choice

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Question What is one advantage of the longitudinal approach to developmental research?

Answe

It provides temporal rather than context-specific information.

It allows for very precise control of the research situation.

Data collected are representative of the whole population.

Data collected can be generalized to the whole population.

### Question 126 Multiple Choice

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Question Suppose that a researcher is interested in studying the stability of behaviour over time and the individual differences that are characteristic of that temporal change. Which of the following research designs would be or she most likely use?

**Answer** 

cross-sectional Iongitudinal field microgenetic

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#### Question 127 Multiple Choice

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Question Caleb is 12 years old and as part of an ongoing research study he has been assessed for "creativity" every six months for the past six years. Now that Caleb understands what is expected on the test, his answers have become more creative and he achieves higher scores. What accounts for Caleb's increased performance?

**Answer** 

selective attrition observer influences cohort effects practice effects

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#### Question 128 Multiple Choice

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Question Which research design should you choose if you were interested in exploring children's answers to the following questions: "When can children first understand the notion that germs can cause illness?", "At what age do children benefit most from drug education?", and "Do the effects of a training program to reduce prejudice persist over time?"

**Answer** 

correlational Iongitudinal sequential microgenetic

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#### Question 129 Multiple Choice

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Question Amy wants to determine the optimal age for the introduction of an AIDS education program in her school district. She is also interested in assessing the short- and long-term impact of the program on sexual health. Which research design should she choose?

**Answer** 

cross-sectional longitudinal sequential quasi/natural experiment

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# Question 130 Multiple Choice

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Question A researcher studied the effects of a preschool enrichment program on the IQ of children starting at 2, 3, or 4 years of age. Each age group was assessed at the end of the first year of the program for short-term effects and then again 5 years later for long-term effects. Which research design does this study exemplify?

**Answer** 

cross-sectional Iongitudinal sequential cross-longitudinal

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# Question 131 Multiple Choice

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Question Harriet is currently testing children's path finding and other spatial abilities. She is most concerned with defining the details of how children acquire these skills. In order to answer her question, which research design should Harriet use?

**Answer** 

microsectional microgenetic cross-sectional Iongitudinal

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# Question 132 Multiple Choice

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Question Robert is interested in understanding how his pupils acquire the ability to count using their fingers. In order to answer his question, which research design should he use?

Answer

sequential microgenetic cross-sectional 

## Question 133 Multiple Choice

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Question According to the ethical guidelines for research outlined in the text, which of the following best describes how children can participate in research?

Answer

without the consent of the parent or other adult in charge if the child agrees to participate without the consent of the parent or other adult in charge if the child is informed of all features of the research

with the child's consent, as long as his or her name does not appear with his or her data

only with the informed consent of the parent or other adult in charge

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Question 134 Multiple Choice

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**Question** Sometimes to best answer a research question, the investigator would have to ask children to participate in a potentially harmful situation. In this situation, what would ethical guidelines suggest?

Answer

Because of the possible benefits to humankind of the knowledge obtained, the researcher should go ahead with the project.

As long as the children consent to participate, and the research design is a field experiment, the researcher can proceed.

As long as the researcher adequately debriefs subjects after the project, and the research design is microgenetic, the researcher can proceed.

Other means of obtaining the information should be found or the research abandoned.

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Question 135 Multiple Choice

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**Question** Lena wants to know whether young children can be taught to have certain phobias. She argues that previous research has indicated that phobias can be taught and that there is nothing unethical about continuing such research. Do current ethical guidelines support Lena's position?

Answer

✓ no; such procedures could cause psychological harm to the participants.

yes; if the procedure has been allowed in the past

yes; as long as parents give informed consent

no; use of such procedures has established that it is not possible to teach a child to have a phobia.

Question 136 Multiple Choice

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Question Isaac is interested in studying the effects of maternal drug use during pregnancy on the developing fetus. He proposes recruiting pregnant volunteers from a local neighbourhood where numerous drug addicts are known to live. He argues that because all participants would be volunteers, it would not be unethical to administer controlled doses of various drugs to the pregnant women. Under current ethical guidelines, would Isaac's research proposal be accepted?

Answer

yes, because the participants would be volunteers and would not have to agree if they didn't want to no, because he would have to recruit women who were not yet pregnant and follow them through the entire pregnancy

no, because the potential harm to the unborn infants would be too great yes, because the women who are using drugs have already put their unborn infants at risk

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Question 137 Essay

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Question Identify the two general ways in which developmental changes can occur and provide examples that illustrate each of these processes.

Answer Answers will vary.

Question 138 Essay

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Question List three goals of developmentalists.

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 139 Essay

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Question Provide one example of normative development and one example of ideographic development.

Answer Answers will vary.

Question 140 Essay

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Question List four general observations concerning the character of human development.

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 141 Essay 0 points

Question Child-rearing practices in premodern times were different than our current perspective. List three points to support this statement.

Answer Answers will vary.

**Question** What conclusion do the textbook authors reach regarding the impact of culture and historical eras on the course of human development?

Answer Answers will vary.

Question 142 Essay

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Question 143 Essay 0 points Remove

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Question Briefly outline the views of the philosophers Hobbes, Rousseau, and Locke with respect to the inherent tendencies of children.

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 144 Essay 0 points Remove

Question How have our changing conceptions of childhood influenced Canadian policy and the development of children's rights?

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 145 Essay 0 points Remove

Question What method of studying children did G. Stanley Hall and Sigmund Freud use?

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 146 Essay 0 points Remove

Question Identify the two qualities that scientific measures must have if they are to be useful, and briefly explain what is meant by each of these terms.

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 147 Essay 0 points Remove

Question Identify three potential shortcomings of structured interviews and questionnaires in obtaining information about development.

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 148 Essay 0 points Remove

Question Explain how the clinical method of gathering data differs from a structured interview or questionnaire.

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question List two ways that researchers can attempt to minimize observer influences during naturalistic observation.

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 150 Essay 0 points Remove

Question Briefly describe the research method known as structured observation and explain when this method might be used.

Answer Answers will vary.

Question 151 Essay 0 points Remove

Question Identify two potential drawbacks to the use of case studies.

Answer Answers will vary.

Question 152 Essay 0 points Modify Remove

Question Identify one key strength and one weakness of the ethnographic method.

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 153 Essay 0 points Remove

**Question** Identify one key strength and one weakness of psychophysiological methods of conducting developmental research.

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 154 Essay 0 points Modify Remove

**Question** From the following correlation coefficients select the correlation coefficient that indicates the strongest relationship and the weakest relationship. Also, for each correlation coefficient, indicate whether the values for the two variables would tend to move in the same direction or in opposite directions.

+0.79-0.85+0.50-0.21+0.01-0.46

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 155 Essay 0 points

Question What is the major limitation of the correlational research design?

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 156 Essay 0 points

Question During an experiment the researcher changes one of the variables and measures the impact of that change. What is name for the variable that the researcher changes? What is the name for the variable that the researcher measures?

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 157 Essay 0 points

Question A researcher who uses a true experimental design would also use random assignment to place participants into each of the treatment and control conditions. Why is this necessary? How does this allow the researcher to assign cause-and-effect to the findings of the study?

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 158 Essay 0 points

Question In comparison to correlational studies, what are two main advantages of the field experiment?

Answer Answers will vary.

Question 159 Essay 0 points

Question Identify the main differences between natural or quasi-experiments and laboratory experiments.

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 160 Essay 0 points

Question Explain how cross-cultural studies are carried out and identify why these studies are important in fully understanding human development. To illustrate your points, refer to the historical and cultural changes in our conceptions of childhood and adolescence discussed in the text.

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 161 Essay 0 points

Question Describe the procedure used by each of the four research designs for studying developmental change listed below. Also, for each research design identify the key strengths and weaknesses.

- · cross-sectional design
- · longitudinal design
- · sequential design
- · microgenetic design

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 162 Essay 0 points

Question Explain what is meant by the term *cohort effects*. Identify the research design that is most likely to confound age effects and cohort effects.

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 163 Essay 0 points Remove

Question Identify the four main ethical guidelines that have been adopted to protect the rights of children who take part in research studies.

Answer Answers will vary.

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Question 164 Essay 0 points

Question Discuss the roles of maturation and learning in human development.

Answer Maturation is determined by genes, in the sense that all normal humans have "species heredity" that designs and sets limits on how they will develop. Characteristics of the individual also depend upon genetic information specifically inherited from parents and ancestors.

Learning also determines development, but is more clearly psychological, in the sense of permanent changes

in feelings, thoughts, and patterns of behaviour that result in a highly complex fashion from the experiences an individual has. Many developmental changes are the result of the interaction between maturation and learning.

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Question Describe three 17th- and 18th-century philosophical controversies about the nature of the child.

Answer One point concerned whether children are inherently good or inherently bad. Rousseau's position was that children are inherently good but often corrupted by society; this was the doctrine of innate purity. Hobbes's position was that children are inherently bad and must be controlled by society; this was the doctrine of original sin. A second point involved whether children are driven by inborn motives or moulded primarily by their environments. Rousseau favoured inborn motives and an intuitive sense of right or wrong. Locke saw the child as a tabula rasa with no inborn tendencies. A third point involved whether children are "active," self-determining creatures or "passive" creatures moulded by parents and society at large. Rousseau favoured the active view, noting that children should be allowed to follow their own positive inclinations. Hobbes favoured the passive view, noting that society should mould the child into being socially acceptable, and Locke favoured the passive view with his idea of the tabula rasa.

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Question List and describe the basic elements of the experimental method.

Answer The investigator devises an independent variable, which involves some way in which two or more groups of subjects are treated differently. Subjects are treated the same in all other respects, which involves experimental control. Groups are made as equivalent as possible through procedures such as random assignment. And, therefore, any differences in the way the groups behave should be a result of the independent variable. Differences are assessed by the dependent variable, which is some measured or observed aspect of the subjects' behaviour. It might also be noted that experiments are usually designed to test specific hypotheses that in turn are derived from theories.

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Question Distinguish an experiment from a natural/quasi-experiment.

Answer The basic experimental method requires that the researcher devise and manipulate an independent variable and also assign subjects to the groups. These procedures are necessary in getting at cause-and-effect relationships, because they narrow down the possible causes to the independent variable. In contrast, in a natural/quasi experiment, the researcher does not change the independent variable or assign subjects randomly. Instead, the researcher takes advantage of naturally occurring independent variables and groups. Then the researcher measures some aspect of the subjects' behaviour that might have resulted from the naturally occurring independent variable. But natural/quasi-experiments do not allow strong cause-and-effect statements because other, uncontrolled factors may be responsible for measured differences in behaviour.

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Question Briefly design a cross-sectional comparison, a longitudinal comparison, and a sequential comparison, noting essential elements of each.

Answer A cross-sectional comparison involves comparing two or more groups of subjects of differing ages, such as 4-year-olds versus 8-year-olds. The groups are studied at the same point in time. A longitudinal comparison studies one group across a given age range, such as one group of children from age 4 through age 8. The subjects' behaviour would be measured repeatedly at two or more points in time. A sequential comparison is a mix of the other two, using two or more groups and also following them longitudinally. For example, 4-year-olds and 6-year-olds might be followed for two years. All of the various scientific methods (interviews, naturalistic observation, experiments, etc.) might be employed in any of the three types of comparison.

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Question When interviewed, Mr. and Mrs. Williams said that their two children, Jack and Wilbur, were different from the day each child was born. Jack was very affectionate, almost never cried or fussed, and always seemed curious about the faces that appeared above his crib, even those of strangers. Wilbur, on the other hand, was irritable from the outset and often cried for no apparent reason, and usually became upset when strangers' faces came into view. Thus the Williams wondered about their children's early personalities and about children in general. (a) Whose basic theory about children is favoured here. Locke's or Rousseau's? Why? (b) Which child do you think Rousseau would pick as representative of all children? Which child would Hobbes pick? In each case, why? (c) What basic methods might the investigators employ in collecting information on Jack and Wilbur?

Answer (a) Rousseau's view seems to be favoured, at least with regard to Jack's "positive" inclinations. Locke's view might seem to be favoured by Wilbur's more "negative," unmoulded behaviour patterns, but Locke's idea of the tabula rasa plays down individual differences such as those between Jack and Wilbur. (b) Rousseau would pick Jack, in accordance with positive aspects of the doctrine of innate purity. Hobbes would pick Wilbur, in accordance with the negative aspects of the doctrine of original sin. (c) A structured interview might be employed with the parents, with questions asked in specific order to allow direct comparison between the children. A clinical interview would allow the parents to determine the direction of the interview, yielding data that might otherwise be overlooked. Either of these might be incorporated into a case study if the investigator also used observation or psychological testing.

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Question Dr. Bernstein kept a thorough record of her child's behaviour and progress throughout the first year of life, with careful attention to the sounds and noises her baby made that seemed to lead up to later language usage. She also kept notes on how her own behaviour affected her baby's vocalizing, in an attempt to learn how parent—child interactions influence language development. Later, in developing her own theory, she and her colleagues replicated the project on several dozen other children by observing them weekly throughout their first year of life. (a) What research methods were employed? What type of comparison was used? (b) Why was the research conducted on children other than Dr. Bernstein's? (c) If Dr. Bernstein observed that whenever she talked to the baby, the baby's rate of vocalizing increased, would this mean that her behaviour caused the baby's? Why or why not?

Answer (a) Assuming that Dr. Bernstein did not try to elicit or train specific aspects of language usage in her child, the basic method is naturalistic observation and a longitudinal comparison. (b) The researchers would be interested in whether the observations generalized and reflected universal behaviours. (c) Causation should not be inferred from this type of observation. It would be necessary to experimentally vary the mother's vocalizations and other behaviour to see what effect such treatments have on the baby's language development.

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Question A team of researchers set out to study aggressive behaviour in preschool children in two different play settings, one where only large playground equipment was present, and another where only small toys were present. Aggressive behaviour was defined as arguing, taking toys by force, and fighting. The researchers hypothesized that the large playground equipment would produce more sharing, whereas the small toys would produce more aggression, due to the nature of the toys. To test their hypothesis, the researchers created two groups of children, one for each play area. More aggressive behaviour was observed in the small-toy play area. (a) What research methods and techniques were employed? (b) What procedures might have been employed to ensure accuracy in the observing of aggressive behaviour? (c) Can we say for sure that the small toys caused aggressive behaviour?

Answer (a) The basic method is a field experiment, based on the presumed use of random assignment of children to the two different play areas. (b) The researchers might have two observers independently record the same behaviours for the same children, thus allowing reliability checks. A high level of observer agreement would be necessary. (c) No, because specific aspects of the play areas were not varied experimentally. Further research would be necessary to ensure that the small toys were indeed responsible, but the researchers were off to a good start.

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