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Human Development

A Life-Span View 8e



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1. The scientific study of human development can best be described as

- *a. multidisciplinary
- b. focused on groups rather than individuals
- c. non-theoretical
- d. emphasizing stability over change

2. Which term does *not* belong in this group?

- a. experiential
- b. nurture
- c. environmental
- *d. hereditary

3. Dr. Kim takes a strong nature position with regard to the origins of intellectual disabilities. Therefore, she would most likely hypothesize that her son's intellectual disability (formally known as mental retardation) is due to

- a. her parenting style
- *b. his genes
- c. his exposure to a toxic chemical prior to birth
- d. his exposure to Rubella prior to birth

4. The notion that development is best described in terms of a series of abrupt shifts in behavior best fits with the ____ approach.

- a. nature
- b. nurture
- c. continuity
- *d. discontinuity

5. Cleo, a director of a daycare, uses terms like "pre-K," "K-3," and the "upper-elementary." These ideas are most compatible with a ____ view.

- a. context-specificity
- b. hereditary

- c. continuity
- *d. discontinuity

6. Dr. Fletcher is attempting to determine whether adult criminals were rule-breakers throughout their childhood or whether they suddenly turned to a life of crime. Her research is most concerned with which issue of human development?

- a. nature versus nurture
- b. universal versus context-specific development
- c. biological versus sociocultural forces
- *d. continuity versus discontinuity

7. Mustafa is interested in determining whether children develop virtually the same way in Algeria as they do in other parts of the world. Mustafa's research deals primarily with the ____ issue of human development.

- a. psychological versus biological forces
- *b. universal versus context-specific development
- c. nature versus nurture
- d. continuity versus discontinuity

8. When Clarisse says, "It doesn't matter if they are French, Swedish, or Chinese, kids are kids," she is espousing a ____ position concerning human development.

- a. discontinuous
- *b. universal
- c. nurture
- d. context-specific

9. Viviana notices that children seem to mature socially much faster in Costa Rica than in the Canada. Viviana is most likely to support a ____ position regarding human development.

- a. nature
- b. discontinuous
- *c. context-specific

d. continuous

10. Lotte is listening to a lecture in which her professor states, "Genetic and cultural factors are important, but they alone cannot explain the development of human beings." Lotte's professor seems to be supporting the

- *a. biopsychosocial framework
- b. position that development is continuous
- c. notion of universality
- d. concept of discontinuity

11. Because Dr. Bryant is interested in researching how people of different ages are affected by events, it would be most accurate to say that Dr. Bryant is most interested in studying ____ forces.

- a. psychological
- b. biological
- *c. life-cycle
- d. sociocultural

12. When asked why her sister Yvonne ended up in jail, Penny says, "She was always a mean, aggressive person. She really liked hurting people." Penny is relying on ____ forces to explain Yvonne's development.

- a. sociocultural
- b. normative age-graded
- c. normative history-graded
- *d. psychological

13. Benoit is interested in studying the effects of various biological forces on human development. Which topic is probably of *least* interest to him?

- *a. cognition
- b. brain maturation
- c. menopause
- d. exercise

14. The field of ____ gives us information about how the four developmental forces interact with each other.

- a. biology
- *b. neuroscience
- c. anthropology
- d. sociology

15. Which item does *not* constitute a “psychological force”?

- a. perception
- b. intelligence
- c. personality
- *d. heredity

16. Julianna is interested in studying how family relationships affect development. Julianna is probably most interested in studying ____ influences.

- a. psychological
- *b. sociocultural
- c. non-normative
- d. biological

17. Daisy and Rose are identical twins who were separated at birth. Daisy was raised in the United States, whereas Rose spent her childhood in Austria. Which force would likely explain most of the differences between their behaviors as teens?

- a. psychological
- b. nature-based
- c. biological
- *d. sociocultural

18. Your friend David has decided to start studying human development because he hates studying biology. According to your text, will David find happiness in his new area of interest?

- a. Yes, because he can focus on psychological factors and ignore sociocultural and biological factors.
- b. Yes, but only if he enjoys studying sociocultural factors.
- *c. No, because studying biological influences is a necessary component in understanding development.
- d. No, because normative age-graded influences are all biological.

19. What is a problem encountered by researchers assessing the effects of sociocultural forces?

- a. the lack of genetic distinction between individuals from different racial backgrounds
- b. culture appears to have little impact on cognitive development
- *c. changing ethnic labels (e.g., black American to African American)
- d. the inability to apply results to the population being studied

20. Marcellia has been promoted and is moving her family to a new city in a different part of the country. Though four-year-old Fernando is very happy and makes the transition easily, 12-year-old Jorge is unhappy and has a very difficult time adjusting to the move. Both children generally adapt well to change. Which single set of factors best explains the different responses of Fernando and Jorge to the move?

- a. biological factors
- b. sociocultural factors
- c. personality factors
- *d. life-cycle factors

21. When Alfonso says, "It would have been tough to be a father at age 21, but being one at age 28 is super," he is noting the important role that ____ factors play in human development.

- a. biological
- *b. life-cycle