Developmental Psychology Mastery

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1. According to Jean Piaget, which specific cognitive achievement occurs during the 'formal operational' stage?

A) Object permanence
B) Conservation of volume
C) Hypothetico-deductive reasoning
D) Centration

2. What is the primary focus of Erik Erikson's 'Industry vs. Inferiority' stage of psychosocial development?

A) Developing competence in social and academic skills
B) Achieving a stable sense of personal identity
C) Establishing intimate and long-term relationships
D) Reflecting on one's contributions to society

3. In Mary Ainsworth's 'Strange Situation' study, what behavior characterizes an infant with an 'insecure-avoidant' attachment style?

A) Seeking proximity to the caregiver upon return
B) Showing distress when the caregiver leaves and indifference upon return
C) Exhibiting contradictory behaviors such as rocking
D) Clinging to the caregiver and refusing to play

4. Lev Vygotsky coined the term 'Zone of Proximal Development' to describe the distance between:

A) Biological maturation and environmental stimulation
B) Actual developmental level and level of potential development
C) Concrete operational thought and formal operational thought
D) Pre-conventional morality and conventional morality

5. Which of the following describes the 'epigenetic principle' in Erik Erikson's theory of development?

A) Personality traits are determined solely by genetic inheritance
B) Development occurs in a predetermined sequence of stages
C) Behavior is modified exclusively through reinforcement schedules
D) Language acquisition is dependent on a Language Acquisition Device

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6. According to Lawrence Kohlberg, an individual operating at the 'post-conventional' level of moral development justifies actions based on:

A) Fear of punishment
B) Social approval and legal standards
C) Universal ethical principles and human rights
D) Direct exchange of favors

7. What does the 'A-not-B error' represent in the context of Piaget's sensorimotor stage?

A) Failure to understand that objects exist when hidden
B) Continuing to look for an object in a location where it was previously found
C) The inability to classify objects into two distinct groups
D) A failure to use symbolic representation for language

8. In language development, what is 'overregularization'?

A) The tendency of toddlers to use telegraphic speech
B) The application of grammatical rules to irregular words
C) The inability to distinguish between phonemes
D) The rapid expansion of vocabulary during early childhood

9. Which part of the brain is the last to reach full structural maturation in human adolescents?

A) The amygdala
B) The cerebellum
C) The prefrontal cortex
D) The hippocampus

10. Harry Harlow's research with rhesus monkeys demonstrated that 'contact comfort' is primarily associated with:

A) Classical conditioning of hunger responses
B) The provision of nourishment
C) The development of emotional attachment
D) Operant conditioning through reward-seeking

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