Landmarks in Developmental Psychology

Developmental Psychology · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Who conducted the first empirical study on the development of depth perception in infants using the 'visual cliff' apparatus in 1960?

A) Eleanor J. Gibson and Richard Walk
B) Mary Ainsworth
C) Robert Fantz
D) John Bowlby

2. Which developmental psychologist is credited with inventing the 'preferential looking' technique to assess infant visual acuity in 1958?

A) Arnold Gesell
B) Robert Fantz
C) Jerome Bruner
D) Jean Piaget

3. The first standardized intelligence test designed specifically for young children, the 'Merrill-Palmer Scale of Mental Tests', was published in which year?

A) 1912
B) 1926
C) 1931
D) 1945

4. Which longitudinal study, initiated in 1955 and led by Emmy Werner, is considered the seminal research on the concept of 'resilience' in human development?

A) The Grant Study
B) The Kauai Longitudinal Study
C) The Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and Development Study
D) The Terman Study of the Gifted

5. In 1932, Jean Piaget introduced a specific methodology for studying children's moral judgment that relied on which invention of interaction?

A) The Moral Dilemma Interview
B) The Clinical Method
C) The Strange Situation Procedure
D) The Visual Cliff

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6. Which researcher established the first 'Baby Laboratory' at Yale University in the 1920s to observe motor development through systematic cinematic recording?

A) Arnold Gesell
B) Lev Vygotsky
C) William James
D) B.F. Skinner

7. The 'Strange Situation' procedure, a foundational invention for measuring attachment styles, was first formally described by Mary Ainsworth in which publication year?

A) 1958
B) 1964
C) 1970
D) 1978

8. What was the name of the first systematic, longitudinal biographical study of child development, published by Charles Darwin in 1877 based on observations of his own son?

A) A Biographical Sketch of an Infant
B) The Origins of Mind
C) Development of the Child
D) The Expressions of Emotions in Man and Animals

9. Which psychologist invented the 'false-belief task' in 1983 to empirically test the emergence of 'Theory of Mind' in children?

A) Simon Baron-Cohen
B) Heinz Wimmer and Josef Perner
C) Elizabeth Spelke
D) Alison Gopnik

10. The 'A-not-B error' was a phenomenon first documented by Jean Piaget to describe an infant's failure in which developmental milestone?

A) Object permanence
B) Conservation of volume
C) Symbolic play
D) Formal operational thought

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