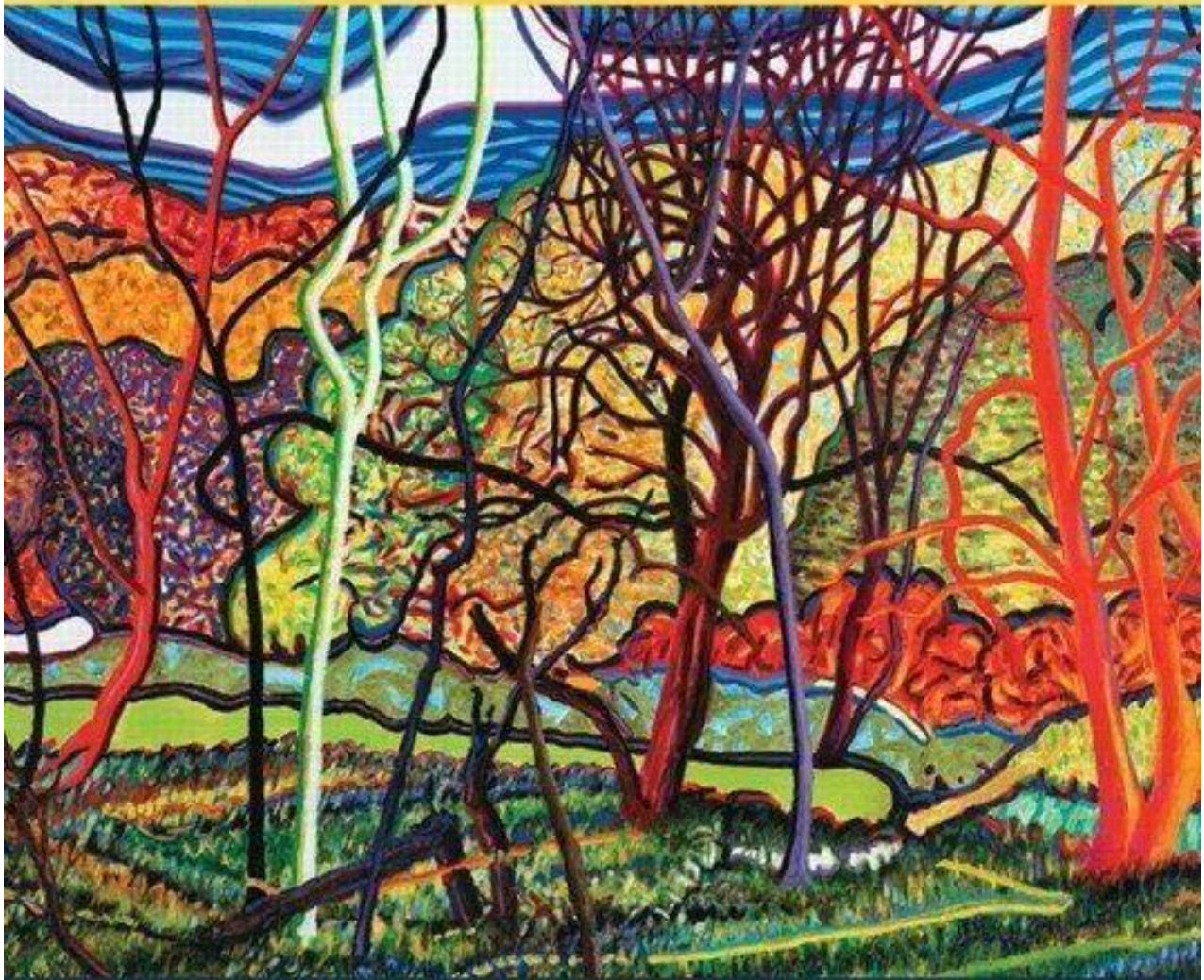


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CHAPTER 1 HISTORY, THEORY, AND RESEARCH STRATEGIES

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Dr. Langley's work is devoted to understanding constancy and change throughout the lifespan. Dr. Langley's field of study is_____.

- genetics
- clinical psychology
- adolescent development
- developmental science

Answer: D

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Skill Level: Apply

Objective: 1.1 What is developmental science, and what factors stimulated expansion of the field?

Topic: A Scientific, Applied, and Interdisciplinary Field

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Although great diversity characterizes the interests and concerns of investigators who study development, they share a single goal: to identify_____.

- genetic factors that contribute to longevity
- environmental factors that contribute to disease and illness
- those factors that lead to abnormal development in children and adolescents
- those factors that influence consistencies and transformations in people from conception to death

Answer: D

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Skill Level: Understand

Objective: 1.1 What is developmental science, and what factors stimulated expansion of the field?

Topic: A Scientific, Applied, and Interdisciplinary Field

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Developmental science is_____because it has grown through the combined efforts of people from many fields of study.

- interdisciplinary
- empirical
- applied
- theoretical

Answer: A

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Skill Level: Remember

Objective: 1.1 What is developmental science, and what factors stimulated expansion of the field?

Topic: A Scientific, Applied, and Interdisciplinary Field

Difficulty Level: Easy

A theory of development _____.
illustrates the ultimate truth about human behavior
describes, explains, and predicts behavior
explains all aspects of human growth
does not require scientific verification

Answer: B

Page Ref: 3

Skill Level: Understand

Objective: 1.2 Identify three basic issues on which theories of human development take a stand.

Topic: Basic Issues

Difficulty Level: Moderate

According to the _____ view of development, the difference between the immature and mature being is simply one of amount or complexity.
nature
discontinuous
nurture
continuous

Answer: D

Page Ref: 4

Skill Level: Remember

Objective: 1.2 Identify three basic issues on which theories of human development take a stand.

Topic: Basic Issues

Difficulty Level: Moderate

The discontinuous view of development holds that _____.
infants and preschoolers respond to the world in much the same way adults do
growth is the process of gradually augmenting the skills that were present from the beginning
infants and children have unique ways of thinking, feeling, and behaving
development is a smooth process limited only by a lack of information and precision

Answer: C

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Skill Level: Understand

Objective: 1.2 Identify three basic issues on which theories of human development take a stand.

Topic: Basic Issues

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Dr. Kostel believes that development takes place in stages. This belief is consistent with the _____ perspective.
nurture
continuous
discontinuous

nature

Answer: C

Page Ref: 4

Skill Level: Apply

Objective: 1.2 Identify three basic issues on which theories of human development take a stand.

Topic: Basic Issues

Difficulty Level: Moderate

New evidence increasingly emphasizes that_____.
there is very little cultural diversity in human development
environmental, but not personal, contexts shape development
development occurs in a neat, orderly sequence of stages unaffected by distinct contexts
people not only are affected by but also contribute to the contexts in which they develop

Answer: D

Page Ref: 4

Skill Level: Understand

Objective: 1.2 Identify three basic issues on which theories of human development take a stand.

Topic: Basic Issues

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Tammy's father is an exceptional gymnast. When Tammy was just a toddler, her father believed that Tammy already showed great promise as a gymnast. Tammy's father probably believes that athletic ability is mostly determined by_____.

nurture

stages

nature

early experiences

Answer: C

Page Ref: 5

Skill Level: Apply

Objective: 1.2 Identify three basic issues on which theories of human development take a stand.

Topic: Basic Issues

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Although Justin spent his first 18 months in an orphanage, his adoptive mother believes sensitive caregiving will help Justin overcome his early experiences. Justin's mother emphasizes the role of _____ in development.

nurture

stages

stability

nature

Answer: A

Page Ref: 5

Skill Level: Apply

Objective: 1.2 Identify three basic issues on which theories of human development take a stand.

Topic: Basic Issues

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Theorists who contend that powerful negative events in the first few years cannot be fully overcome by later, more positive ones emphasize _____.

plasticity

stability

nurture

discontinuity

Answer: B

Page Ref: 5

Skill Level: Remember

Objective: 1.2 Identify three basic issues on which theories of human development take a stand.

Topic: Basic Issues

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Theorists who emphasize plasticity believe that _____.

change in response to influential experiences is possible

heredity, rather than environment, influences behavior

individuals who are high in anxiety as children will remain so at later ages

early experiences establish a lifelong pattern of behavior

Answer: A

Page Ref: 5

Skill Level: Understand

Objective: 1.2 Identify three basic issues on which theories of human development take a stand.

Topic: Basic Issues

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Increasingly, researchers view human development as _____.

taking place entirely before and during adolescence

declining in old age

influenced more by heredity than environment

a perpetually ongoing process

Answer: D

Page Ref: 5

Skill Level: Understand

Objective: 1.3 Describe the lifespan perspective on development.

Topic: The Lifespan Perspective: A Balanced Point of View

Difficulty Level: Moderate

The lifespan perspective on human development assumes that development is _____.
static and stable
multidimensional and multidirectional
continuous, rather than discontinuous
largely the result of heredity

Answer: B

Page Ref: 5

Skill Level: Understand

Objective: 1.3 Describe the lifespan perspective on development.

Topic: The Lifespan Perspective: A Balanced Point of View

Difficulty Level: Moderate

According to the lifespan perspective, _____ is supreme in its impact on the life course.
the prenatal period
early childhood
adolescence
no age period

Answer: D

Page Ref: 5

Skill Level: Remember

Objective: 1.3 Describe the lifespan perspective on development.

Topic: The Lifespan Perspective: A Balanced Point of View

Difficulty Level: Easy

Max, age 65, learned to play the piano at a local senior center. Max demonstrates that _____.
aging is an eventual “shipwreck”
learning follows a predictable timetable
development is plastic at all ages
musical talent peaks in late adulthood

Answer: C

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Skill Level: Apply

Objective: 1.3 Describe the lifespan perspective on development.

Topic: The Lifespan Perspective: A Balanced Point of View

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Which statement provides an example of an age-graded influence?
Paul learned to play the violin at age 11.
Frank got his driver’s license at age 16.
Martina got married at age 34.
Jesse learned to use a computer at age 21.

Answer: B