

PSYCHOLOGY

Practice Term III

Directions: Each of the questions or incomplete statements below is followed by five suggested answers or completions. Select the one that is best in each case and then fill in the corresponding circle on the answer sheet.

- ___ 1. Wilhelm Wundt's early experiments were attempts to investigate which area of psychology?
- the causes of mental illnesses
 - social conformity
 - the simplest mental processes
 - childhood development
 - causes of aggression
- ___ 2. Natassia believes that boys learn to be more aggressive than girls primarily because boys are more frequently exposed to external pressures to fight. Natassia's belief most directly exemplifies the _____ perspective.
- behavioral
 - evolutionary
 - cognitive
 - psychodynamic
 - biological
- ___ 3. According to Professor Fayad, we like people who like us because their affection for us boosts our own self-esteem. His idea is an example of
- naturalistic observation.
 - illusory correlation.
 - hindsight bias.
 - replication.
 - a theory.
- ___ 4. Replication involves
- the selection of random samples.
 - perceiving order in random events.
 - repeating an earlier research study.
 - rejecting ideas that cannot be scientifically tested.
 - overestimating the extent to which others share our views.
- ___ 5. Which procedure helps to ensure that the participants in a survey are representative of a larger population?
- random assignment
 - replication
 - correlation
 - naturalistic observation
 - random sampling

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- _____ 6. Which of the following correlations between self-esteem and body weight would enable you to most accurately predict body weight from knowledge of level of self-esteem?
- a. +0.60
 - b. +0.01
 - c. -0.10
 - d. -0.06
 - e. 0.00
- _____ 7. Mr. and Mrs. Berry have five children aged 2, 3, 7, 9, and 9. The median age of the Berry children is
- a. 3.
 - b. 6.
 - c. 7.
 - d. 8.
 - e. 9.
- _____ 8. Evelyn wants to know how consistent her bowling scores have been during the past season. Which of the following measures would be most relevant to this specific concern?
- a. mean
 - b. median
 - c. scatterplot
 - d. standard deviation
 - e. correlation coefficient
- _____ 9. The master gland of the endocrine system is the
- a. thyroid gland.
 - b. adrenal gland.
 - c. pituitary gland.
 - d. pancreas.
 - e. hypothalamus.
- _____ 10. The occipital lobes are to _____ as the temporal lobes are to _____.
- a. hearing; sensing movement
 - b. seeing; sensing touch
 - c. sensing pleasure; sensing pain
 - d. seeing; hearing
 - e. speaking; hearing
- _____ 11. Direct stimulation of the motor cortex would be most likely to result in
- a. feelings of anger.
 - b. acceleration of heartbeat.
 - c. a sensation of being touched on the arm.
 - d. movement of the mouth and lips.
 - e. intense pain.

- _____ 12. The amplitude of electromagnetic waves determines the _____ of light.
- absolute threshold
 - brightness
 - hue
 - difference threshold
 - wavelength
- _____ 13. Evidence that some cones are especially sensitive to red light, others to green light, and still others to blue light is most directly supportive of the _____ theory.
- frequency
 - Young-Helmholtz
 - gate-control
 - opponent-process
 - signal detection
- _____ 14. Ernest Hilgard suggested that participants felt little pain when their arms were lowered into ice baths because
- being caught up in playing the role of a “good subject” they could ignore the pain.
 - the presence of a hypnotist they liked and trusted led them to adopt the “pain control” suggestions.
 - they expected that the ice baths would not cause pain.
 - hypnosis dissociates the pain sensation from the emotional suffering that people expect from pain.
 - most hypnotized people are consciously faking hypnosis.
- _____ 15. The lack of the neurotransmitter orexin has been linked to which of the following?
- sleep apnea
 - paradoxical sleep
 - insomnia
 - narcolepsy
 - sleepwalking
- _____ 16. François was dismayed to discover that some of his football teammates were using drugs to enhance their footwork and endurance on the playing field. Which of the following drugs were the players most likely using?
- morphine derivatives
 - marijuana
 - amphetamines
 - barbiturates
 - heroin

- _____ 17. Last year, Dr. Moritano cleaned Natacha's skin with rubbing alcohol prior to administering each of a series of painful rabies vaccination shots. Which of the following processes accounts for the fact that Natacha currently becomes fearful every time she smells rubbing alcohol?
- negative reinforcement
 - classical conditioning
 - latent learning
 - operant conditioning
 - observational learning
- _____ 18. A geometric figure is most likely to become sexually arousing if presented shortly
- after an appropriate UR.
 - after an appropriate US.
 - before an appropriate UR.
 - before an appropriate US.
 - after an appropriate CS.
- _____ 19. To modify your own behavior using operant conditioning principles, you should
- monitor and record the actual frequency of the operant behavior you wish to promote.
 - formulate goals for behavior change that are a bit more ambitious than what you can actually accomplish.
 - carefully observe and imitate the specific behaviors practiced by others who have successfully achieved your goals.
 - systematically reinforce the operant behavior you wish to promote with delayed rather than immediate reinforcers.
 - associate the desired behavior with an unconditioned stimulus.
- _____ 20. To recognize the active information processing that occurs in short-term memory, researchers have characterized it as _____ memory.
- iconic
 - working
 - flashbulb
 - implicit
 - repressed
- _____ 21. The tendency for distributed study to yield better long-term retention than massed study is known as
- the serial position effect.
 - state-dependent memory.
 - the spacing effect.
 - long-term potentiation.
 - chunking.

- _____ 22. After having a stroke, Aaron has great difficulty recalling any of his subsequent life experiences. He is most likely suffering from
- long-term potentiation.
 - repression.
 - mood-congruent memory.
 - amnesia.
 - implicit memory.
- _____ 23. In considering the seven sins of memory, transience is to the sin of _____ as suggestibility is to the sin of _____.
- distortion; intrusion
 - proactive interference; retroactive interference
 - forgetting; distortion
 - retroactive interference; proactive interference
 - relearning; mood congruence
- _____ 24. The inability to remember events in one's life which occurred prior to a brain injury is known as
- anterograde amnesia.
 - retrograde amnesia.
 - motivated forgetting.
 - retroactive interference.
 - proactive interference.
- _____ 25. The most creative scientists are those who
- investigate issues about which they have very little previous knowledge.
 - are intrinsically motivated to solve problems.
 - have little tolerance for ambiguity.
 - demonstrate low levels of practical intelligence.
 - use convergent thinking rather than divergent thinking.
- _____ 26. A mental set is a
- methodical step-by-step procedure for solving problems.
 - mental grouping of similar objects, events, or people.
 - tendency to approach a problem in a way that has been successful in the past.
 - group of conclusions derived from certain assumptions or general principles.
 - specific way an issue is described that can significantly alter decisions.
- _____ 27. Dean overestimates the proportion of family chores for which he takes sole responsibility because it's easier for him to recall what he has done than to recall what other family members have done. This best illustrates the impact of
- overconfidence.
 - fixation.
 - the representativeness heuristic.
 - confirmation bias.
 - the availability heuristic.

- ___ 28. When Fred pronounced the words “this” and “that,” he noticed that they share a common
- prototype.
 - phenotype.
 - morpheme.
 - algorithm.
 - phoneme.
- ___ 29. Contemporary psychologists are most likely to criticize Whorf's linguistic determinism hypothesis for
- overestimating the impact of thinking on language.
 - overestimating the extent to which thinking occurs without language.
 - underestimating the impact of language on thinking.
 - underestimating the extent to which thinking occurs without language.
 - underestimating how much language use changes over our lifetime.
- ___ 30. Women's sexual receptivity differs from that of nonhuman female mammals in being more responsive to _____ levels than to estrogen levels.
- glucose
 - orexin
 - PYY
 - testosterone
 - insulin
- ___ 31. People who spend time on social networking sites focused on their own desires and needs may be more likely to be viewed as
- having low self-esteem.
 - a low need for affiliation.
 - being part of a collectivist culture.
 - narcissistic.
 - pessimistic.
- ___ 32. The two-factor theory of emotion was proposed by
- Walter Cannon and Philip Bard.
 - Robert Zajonc and Richard Lazarus.
 - William James and Carl Lange.
 - Stanley Schachter and Jerome Singer.
 - John B. Watson and B. F. Skinner.
- ___ 33. If Ellen wants to know if her mother is angry at her, she should focus on looking at her
- mouth.
 - eyebrows.
 - eyes.
 - cheeks.
 - entire face.

- _____ 34. Newborn infants typically prefer their mother's voice over their father's voice because
- their rooting reflex is naturally triggered by higher-pitched sounds.
 - they rapidly habituate to lower-pitched male voices.
 - they become familiar with their mother's voice before they are born.
 - they form an emotional attachment to their mother during breast-feeding.
 - they have difficulty hearing lower-pitched voices during the first few days after birth.
- _____ 35. According to Piaget, assimilation involves
- the absorption of nutrients into the body for growth and development.
 - training children to behave in a socially acceptable manner.
 - interpreting new experiences in terms of one's current understanding.
 - altering existing schemas in order to incorporate new information.
 - resolving social dilemmas in productive ways.
- _____ 36. Three-year-old Zara calls all four-legged animals "kitties." Her tendency to fit all four-legged animals into her existing conception of a kitten illustrates the process of
- conservation.
 - assimilation.
 - accommodation.
 - egocentrism.
 - habituation.
- _____ 37. Unlike ducklings, children do not imprint. Their fondness for certain people, however, is fostered by
- conservation.
 - egocentrism.
 - mere exposure.
 - infantile amnesia.
 - a critical period.
- _____ 38. Some mothers feed their infants when they show signs of hunger, whereas others fail to respond predictably to their infants' demands for food. These different maternal feeding practices are most likely to contribute to differences in infant
- habituation.
 - attachment.
 - conservation.
 - maturation.
 - egocentrism.
- _____ 39. A baby girl receives a(n)
- Y chromosome from her father.
 - Y chromosome from her mother.
 - Y chromosome from her father and mother.
 - X chromosome from her father and mother.
 - partial components of both the Y and X chromosomes from both parents.

- _____ 40. Research on the environmental conditions that influence sexual orientation indicates that
- homosexuals are more likely than heterosexuals to have been sexually abused during childhood.
 - homosexuals are more likely than heterosexuals to have been overprotected by their mothers.
 - homosexuals are more likely than heterosexuals to have been raised in a father-absent home.
 - homosexuals are more likely than heterosexuals to have been exposed to a gay or lesbian schoolteacher.
 - the reported backgrounds of homosexuals and heterosexuals are similar.
- _____ 41. After living together for a year, Sylvia and Yefim have decided to marry. Research on premarital cohabitation most strongly suggests that
- they have more positive attitudes toward the institution of marriage than the average couple.
 - their marriage will have a higher-than-average probability of being successful.
 - most of their college friends and acquaintances have viewed their cohabitation negatively.
 - their marriage will have a higher-than-average probability of ending in divorce.
 - they have a higher than average chance of remaining married due to shared self-concepts.
- _____ 42. Kathryn and Rafael's third and last child is leaving home for college next year. Their empty nest is likely to be a(n) _____ place.
- depressed
 - happy
 - anxious
 - boring
 - stressful
- _____ 43. Research on people's feelings of satisfaction with their lives indicates that
- adolescents report being slightly happier than people over 65 years of age.
 - people over 65 years of age report being slightly happier than adolescents.
 - middle-aged adults report being slightly happier than both adolescents and people over 65 years of age.
 - young and older adults report being slightly happier than middle-aged adults.
 - young adults report greater mood swings, alternating between happiness and depression.

- ___ 44. Dr. Zytowics wants to assess the extent to which a client is suffering from depression, social withdrawal, and other symptoms of an emotional disorder. Which personality inventory would be most helpful for this purpose?
- MMPI
 - Rorschach
 - TAT
 - Myers-Briggs Type Indicator
 - locus of control test
- ___ 45. The sort of problem solving that demonstrates “school smarts” is what researchers have historically assessed in their tests of
- inductive reasoning.
 - intelligence.
 - content validity.
 - neural plasticity.
 - factor analysis.
- ___ 46. It would be most difficult to use _____ to explain why anorexia nervosa occurs mostly in Western cultures.
- the learning perspective
 - the medical model
 - the social-cognitive perspective
 - a biopsychosocial approach
 - psychoanalytic theory
- ___ 47. Cecil is preoccupied with thoughts of jumping out the window of his tenth-floor apartment. To reduce his anxiety, he frequently counts his heartbeats aloud. Cecil would most likely be diagnosed as experiencing a(n)
- panic disorder.
 - bipolar disorder.
 - generalized anxiety disorder.
 - obsessive-compulsive disorder.
 - phobia.
- ___ 48. Rachel is convinced that her occasional headaches are caused by a malignant brain tumor. Although several physicians have assured her that she has no serious physical problem, Rachel continues to seek medical attention for a brain tumor. Her behavior provides an example of
- dissociative disorder.
 - generalized anxiety disorder.
 - illness anxiety disorder.
 - obsessive-compulsive disorder.
 - personality disorder.

- _____ 49. The dramatic increase in reported cases of dissociative identity disorder during the past 40 or so years most strongly suggests that symptoms of this disorder involve
- a. low self-esteem.
 - b. illicit drug usage.
 - c. promiscuous sexual behavior.
 - d. internal attribution of blame.
 - e. role-playing.
- _____ 50. A schizoid personality disorder is most likely to be characterized by
- a. a detachment from social relationships.
 - b. shallow, attention-getting emotional displays.
 - c. a sense of self-importance.
 - d. an insatiable desire for attention.
 - e. a fear of social rejection.