

AP PSYCHOLOGY

The Developing Child

Developmental Issues and Prenatal Development

1. Identify three major issues that pervade developmental psychology.
2. Discuss the role of sex chromosomes and sex hormones on prenatal development.
3. Discuss the course of prenatal development and the destructive impact of teratogens.
4. Describe the capacities of the newborn. (reflexes)

Infancy and Childhood

5. Describe the influence of maturation and experience on brain and motor development and discuss the value of the brain's plasticity.
6. Describe Piaget's view of how the mind develops and discuss his stage theory of cognitive development, noting current thinking regarding cognitive stages.
7. Discuss the impact of body contact, familiarity, temperament, and responsive parenting on infant social attachments.
8. Describe the benefits of a secure attachment and the impact of parental separation, day care, and divorce on childhood development.
9. Describe the early development of a self-concept and discuss possible effects of different parenting styles and cultural values on children.
10. Discuss how biological, social, and cognitive factors contribute to gender identity and gender-typing.

Adolescence and Adulthood

Adolescence-

11. Identify the major physical changes that occur in adolescence.
12. Describe Piaget's final stage of cognitive development and Kohlberg's theory of moral development, noting the relationship between thoughts and actions.
13. Discuss the search for identity and the development of social and sexual relationships during the adolescent years.

Adulthood

14. Identify the major physical changes that occur in middle and older adulthood.
15. Describe the impact of aging on adult memory and intelligence.
16. Discuss the proposal that adult development involves chronological stages and explain why it is controversial.
17. Describe research finding on life satisfaction across the life span.
18. Discuss the psychological reactions of the dying and of those who have lost a loved one.
19. Summarize current views regarding continuity versus stages and stability versus change in lifelong development.

Vocabulary:

Adolescence	Puberty	Primary sex characteristics	Secondary sex characteristics
Menarche	Preconventional morality	Conventional morality	Postconventional morality
Cross-sectional study	Longitudinal study	Menopause	Alzheimer's disease
Social clock	Hospice	attachment	

Chart Piaget's Stages of Cognitive Development

Chart Freud's Psychosexual Stages of Development

Chart Erik Erikson's Stages of Social Development

Chart Kohlberg's Stages of Moral Development

Explain the different parenting styles.