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T  F  2.  Psychologists study behavior and the mind, but not biology.
T  F  3.  Most psychologists believe that ESP exists.
T  F  4.  A person who is blind in one eye can’t see depth and therefore can’t fly an airplane.
T  F  5.  Some people never dream.
T  F  6.  When we sleep, the brain sleeps as well.
T  F  7.  Negative reinforcement is the same as punishment.
T  F  8.  We can’t do much to improve our memory.
T  F  9.  Eyewitness testimony is some of the best evidence used by police and in court trials.
T  F  10. In order to be creative, a person must be very intelligent.
T  F  11. A person’s intelligence is partially determined by brain size.
T  F  12. Instinct determines many of our behaviors.
T  F  13. The more motivated and aroused you are, the better your performance will be.
T  F  14. We can train babies to walk at an early age.
T  F  15. There is not much society can do to help the mentally retarded.
T  F  16. All psychologists do is therapy.
T  F  17. Shock treatment is often used for people with anxiety.
T  F  18. A correlation between two variables means that one of those variables causes the other.
T  F  19. Most people will disobey a person in authority who orders them to hurt a stranger.
T  F  20. Opposite types of people attract each other.
T  F  21. A person with schizophrenia has a split personality.
T  F  22. How a person shows he is happy depends on his culture and upbringing.
T  F  23. Most old people have some degree of senility.
T  F  24. Many people come through adolescence with emotional scars and conflicts.
T  F  25. People with hypochondriasis pretend to be sick.
T  F  26. In a debate, it is always to your advantage to be the last speaker instead of going first (you want the last word).
T  F  27. Children who grow up in a family with gay parents are more likely to become gay.
T  F  28. Absence makes the heart grow fonder.
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