Study Guide: Chapter 9

True/False
Indicate whether the sentence or statement is true or false.

1. A psychologist who is studying the effect that the environment has on the development of humans is specifically examining the nature component of the nature-nurture controversy. (p. 390)

2. The organism achieves viability during the embryonic stage. (p. 396)

3. If separate autopsies were performed on the brains of a 1-month-old infant and a 3-year-old toddler, you would expect that the number of neural connections in each brain would be very similar. (p. 400)

4. Your 4-month-old infant can probably distinguish your face from the face of a stranger. (p. 404)

5. Lev Vygotsky believed that language is merely the result of cognitive development. (p. 411)

6. If your views were similar to those of Carol Gilligan, you would believe that Kohlberg's stages of moral development had a built-in gender bias. (p. 414)

7. Gender schema theory is not widely accepted as an explanation for gender role learning. (p. 416)

8. A securely attached child will not usually cry when the parent leaves to go out. (p. 420)

9. "Goodness of fit" refers to the fit between a child's temperament and the parents' style of parenting. (p. 425)

10. A six-month-old child would fit into Erikson's autonomy stage. (p. 426)

Short Answer

11. Describe the three stages of prenatal development and the major events of each stage.

12. Describe the perceptual abilities of a newborn infant.

13. Compare and contrast the theories of Jean Piaget and Lev Vygotsky.

14. Describe Kohlberg's stages of moral development and discuss Carol Gilligan's views about Kohlberg's stages.

15. Describe Baumrind's parenting styles including typical outcomes and factors that influence these styles.