

Option 3

Directions: Please answer all **four** of the following questions. Each of your responses should be a few paragraphs long.

1. Which perspective on human development is closest to your own and why? The perspectives are: psychoanalytic, learning, cognitive, evolutionary/sociobiological and contextual.
2. Provide an example of a critical period of childhood development and discuss of each of the domains of development: physical, cognitive, and psychosocial. In each of the domains give an example of change that is quantitative and an example that is qualitative.
3. In the future, if specific genes are identified as being associated with particular characteristic or traits such as obesity or sexual orientation, what possible outcomes would you predict in terms of increase or decrease in the amount or availability of genetic testing? What, if any, ethical issues do you think this may present?
4. In your opinion, what is the most interesting topic that we've covered in class? Why? Please be specific.

- stuttering (Childhood-onset fluency disorder)
- learning disabilities
- Please note you may choose another childhood physical or cognitive concern that you would like to use this opportunity to explore.

You will turn in a 2-3 page paper in which you describe the frequency of the concern, outline the warning signs and symptoms, and explain any known causes of the problem, how the problem is treated, how this concern may affect a child's school environment, and what parents can do to help the child.

Option 2

Community Mental Health Resources for Children

Objective: To explore the resources your local community provides for children's mental health, and to increase awareness of the difficulty in obtaining treatment for these problems.

Directions: Explore the treatment options available in the community for one of following common mental health concerns:

- attention-deficit disorder
- depression
- suicide attempt
- conduct disorder
- oppositional-defiant disorder
- anxiety and school phobias

You will hand in a 2-3 page paper. Please answer the following questions about the treatment options you investigated for the topic you selected:

- What is the level of expertise of the clinic or therapist in dealing with this problem?
- What is the typical cost for dealing with the type of disorder?
- Will the clinic or therapist accept Medicaid? If not, where do children without financial support obtain this service?
- Is this disorder covered by insurance or by an HMO?
- What types of therapy are used to treat this disorder?

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Exam 1

Your paper is due on or before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28th. You may email your paper to me at sdole@bhcc.mass.edu. Please note that a full grade will be deducted from any exam submitted to me after March 28th.

Instructions:

Please select and respond to one of the following assignment options. You'll notice that each assignment has specific directions.

There are a wide range of sources to help you understand the problem you selected and its effects. Medical resources written for lay readers will be helpful, along with articles in magazines and items on the Internet. There are organizations that specialize in helping children and their families cope with these problems, and they often have brochures and videotapes that would provide useful information for this assignment. There may be a local chapter of a key organization in your area; check the phone book and/or the Internet for addresses and phone numbers. Please be sure to use at least two sources.

Your paper should:

- be two to three pages long
- be typed, double spaced, and have one-inch margins
- a cover sheet that includes your name, the title of your paper, course name and section number, and the date; also include a reference page.

Option 1**Childhood Physical and Cognitive Concerns**

Objective: To research specific physical and cognitive problems and issues.

Directions: Please select and research one of the following childhood physical and cognitive concerns:

- asthma
- intellectual disability
- childhood obesity
- attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder