

Answer ALL questions in the spaces provided.

1. (a) Piaget's theory of cognitive development suggests that there are four stages.

Three of the following statements about the formal operational stage are true and two are false. Put a cross (☒) in the box beside each of the **three** statements that are **true**.

Statements about the formal operational stage

The child is capable of abstract thought

The child becomes more egocentric

The child acquires hypothetical reasoning

The child becomes more philosophical

The child learns to solve conservation tasks

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(b) What did Piaget mean by **accommodation**?

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(c) What did Piaget mean by **equilibrium**?

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(d) Outline **one** main feature of the sensorimotor stage.

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(e) (i) Identify **one** research method commonly used in the Cognitive-developmental Approach.

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(ii) Evaluate the research method you identified in (e)(i) in terms of **either** a strength **or** a weakness.

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(c) One key assumption of the Cognitive-developmental Approach is that a child's abilities develop over time. What evidence is there from studies to support this assumption?

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3. (a) The Cognitive Approach uses the computer analogy as one of its key assumptions. Explain what is meant by the computer analogy.

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5. (a) Surveys and field experiments are research methods that are commonly used in the Social Approach.

Two of the following statements are true of surveys and two are true of field experiments. No single statement is true of both surveys and field experiments.

Put a cross in the appropriate boxes to indicate which two statements are true of surveys and which two statements are true of field experiments.

Feature	Surveys	Field experiments
A controlled study in the natural environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Involve the analysis of symbols in dreams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Involve open and close questions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Involve placing electrodes on the scalp	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Involve manipulation of independent variable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Involve the analysis of one person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Involve observing spontaneous behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consist of questionnaires and/or interviews	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(b) Obedience has been studied in the Social Approach by Stanley Milgram.

Outline **two** factors which could be said to have caused the high level of obedience in Milgram's original study.

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Second factor

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