

Chapter 1

Multiple Choice Questions

- 1) Julianna, a teacher of young toddlers, and Tessa, a toddler in her care, are playing with toy trucks. Which of the following statements made by Julianna would be an example of parallel talk?
 - a. What color is your truck?
 - b. I'm driving my blue truck around and around.
 - c. Do you want the blue truck or the red truck?
 - d. Today we are going to have pears for lunch.
- 2) James has just completed picking up all the blocks by himself. Which statement is an example of encouragement?
 - a. You did a great job.
 - b. You're a good helper.
 - c. You picked up every block.
 - d. I like the way you picked up the blocks.
- 3) Tenille is sitting with a group of pre-school children at lunch time. Which of the following is an example of an open-ended question?
 - a. Do you like apples or oranges better?
 - b. What are the ways that apples and oranges are alike?
 - c. What color are the beets?
 - d. What do you say when you want Terrence to pass you the meatloaf?
- 4) Which of the following activities most closely fits with the definition of play described in the textbook?
 - a. The children are divided into small groups and each child is given finger paint to create a picture.
 - b. Children rotate every 15 minutes through learning centers where they choose what activity they would like to participate in.
 - c. The teacher is leading the group in dramatizing the book *Caps for Sale*. Some of the children are pretending to be the monkeys, others the trees, and one child is the peddler.
 - d. Several children are in the dramatic play area pretending they are in a restaurant. One child is the waiter, another is the cook, and three children are customers.
- 5) Which of the following behaviors might be resolved by changing the environment?
 - a. Two children fighting over a toy fire engine.
 - b. Children wandering rather than participating in activities during center time.
 - c. Children climbing on furniture.
 - d. All of the above.

- 6) Benjamin plays near other children often mirroring what they are doing. This would be an example of what type of play?
- Onlooker
 - Solitary
 - Parallel
 - Cooperative
- 7) Which of the following would be an example of cooperative play?
- A child plays with a basket of balls, occasionally rolling one of the balls to another child.
 - Two children play in the dramatic play area - one is washing dishes, the other is playing with the dolls.
 - Three children are swinging side by side.
 - Two children are building a horse pen out of blocks.
- 8) Which is the most effective approach in designing an environment for the four-year-old children in your program?
- Duplicate an environment that has proved to be successful in another program
 - Observe the children in your classroom to understand their interests and developmental levels and use this information to design an environment
 - Set up an environment with all the recommended learning centers and then eliminate any centers that are not used
 - Duplicate the five-year-old classroom in your program so the children will be familiar with it when they transition to the next room
- 9) Which of the following teacher statements is most aligned with developmentally appropriate practice?
- "Children are in my program for only half a day, therefore we do not have time for play. They can always play at home."
 - "I believe that if we want children to be prepared for elementary school we need to spend our time on academics."
 - "I want to make sure that children are prepared when they go to elementary school. Therefore I make sure that we complete worksheets each day and spend time lining up."
 - "I believe that it is important to have a variety of materials at different levels in my classroom to meet the needs of all the children."
- 10) The book stresses that at least some of the materials in the classroom should be open-ended. Which of the following is the best example of an open-ended material?
- A puzzle of a person
 - A game where you roll a dice and count that many squares
 - A jar of different sizes and colors of pom-poms
 - A computer matching game
- 11) Which of the following is a belief that was promoted by Montessori, Piaget, and Malaguzzi?
- They all believe that children learn through play

- b. They all believe that it is important to first teach the child the correct way to use a material before giving the material to the child
 - c. They all promote the “plan, do, review” method
 - d. They all believe that it is best if the teacher takes a “hands-off” approach to teaching
- 12) Scott is just beginning to learn the names for the letters of the alphabet. Which of the following would be an example of the teacher scaffolding his learning?
- a. The teacher requires Scott to spend 15 minutes a day working with letter flash cards.
 - b. The teacher says the names of the letters as she writes down words that Scott dictates.
 - c. The teacher tells Scott, “You need to learn all your letters and then you will be ready to read.”
 - d. The teacher does not want to push Scott to learn letters before he is ready so she takes a “hands-off” approach.

Short Answer and Essay Questions

- 1) Katie is a teacher who works with preschool children. She is wondering how she might support children’s learning while they are using learning centers? List at least five ways that she might assist them.
- 2) Tanitha, a four-year-old who is very interested in insects, is observing the grasshoppers, crickets, and centipedes that are in the bug jars in the science center. List three open-ended questions the teacher might ask her about the bugs.
- 3) You believe that play is a critical learning tool for kindergarten children. But, the principal is questioning whether children will learn what they need to learn through play. Respond to the administrator’s concerns giving a rationale for why play is important. Include at least three different reasons.
- 4) Several children are playing doctor in the dramatic play center. David also wants to play but has difficulty joining the group. When he is allowed to play, he often disrupts the play episode. How can the teacher assist David to join and to play successfully?
- 5) A child has just finished drawing a picture of her house. What are three encouraging remarks the teacher could make about the picture?
- 6) Describe at least four ways that a high-quality environment can support developmentally appropriate practice.
- 7) Why is a quality environment so crucial for young children’s learning?
- 8) You are developing a magnification center where children will explore different types and strengths of magnifying glasses. You want to introduce the center and build interest in it. Describe how you will do this.