Developmental Psychology
Final Exam Study Guide

Issues & Theories of Developmental Psychology  

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Issues
Nature/Nurture
Continuous/Discontinuous
One course/many courses
Individual – Stable/open to change
Child - Active/Passive

Cognitive Development  

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Views, explanatory constructs and concepts, examples
Theories
Piaget’s Theory
Information Processing Theories
Core-Knowledge Theories
Sociocultural Theories

Language Development  

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Components of Language
Theories
Views, concepts, explanations, strengths and weaknesses

Language Acquisition
Milestones
Phonological
Semantic
Grammatical (Syntactic)
Pragmatics
Non-linguistic symbols, Scale-model Task
Results, theoretical explanations

Conceptual Development  

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Knowledge about Other People
Theory of Mind
Milestones, tasks, examples, theoretical explanations
Autism

Social Development  

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Theories
Psychoanalytic
Learning
Social Cognition
Ecological
Views, issues, explanations, strengths and weaknesses
Gender
Milestones, examples, theoretical explanations

Emotional Development  

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Temperament
Dimensions, classification, stability, impact on social development

Attachment
Attachment theory
Measuring attachment, Strange situation, classifications
Effects of culture, parents, child’s temperament
Impact of secure/insecure attachment

Family
Family as a system
Parental Socialization
Parenting Styles
Maternal employment & daycare

Peers
Friendship
Peer groups
Sociometric status
Effects, contributions of child, parents, culture

Putting it all together
Big ideas
Wrong ideas

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