

PSYCHOLOGY ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS

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Explanations

1. b) adaptation.

Explanation: Biological evolution, learning, and cultural evolution are all forms of adaptation. Adaptation refers to the process by which organisms, systems, or cultures change over time to better suit their environment or circumstances. In biological evolution, organisms adapt to their environment through natural selection, genetic variation, and inherited traits that enhance survival and reproduction. Learning involves the acquisition of new knowledge or behaviors through experience, allowing individuals to adapt to changing circumstances and improve their chances of success. Cultural evolution refers to the transmission of ideas, beliefs, practices, and technologies within a society or group over generations, leading to changes in culture and behavior that enhance collective survival and well-being.

2. d) unconditioned response.

Explanation: In classical conditioning, a loud, sudden clap behind a child would be the unconditioned stimulus (b). This stimulus naturally and automatically triggers a response, which is the unconditioned response (d). In this case, the unconditioned response is the child crying, which occurs reflexively and involuntarily in response to the loud clap without any prior learning or conditioning.

In classical conditioning, a neutral stimulus (such as a particular sound or sight) is paired with an unconditioned stimulus (like the loud clap) to eventually evoke a conditioned response (such as fear or anxiety). However, in the scenario described, the child's response to the loud clap is not a result of conditioning but rather a natural, unlearned reaction.

3. b) operant conditioning.

Explanation: B.F. Skinner is associated with operant conditioning, which is a form of learning in which behavior is modified by its consequences. In operant conditioning, behaviors are strengthened or weakened based on the consequences that follow them. Skinner introduced the concept of reinforcement and punishment to explain how behavior is shaped through

environmental consequences. In this learning paradigm, organisms learn to associate their behaviors with the outcomes that follow, leading to changes in the frequency or likelihood of those behaviors occurring in the future.

4. a) genetic drift.

Explanation: Genetic drift refers to the random fluctuations in the gene pool of a population due to chance events. These chance factors can include things like genetic mutations, random variations in reproductive success, or the migration of individuals between populations. Over time, genetic drift can lead to differences in the genetic makeup of separate populations within the same species, especially in small or isolated populations where chance events can have a greater impact. This process contrasts with natural selection, where specific traits are favored or disfavored based on their fitness in a given environment, and with artificial selection (c), where humans deliberately select and breed individuals with desirable traits. “Genetic deviance” is not a commonly used term in evolutionary biology, and “proximate change” does not specifically refer to the situation described.

5. c) a conditioned stimulus.

Explanation: In classical conditioning, a conditioned stimulus (CS) is a previously neutral stimulus that, after being paired with an unconditioned stimulus (US), triggers a conditioned response (CR) similar to the unconditioned response (UR) to the US. In this scenario: The unconditioned stimulus (US) is the food in the can because it naturally elicits a response from the cat (the unconditioned response). Every time you open the can of food (US), your cat comes running (UR). Over time, your cat starts to associate the sound of the can opening with the arrival of food. As a result, the sound of the can opening becomes a conditioned stimulus (CS). When your cat hears the sound of the can opening (CS), it starts to come running (conditioned response, CR) even before seeing the food.

6. c) US.

Explanation: In Pavlov’s classic experiment with dogs, the meat served as an unconditioned stimulus (US). The unconditioned stimulus (US) is a stimulus that naturally and automatically triggers a response without prior learning. In this case, the meat naturally elicited salivation from the dogs without any prior conditioning. During the experiment, Pavlov paired the presentation of the meat (US) with the ringing of a bell. Initially, the bell was a neutral stimulus that did not elicit a salivary response from the dogs. However, after repeated pairings of the bell with the meat, the bell became a conditioned stimulus (CS).

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7. c) nonadaptive side effects of adaptive changes

Explanation: Correlates of structure refer to nonadaptive side effects of adaptive changes. This means that certain traits or characteristics may change as a result of adaptation to new conditions, but these changes might have side effects that are not necessarily advantageous.

For example, during the process of evolution, certain anatomical structures may change to adapt to new environments or functions. However, some changes may have side effects that are not directly related to adaptation but are by-products of the adaptive changes. These nonadaptive side effects are still correlates of the structure.

8. a) extinction.

Explanation: Extinction refers to the weakening and eventual disappearance of a learned response when the conditioned stimulus (CS) is no longer followed by the unconditioned stimulus (US) or reinforcement. In this scenario, Yukie's tantrums gradually decrease because her father stops reinforcing the behavior by ignoring it. This lack of reinforcement leads to the extinction of the tantrum behavior. Option b) stimulus generalization refers to the tendency to respond to stimuli that are similar to the conditioned stimulus, while option c) stimulus discrimination involves responding differently to similar stimuli based on their unique features. Option d) spontaneous recovery refers to the reappearance of an extinguished response after a period of rest or absence of the conditioned stimulus.

9. d) discrimination.

Explanation: Discrimination, in the context of operant conditioning, refers to the ability to respond differently to stimuli that have been associated with different consequences. In this scenario, the monkey learns to press the lever when a specific 1000-Hz tone is on, which signals the availability of a reward. However, the monkey does not press the lever when a different 1200 Hz tone is presented, indicating that it has learned to discriminate between the two tones based on their association with the reward. Therefore, the kind of training described is discrimination training.

10. d) fixed action pattern.

Explanation: A fixed action pattern (FAP) is a sequence of behaviors that is innate, stereotyped, and performed in response to a specific stimulus. These behaviors are typically unlearned and are triggered by a particular cue in the environment, known as a sign stimulus or releaser. In this scenario, the geese exhibiting a reliable series of movements to retrieve an egg that has rolled out of the nest are demonstrating a fixed action pattern. Once the sign stimulus (the presence of the egg outside the nest) is

detected, the geese automatically engage in a predetermined sequence of behaviors to retrieve the egg, regardless of previous experience or learning.

11. a) extinction.

Explanation: Extinction in classical conditioning occurs when the conditioned stimulus (CS) is repeatedly presented without being followed by the unconditioned stimulus (US). As a result, the association between the CS and the US weakens, and the conditioned response (CR) gradually decreases in frequency or disappears altogether. Extinction is essentially the reversal of the conditioning process, where the previously learned association between the CS and the US is unlearned due to the absence of the expected outcome.

12. b) negatively reinforced.

Explanation: Negative reinforcement involves the removal or avoidance of an unpleasant or aversive stimulus following a behavior, which increases the likelihood of that behavior occurring in the future. In other words, negative reinforcement strengthens a behavior by removing an undesirable consequence or reducing discomfort. In this scenario, if a response leads to the removal of an unpleasant stimulus, it is being negatively reinforced because the removal of the unpleasant stimulus serves as a reinforcement for the behavior, making it more likely to occur again in the future.

13. d) the environmental conditions needed for an individual to develop a species-specific behavior.

Explanation: Deprivation experiments in ethology involve removing or altering specific environmental stimuli or experiences during critical periods of development to investigate their effects on the acquisition or expression of species-specific behaviors. These experiments help researchers understand the role of environmental factors in shaping the development of innate behaviors and determining their expression in individuals. While ethological research may encompass all the options listed, deprivation experiments specifically focus on manipulating environmental conditions to study how they influence the development and expression of species-specific behaviors.

14. d) classical conditioning.

Explanation: Classical conditioning involves learning associations between two stimuli that occur together in the environment. In this scenario, Manny associates the taste of egg salad (the conditioned stimulus) with feeling sick due to having the flu (the unconditioned stimulus). As a result, the taste of egg salad becomes associated with feeling unwell, leading to a conditioned response of aversion to the taste of egg salad. Classical conditioning is a

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type of learning where an organism learns to associate a neutral stimulus with a meaningful stimulus, resulting in a learned response. In this case, the taste of egg salad becomes associated with the feeling of sickness due to the flu.

15. c) taste with sickness.

Explanation: In Garcia and Koelling's studies of taste-aversion learning, rats learned to associate the taste of a particular substance (such as saccharin or flavored water) with feeling sick or nauseous. This type of learning is also known as conditioned taste aversion. During the experiments, rats were given access to a novel tasting substance (the conditioned stimulus) and then subsequently exposed to an unconditioned stimulus, such as radiation or a drug that induced sickness (the unconditioned stimulus). The rats quickly learned to avoid consuming the novel substance after associating it with the negative experience of sickness.

16. a) analogies.

Explanation: Similarities between species that arise due to convergent evolution are called analogies. Convergent evolution occurs when unrelated species independently evolve similar traits or characteristics due to similar environmental pressures or selective forces. As a result, these species may exhibit analogous structures or behaviors that serve similar functions, despite their evolutionary distinctiveness. For example, the wings of birds and insects are analogous structures because they both evolved independently to serve the function of flight, despite arising from different ancestral origins.

17. b) counterconditioning.

Explanation: Counterconditioning is a behavioral therapy technique used to replace an undesirable response to a stimulus with a desirable response. In the scenario described, Peter's fear of rabbits (the undesirable response) is replaced with a positive or neutral response (being able to play with the rabbit) through the process of counterconditioning. By pairing the feared stimulus (the rabbit) with a pleasant or neutral stimulus (milk and crackers), Peter's fear response becomes weakened or extinguished, and a new association is formed between the rabbit and a positive or neutral emotional response.

18. d) of all of these reasons.

Explanation: Punishment is indeed a controversial way of controlling behavior due to several reasons:

a) Behavior is not forgotten and may return: Punishment suppresses behavior temporarily, but it does not necessarily eliminate the underlying cause of the behavior. As a result, the

behavior may reappear once the threat of punishment is removed or if alternative, more reinforcing behaviors are not taught.

b) Punishing stimuli often create fear: Punishment can elicit fear and anxiety in the individual being punished, which can have negative emotional and psychological consequences. This fear may generalize to other situations or stimuli, leading to increased stress and avoidance behaviors.

c) Punishment often increases aggressiveness: Punishment may lead to feelings of resentment, anger, or frustration, which can manifest as increased aggression or hostility towards the punisher or others. Additionally, if the punishment is perceived as unjust or inconsistent, it may undermine trust and cooperation in the relationship.

19. b) a vestigial behavior.

Explanation: The ability of premature human infants to support their weight with the grasp reflex could also be considered an example of a vestigial behavior.

Vestigial behaviors are remnants of ancestral behaviors that may have been functional in the past but are no longer fully functional or necessary in the current context. In this case, the grasp reflex in premature infants might be considered vestigial because it's a behavior that is present early in development but typically disappears as the infant matures.

20. c) Involuntary is to voluntary.

Explanation: Classical conditioning and operant conditioning are two forms of associative learning, but they differ in the nature of the associations formed and the type of behaviors involved:

Classical conditioning involves learning associations between two stimuli, where a previously neutral stimulus (conditioned stimulus, CS) becomes associated with a biologically significant stimulus (unconditioned stimulus, US) to elicit a conditioned response (CR). These responses are typically involuntary and reflexive.

Operant conditioning involves learning associations between behaviors and their consequences, where behaviors are strengthened or weakened based on their consequences. These responses are typically voluntary and under the control of the individual.

21. c) the predictability of an association.

Explanation: Rescorla and Wagner's experiments in classical conditioning demonstrated that an important factor in conditioning is the predictability of an association between the conditioned stimulus (CS) and the unconditioned stimulus (US). Their research introduced the concept of contingency, which refers to the degree to which the CS predicts

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the occurrence of the US. According to their findings, conditioning is most effective when the CS provides reliable information about the occurrence of the US. In other words, if the CS consistently predicts the US, learning is enhanced, whereas if the CS is inconsistent or unpredictable in its association with the US, conditioning is weakened.

22. c) ritualization.

Explanation: Darwin proposed the principle of ritualization, which suggests that many nonverbal communicative signals, such as threat displays, evolved from behaviors that originally served non-communicative functions. According to this principle, behaviors or movements that were originally associated with other functions, such as fighting or defense, became ritualized over evolutionary time and were co-opted for communication purposes. These behaviors were gradually shaped by natural selection to become more efficient and effective signals in conveying specific messages to conspecifics.

23. b) reinforcement.

Explanation: In operant conditioning, reinforcement refers to the process of strengthening or increasing the likelihood of a behavior by providing a consequence that follows the behavior. Reinforcement can be further categorized into two types: positive reinforcement and negative reinforcement. Positive reinforcement involves adding a desirable stimulus following a behavior, which increases the likelihood of that behavior occurring again in the future.

Negative reinforcement involves removing or avoiding an aversive stimulus following a behavior, which also increases the likelihood of that behavior occurring again in the future.

24. a) classical conditioning

Explanation: Classical conditioning is indeed a form of associative learning where associations are formed between two stimuli, leading to a change in behavior. In classical conditioning, a neutral stimulus becomes associated with a meaningful stimulus and triggers a similar response. For example, in Pavlov's famous experiment, a dog learned to associate the sound of a bell (neutral stimulus) with the presentation of food (meaningful stimulus), causing the dog to salivate (response) even when only the bell was presented. This demonstrates how associations between stimuli can influence behavior, making classical conditioning a type of associative learning.

25. b) Darwin's notion of natural selection with a modern understanding of genetics.

Explanation: The modern synthesis, also known as the neo-Darwinian synthesis, refers to the integration of Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection with the principles of

population genetics and Mendelian inheritance. This synthesis occurred primarily in the early to mid-20th century and provided a comprehensive framework for understanding how genetic variation within populations leads to evolutionary change over time. Darwin's theory of natural selection, outlined in his seminal work "On the Origin of Species," proposed that evolutionary change occurs through the process of natural selection acting on heritable variation within populations. However, Darwin lacked an understanding of the mechanisms underlying inheritance and variation.

26. c) classical and operant conditioning.

Explanation: Extinction, stimulus generalization, and stimulus discrimination are principles that apply to both classical conditioning and operant conditioning:

Extinction refers to the weakening or suppression of a conditioned response (in classical conditioning) or a learned behavior (in operant conditioning) when the conditioned stimulus (CS) or reinforcer is no longer presented.

Stimulus generalization occurs when a response that has been reinforced in the presence of a specific stimulus also occurs in the presence of similar stimuli that resemble the original stimulus.

Stimulus discrimination involves the ability to differentiate between similar stimuli and respond differently to them based on past experiences of reinforcement or punishment.

27. b) species-specific behavior

Explanation: Species-specific behavior refers to behaviors that are characteristic of a particular species and are relatively consistent across individuals within that species. Web-building behavior is a characteristic behavior observed in spiders, and it is specific to their species. This behavior is essential for their survival and is typically exhibited by all members of the species, making it a species-specific behavior.

28. a) conditioned stimulus.

Explanation: In classical conditioning, a conditioned stimulus (CS) is initially neutral and does not elicit the target response. However, through repeated pairing with an unconditioned stimulus (US) that naturally elicits the response, the conditioned stimulus acquires the ability to elicit the response on its own. This process is known as acquisition. After conditioning, the conditioned stimulus alone can evoke the response, even in the absence of the unconditioned stimulus.

29. a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

Explanation: Assertion (A): This statement accurately defines classical conditioning.

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It's a fundamental learning process where neutral stimuli become associated with unconditioned stimuli, leading to the formation of conditioned responses.

Reason (R): This statement perfectly exemplifies classical conditioning using Pavlov's famous experiment with dogs. The sound of the bell (neutral stimulus) was repeatedly paired with food presentation (unconditioned stimulus), eventually causing the dogs to salivate (conditioned response) at the sound of the bell alone.

30. c) The response that occurs naturally to an unconditioned stimulus (US).

Explanation: The unconditioned response (UR) in classical conditioning refers to the natural response that occurs automatically in reaction to an unconditioned stimulus (US), without any prior learning. It is typically an instinctive or reflexive reaction. For instance, in Pavlov's experiments with dogs, salivation in response to food (the unconditioned stimulus) is the unconditioned response. This response is innate and does not require any conditioning or learning process. It forms the basis for the conditioning process, where the neutral stimulus becomes associated with the unconditioned response through repeated pairings.

31. a) The white rat

Explanation: In the Little Albert experiment conducted by John B. Watson and Rosalie Rayner, a white rat was initially a neutral stimulus, meaning it did not elicit a fear response from Albert. However, when the white rat was repeatedly paired with a loud, startling noise (unconditioned stimulus), Albert eventually developed a fear response (conditioned response) to the rat alone, even in the absence of the loud noise. Therefore, the white rat became the conditioned stimulus (CS) eliciting the conditioned response of fear in Little Albert.

32. b) Simultaneous conditioning

Explanation: Simultaneous conditioning involves presenting the conditioned stimulus (CS) and unconditioned stimulus (US) at the same time. This method is often used in classical conditioning experiments, where the CS and US are presented together, with no time gap between them. In this type of conditioning, the CS and US co-occur, leading to the association between them. However, simultaneous conditioning might not be as effective as other types of classical conditioning, such as delay conditioning, where the CS precedes the US, allowing for a stronger association to form.

33. b) The conditioned stimulus (CS) is no longer paired with the unconditioned stimulus (US).

Explanation: Extinction in classical conditioning occurs when the conditioned stimulus (CS) is no longer paired with the unconditioned stimulus (US). Essentially, it involves the weakening and eventual disappearance of the conditioned response (CR) when the CS is presented alone without the US. Through repeated presentations of the CS without the US, the association between the CS and the CR weakens over time, leading to extinction. This process demonstrates the role of learning and the influence of conditioning on behavior.

34. c) Spontaneous recovery

Explanation: Spontaneous recovery refers to the reappearance of a previously extinguished conditioned response (CR) after a period of rest or time delay without further conditioning trials. It occurs when the conditioned stimulus (CS) is presented again after extinction has weakened the association between the CS and the unconditioned stimulus (US). Despite the absence of reinforcement, the CR reemerges, albeit usually weaker than during the initial conditioning. Spontaneous recovery is an important phenomenon in classical conditioning as it indicates that extinction does not erase the original learning entirely, but rather suppresses it temporarily.

35. d) The extension of the conditioned response to similar stimuli.

Explanation: Generalization in classical conditioning occurs when a conditioned response (CR) is elicited not only by the conditioned stimulus (CS) that was present during training but also by similar stimuli that were not originally present. Essentially, the response generalizes or extends to stimuli that resemble the original conditioned stimulus. For example, if a dog has been conditioned to salivate to the sound of a bell, it might also salivate to similar sounds, even if they were not present during the initial conditioning. Generalization is a natural phenomenon that helps organisms respond adaptively to a range of similar stimuli in their environment.

36. a) To eliminate the conditioned response (CR).

Explanation: Counterconditioning is a therapeutic technique used to replace an undesirable conditioned response (CR) with a more adaptive response. In the context of addiction to alcohol, the goal of counterconditioning is typically to weaken or eliminate the conditioned response (CR) associated with alcohol consumption. This might involve pairing alcohol-related cues (the conditioned stimulus, CS) with aversive stimuli or with alternative, healthier behaviors. Over time, this process aims to reduce the strength of the conditioned response (CR) to alcohol-related cues, thereby helping individuals overcome their addiction.

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37. b) It's a type of learning where behavior is influenced by its consequences.

Explanation: Operant conditioning, also known as instrumental conditioning, is a type of learning in which behavior is strengthened or weakened by its consequences. In operant conditioning, organisms learn to associate their behaviors with certain outcomes, such as rewards or punishments, and adjust their behavior accordingly. This type of learning involves voluntary actions rather than reflexive responses, and it emphasizes the role of consequences in shaping future behavior.

38. b) Behavior is influenced by its consequences.

Explanation: The primary assumption of operant conditioning is that behavior is influenced by its consequences. In other words, the likelihood of a behavior occurring again in the future is determined by the consequences that follow it. If a behavior is followed by a desirable consequence (reinforcement), it is more likely to be repeated. Conversely, if a behavior is followed by an undesirable consequence (punishment), it is less likely to be repeated. This principle forms the basis of operant conditioning, which focuses on the relationship between behavior and its consequences in shaping future behavior.

39. a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

Explanation: Assertion (A) states that in operant conditioning, an organism's behavior determines the outcome of the situation. This is true because in operant conditioning, the consequences of behavior, such as reinforcement or punishment, influence the likelihood of that behavior occurring again in the future.

Reason (R) explains that unlike classical conditioning, where responses are limited to reflexes, operant conditioning allows for a wide range of voluntary behaviors. This is also true because operant conditioning involves voluntary behaviors emitted by the organism, which are then reinforced or punished based on their consequences. Therefore, both assertions are true, and the reason provides a correct explanation for why operant conditioning allows for a wide range of voluntary behaviors.

40. c) Chaining

Explanation: Chaining refers to the process of linking together small behaviors into a complex sequence through reinforcement. Each behavior serves as a cue for the next, similar to a series of dominos falling one after the other.

Chaining is commonly used in applied behavior analysis (ABA) and operant conditioning to teach new skills or behaviors by reinforcing the connections between each step in the chain. By breaking down a complex behavior or skill into smaller, manageable

components, chaining ensures that the learner can successfully progress through the sequence to achieve the final desired behavior or skill.

41. a) CRF schedules provide reinforcement for every behavior, while PRF schedules provide reinforcement intermittently.

Explanation: The key difference between continuous reinforcement (CRF) and partial reinforcement (PRF) schedules is that CRF schedules provide reinforcement for every occurrence of the target behavior, while PRF schedules provide reinforcement intermittently, only after some occurrences of the behavior. In CRF schedules, every response is reinforced, which typically leads to rapid learning and high rates of behavior. In contrast, PRF schedules involve reinforcing the behavior only occasionally, which can lead to slower acquisition of the behavior but greater resistance to extinction once the behavior is learned. PRF schedules can be further divided into various types, such as fixed ratio (FR), variable ratio (VR), fixed interval (FI), and variable interval (VI), each of which specifies different patterns of reinforcement.

42. a) After a specific number of responses have been made.

Explanation: In a fixed-ratio (FR) schedule, reinforcement is delivered after a specific number of responses have been made by the organism. This fixed number of responses required for reinforcement remains constant throughout the schedule. For example, in an FR-5 schedule, reinforcement would be provided after every 5th response. This type of schedule typically results in high rates of responding, with a brief pause after each reinforcement.

43. d) Variable-ratio (VR)

Explanation: Slot machines, like many forms of gambling, typically operate on a variable-ratio (VR) schedule of reinforcement. In this schedule, the reinforcement (winning) is delivered after an unpredictable number of responses (pulls of the lever or spins of the reels). This unpredictability creates a high and steady rate of responding, as individuals continue to engage in the behavior (gambling) in the hope of receiving a reward.

44. c) An alternative response should be provided and reinforced.

Explanation: When using punishment, it's crucial to provide an alternative response that is desirable and reinforced. This approach is known as "response substitution." By teaching an alternative behavior and reinforcing it, individuals are more likely to engage in the desired behavior rather than the punished behavior. Additionally, providing an alternative behavior helps address the underlying issue that led to the undesired behavior in the first place, making the punishment more effective in the long term.

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45. a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

Explanation: Assertion (A): This accurately defines negative reinforcement. It's a learning process where an unwanted or unpleasant stimulus (aversive stimulus) is removed after a particular behavior is displayed. This removal increases the likelihood of the behavior occurring again in the future to avoid the unpleasant experience.

Reason (R): This perfectly exemplifies negative reinforcement using the common example of a seatbelt buzzer in a car. The beeping sound acts as the aversive stimulus. When you buckle your seatbelt (the desired behavior), the unpleasant sound goes away (removal of the aversive stimulus). This reinforces the act of buckling up (increases the probability of the behavior occurring again). Reason (R) provides a clear instance that supports the general principle described in Assertion (A).

46. a) Because the delay between the CS and US should be shorter.

Explanation: In classical conditioning, the timing between the conditioned stimulus (CS) and the unconditioned stimulus (US) is crucial. According to the principles of classical conditioning, for effective learning to occur, the CS should be presented shortly before or simultaneously with the US. A delay of 10 minutes between the presentation of the bell (CS) and the meat powder (US) would likely weaken or prevent the association between the two stimuli, leading to a failure in producing a conditioned response.

47. d) Preparedness

Explanation: Martin Seligman introduced the concept of "preparedness" to explain that organisms are biologically predisposed to make certain associations that have the greatest impact on their survival. This idea suggests that some associations are easier to learn than others because they are more relevant to an organism's evolutionary history. For example, an organism may be more prepared to associate a taste with sickness if that association has historically been important for survival. This concept helps to explain why certain conditioned associations form more readily than others.

48. b) The association between taste and illness was learned in one trial.

Explanation: John Garcia's taste-aversion study demonstrated that the association between taste and illness could be learned in just one trial. In his experiments, he exposed rats to a novel taste (such as saccharin) followed by illness induced by radiation or drugs. Even if the illness occurred hours after consuming the novel taste, the rats quickly learned to avoid the taste in subsequent encounters. This rapid learning of taste aversion, even with a significant delay between consumption and illness, challenged previous

assumptions about the timing and nature of associative learning.

49. b) The natural biological reaction of animals interfering with learning.

Explanation: Instinctual drift refers to the tendency of animals to revert to innate, instinctual behaviors that interfere with learned behaviors. In the context of taste-aversion learning, instinctual drift might occur when an animal's natural instincts or biological predispositions override the learned association between a taste and illness. For example, if a particular taste becomes associated with illness, an animal's natural inclination towards certain behaviors or responses might interfere with the learned aversion. This phenomenon highlights the complex interplay between instinctual behaviors and learned associations.

50. c) Both laboratory and natural environment research contribute to understanding learning.

Explanation: The research on conditioning in blue goramies highlights the importance of considering both laboratory and natural environment research in understanding learning. While ethologists emphasize studying behavior in natural settings, psychologists often conduct controlled experiments in laboratory settings to investigate learning principles. The findings from studies on blue goramies suggest that principles of learning derived from laboratory experiments can indeed apply to natural environments. Therefore, this research supports the idea that both laboratory-based and naturalistic studies contribute valuable insights into learning processes.

51. b) Stimulus-response connection

Explanation: S-R Approach: This theory emphasizes the association formed between a stimulus (S) and a response (R) as the foundation of learning. Through repeated pairings of a stimulus with a consequence (reinforcement or punishment), the likelihood of the response occurring in the presence of that stimulus increases.

Focus on Connections: The S-R approach doesn't delve into complex cognitive processes or observational learning. It primarily concentrates on the direct connection established between a stimulus and the organism's response to it.

52. d) Edward Tolman

Explanation: Edward Tolman proposed the cognitive view of learning as a reaction to Thorndike's law of effect. While Thorndike's law of effect emphasized the role of reinforcement in shaping behavior, Tolman's cognitive theory introduced the concept of latent learning and cognitive maps. According to Tolman, learning involves the acquisition of mental representations or cognitive maps of the environment, which guide behavior

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even in the absence of immediate reinforcement. This cognitive perspective challenged the behaviorist view of learning and highlighted the role of cognitive processes such as expectation, insight, and problem-solving in shaping behavior.

53. c) Learning by watching and imitating others

Explanation: Observational learning, also known as social learning or modeling, refers to the process of learning by observing the actions and behaviors of others and imitating them. This type of learning does not necessarily involve direct personal experience or trial and error but rather occurs through the observation of others' actions, consequences, and outcomes. It plays a crucial role in the transmission of social norms, cultural practices, and skills across individuals and generations.

54. a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

Explanation: Expectancy indeed plays a crucial role in guiding an organism's behavior based on its knowledge about the situation. Expectancy refers to the anticipation or prediction of future events, outcomes, or consequences based on past experiences or knowledge. It influences decision-making processes and behavioral choices, as individuals tend to act in ways that they believe will lead to desired outcomes. Therefore, the assertion (A) is true. (the correct answer is (b))

The reason (R) correctly states that expectancy is a measure of an organism's ability to predict future events. Expectancy reflects the degree of confidence or certainty that an individual has regarding the likelihood of a particular outcome occurring based on available information. This predictive ability guides behavior by influencing choices and actions aimed at achieving desired outcomes. Hence, (R) provides the correct explanation for (A).

55. c) (A) is true, but (R) is false.

Explanation: Observational learning indeed challenges the idea that reinforcement is essential for learning. It demonstrates that individuals can acquire new behaviors or information by observing others without receiving direct reinforcement themselves. This process allows for the transmission of knowledge, skills, and behaviors across individuals and generations, even in the absence of direct reinforcement. Therefore, assertion (A) is true.

However, the reason (R) is false. Observational learning refers to the process of acquiring new behaviors or information by watching and imitating others. It involves observing

the actions and outcomes of others and adjusting one's behavior accordingly. Unlike reading and studying books, which primarily involve cognitive processing and information acquisition through written or visual materials, observational learning occurs through direct observation of real-life behaviors and experiences.

56. c) It guides an organism's behavior based on knowledge about a situation.

Explanation: In the cognitive approach to learning, expectancy refers to the anticipation or prediction of future events based on past experiences and knowledge. It plays a crucial role in guiding behavior because individuals often act in ways they believe will lead to desired outcomes. Expectancy influences decision-making processes, goal setting, and the selection of behaviors deemed most likely to achieve desired results. Therefore, it guides an organism's behavior by shaping their choices and actions in accordance with their expectations of the consequences.

57. c) Classical conditioning

Explanation: Classical conditioning is the type of learning associated with the association between a neutral stimulus and an unconditioned stimulus to produce a conditioned response. In classical conditioning, a neutral stimulus (which initially does not elicit a particular response) is paired with an unconditioned stimulus (which naturally elicits a reflexive response). Through repeated pairings, the neutral stimulus becomes a conditioned stimulus capable of eliciting the same response as the unconditioned stimulus, known as the conditioned response. This process forms the basis of classical conditioning, as demonstrated in Pavlov's famous experiment with dogs.

58. c) Positive reinforcement

Explanation: In operant conditioning, positive reinforcement refers to the process of increasing the likelihood of a behavior by adding a rewarding stimulus after the behavior occurs. This reinforcement strengthens the behavior, making it more likely to be repeated in the future. An example of positive reinforcement is giving a treat to a dog after it successfully sits on command. The treat serves as a rewarding stimulus that encourages the dog to sit again when prompted. Positive reinforcement is a fundamental concept in shaping behavior through rewards and incentives.

59. a) Classical conditioning

Explanation: Classical conditioning involves associating two stimuli in the environment, typically a neutral stimulus with an unconditioned stimulus to produce a conditioned response. This type of learning was famously demonstrated by Ivan Pavlov in his

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experiments with dogs, where he paired the sound of a bell (neutral stimulus) with the presentation of food (unconditioned stimulus), eventually causing the bell to elicit salivation (conditioned response) even without the food being present. Classical conditioning is a form of associative learning where organisms learn to anticipate events based on the associations they form between stimuli in their environment.

60. c) Change in immediate or potential behavior, relatively permanent change, and due to experience

Explanation: The three critical aspects of the definition of learning are:

Change in immediate or potential behavior: Learning involves a change in behavior, whether it's observable behavior in the present or the potential for behavior in the future.

Relatively permanent change: Learning typically results in a lasting change in behavior rather than a temporary alteration.

Due to experience: Learning occurs as a result of an individual's experiences and interactions with their environment, rather than solely due to maturation, instinct, or temporary factors.

61. c) Physiology of the dog's digestive system

Explanation: Before Ivan Pavlov became interested in classical conditioning, his initial research focused on the physiology of the dog's digestive system. Pavlov's early work aimed to understand the digestive processes in dogs, particularly the mechanisms of salivation. This research laid the foundation for his later experiments in classical conditioning, where he accidentally discovered that dogs could be conditioned to salivate in response to neutral stimuli such as the ringing of a bell.

62. b) Salivation in response to meat powder

Explanation: In Pavlov's classic experiments with dogs, the unconditioned response (UR) is salivation in response to the presentation of meat powder. This response is unlearned and naturally elicited by the meat powder, which serves as the unconditioned stimulus (US). The dogs salivated instinctively when they tasted or smelled the meat powder, without any prior training or conditioning. This reflexive salivation is considered unconditioned because it is an automatic, involuntary reaction to the presence of food stimuli.

63. c) Generalization

Explanation: Generalization refers to the process where an animal responds to stimuli that are similar to the original conditioned stimulus (CS). In classical conditioning, once an association is formed between a conditioned stimulus (CS) and an unconditioned

stimulus (US), the organism may respond not only to the original CS but also to similar stimuli that resemble the CS. This broadening of the response to similar stimuli is known as generalization. For example, if a dog is conditioned to salivate in response to a specific tone, it may also salivate in response to tones of similar frequencies. Generalization allows organisms to respond adaptively to various stimuli in their environment that share characteristics with the original conditioned stimulus.

64. a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

Explanation: Assertion (A): This statement accurately describes discrimination in classical conditioning. It refers to the ability of an organism to differentiate between a conditioned stimulus (CS) and other stimuli that have not been paired with the unconditioned stimulus (US).

Reason (R): This statement provides a clear explanation for why discrimination is important. Generalization, on the other hand, refers to the tendency to respond to similar stimuli in the same way, even if they haven't been explicitly paired with the US. Discrimination allows an organism to avoid unnecessary responses to stimuli that don't predict the unconditioned stimulus.

65. d) Extinction

Explanation: Extinction in classical conditioning occurs when the conditioned response (CR) diminishes or disappears when the conditioned stimulus (CS) is presented repeatedly without being followed by the unconditioned stimulus (US). This process weakens the association between the CS and the US, leading to a decrease or disappearance of the CR over time. Extinction is essential in classical conditioning as it demonstrates the learned response's dependency on the presence of the US following the CS.

66. d) The CR gradually decreases over multiple extinction sessions.

Explanation: During the extinction process in classical conditioning, the strength of the conditioned response (CR) typically decreases over multiple extinction sessions. Initially, when the conditioned stimulus (CS) is presented without the unconditioned stimulus (US), the CR may still occur, but as the extinction trials continue, and the CS is repeatedly presented without the US, the CR weakens. This gradual decrease in the strength of the CR is characteristic of the extinction process and demonstrates the weakening of the association between the CS and the US.

67. d) It allows organisms to unlearn associations when the CS no longer predicts the US.

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Explanation: The process of extinction in classical conditioning is crucial because it allows organisms to unlearn associations between the conditioned stimulus (CS) and the unconditioned stimulus (US) when the CS no longer predicts the occurrence of the US. Through repeated presentations of the CS without the US, extinction weakens the learned association between the two stimuli. This process is essential for adaptive behavior because it enables organisms to adjust their responses to changing environmental circumstances. Extinction does not enhance the original conditioned response (CR) or generalize it to various stimuli; instead, it weakens the CR by breaking the association between the CS and the US.

68. d) To make drinking produce nausea and eliminate the pleasurable sensation

Explanation: In the treatment of problem drinking using counterconditioning, pairing the taste of alcohol (conditioned stimulus, CS) with a drug that produces nausea (new unconditioned stimulus, US) aims to make drinking alcohol produce nausea, thus eliminating the pleasurable sensation associated with alcohol consumption. This process involves creating an aversion to alcohol by associating its taste with the unpleasant experience of nausea. Over time, individuals learn to associate alcohol with nausea, leading to a decrease in their desire to drink alcohol. This approach helps break the association between alcohol consumption and pleasurable sensations, contributing to the treatment of problem drinking.

69. d) The sound of the drill (CS) is associated with the pain of dental procedures (US).

Explanation: Classical conditioning plays a significant role in people's response to the sound of a dentist's drill. In this context, the sound of the drill serves as the conditioned stimulus (CS), while the pain experienced during dental procedures acts as the unconditioned stimulus (US). Through repeated pairings of the drill's sound with the pain experienced during dental work, individuals learn to associate the sound with the discomfort or pain, leading to the development of a conditioned response (CR). This CR often manifests as feelings of nervousness, anxiety, or even fear upon hearing the sound of the drill, demonstrating the influence of classical conditioning on emotional and physiological responses.

70. b) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

Explanation: Classical conditioning can indeed explain a wide range of simple learned behaviors, including complex tricks like "shaking hands" in dogs. However, the reason provided in the second statement regarding the pairing of an unconditioned stimulus (US) with a conditioned stimulus (CS) is not directly related to why classical conditioning can explain complex learned behaviors.

Classical conditioning involves the association between a neutral stimulus (NS) and an unconditioned stimulus (US), leading to a conditioned response (CR). While this process underlies many simple learned behaviors, the complexity of behaviors like “shaking hands” in dogs involves additional factors such as shaping, reinforcement, and training methods, which are beyond the scope of classical conditioning alone. Therefore, while both statements are true, the second statement does not adequately explain the assertion.

71. d) In operant conditioning, the organism’s behavior determines the outcome.

Explanation: The key distinction between classical and operant conditioning lies in the role of the organism’s behavior in determining the outcome. In classical conditioning, the organism learns to associate two stimuli, such that a neutral stimulus (conditioned stimulus, CS) comes to elicit a response (conditioned response, CR) because it is paired with another stimulus (unconditioned stimulus, US) that naturally triggers that response. The organism does not actively control the presentation of the stimuli or the resulting response.

72. c) Voluntary behaviors, not limited to reflexes

Explanation: In operant conditioning, a wide range of voluntary behaviors can be conditioned. Unlike classical conditioning, which primarily deals with reflexive or involuntary responses to stimuli, operant conditioning focuses on voluntary behaviors that are influenced by their consequences. These behaviors include actions like pressing a lever, solving a puzzle, or speaking a particular phrase. Through reinforcement or punishment, organisms learn to increase or decrease the frequency of these behaviors, depending on their consequences. This flexibility allows operant conditioning to be applied to various complex behaviors beyond simple reflexes.

73. c) Acts followed by a satisfying state of affairs are more likely to recur.

Explanation: Thorndike’s law of effect states that behaviors that are followed by satisfying consequences are more likely to be repeated, while behaviors followed by unsatisfying consequences are less likely to be repeated. This principle highlights the role of consequences in shaping behavior. When an organism’s behavior leads to a positive outcome or reward, it strengthens the association between the behavior and its consequences, increasing the likelihood of that behavior occurring again in the future. Conversely, when a behavior leads to a negative outcome or punishment, the association weakens, decreasing the likelihood of that behavior recurring.

74. d) By providing stimuli that increase the likelihood of desired behavior

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Explanation: Positive reinforcement involves presenting a pleasant or desirable stimulus immediately following a behavior, which increases the likelihood of that behavior occurring again in the future. In the context of guiding human behavior, positive reinforcement is used to strengthen desired behaviors by providing rewards or incentives when those behaviors are exhibited. For example, praising a student for completing their homework on time or giving a child a sticker for cleaning their room are examples of positive reinforcement. By associating the desired behavior with a positive outcome, individuals are motivated to repeat the behavior in order to receive the reward or reinforcement.

75. b) Wearing a seat belt to stop an aversive buzzer

Explanation: Negative reinforcement involves the removal or avoidance of an aversive or unpleasant stimulus in order to increase the likelihood of a desired behavior. In the example provided, wearing a seat belt to stop an aversive buzzer represents negative reinforcement. The aversive stimulus (the buzzing sound) is removed (negative) when the individual engages in the desired behavior (wearing a seat belt), thereby increasing the likelihood that the individual will wear the seat belt in the future to avoid the aversive stimulus. Negative reinforcement focuses on the removal of undesirable consequences to encourage or strengthen a specific behavior.

76. d) To decrease the probability of a behavior occurring

Explanation: The primary outcome of punishment in operant conditioning is to decrease the probability of a behavior occurring in the future. Punishment involves the presentation of an aversive stimulus or the removal of a desired stimulus following a behavior, with the intention of reducing the likelihood of that behavior being repeated. It serves as a consequence that discourages the occurrence of the behavior it follows. Punishment can take various forms, such as verbal reprimands, time-outs, or loss of privileges, but the common goal is to weaken or suppress the targeted behavior.

77. c) Shaping is used to build complex behaviors by starting with simpler components.

Explanation: Shaping is a process used in operant conditioning to gradually teach complex behaviors by reinforcing successive approximations toward the desired behavior. In human learning, shaping plays a crucial role in skill acquisition and behavior modification. It involves breaking down a desired behavior into smaller, manageable steps and reinforcing each step as it approaches the target behavior. This method is commonly used in education, therapy, and personal development to teach new skills or modify existing behaviors. By rewarding incremental progress, shaping allows individuals to learn complex tasks effectively, even if they initially lack the complete skill or behavior.

78. c) Extinction can occur when the reinforcer for a behavior is removed.

Explanation: Extinction in operant conditioning refers to the process of diminishing a learned behavior by discontinuing the reinforcement that has maintained it. It can occur when the reinforcer, whether it's positive or negative, is no longer provided following the behavior. This lack of reinforcement weakens the association between the behavior and its consequences, leading to a decrease or cessation of the behavior over time. Spontaneous recovery, on the other hand, refers to the reappearance of a previously extinguished behavior after a period of rest or delay in reinforcement. It typically involves the behavior re-emerging at a weaker level than its original strength, and it often occurs shortly after extinction.

79. c) They exhibit generalization.

Explanation: In operant conditioning, generalization refers to the tendency for a response that has been reinforced in the presence of a particular stimulus to also occur in the presence of other, similar stimuli. Essentially, organisms generalize their learned responses to stimuli that resemble the original conditioned stimulus (CS). This process allows for the application of learned behaviors to various situations and stimuli that share common features with the original stimulus.

80. d) Stimulus control

Explanation: Stimulus control in operant conditioning refers to the phenomenon where certain stimuli come to evoke specific responses because those responses have been reinforced in the presence of those stimuli. In other words, behaviors become more likely to occur in the presence of particular stimuli due to the history of reinforcement. This process allows stimuli to exert control over an organism's behavior. Therefore, stimulus control, is the correct concept referring to certain stimuli gaining control over behavior in operant conditioning.

81. b) After a variable number of bar presses.

Explanation: In a variable-ratio (VR) schedule of reinforcement, the reinforcer is delivered after a variable number of responses. This means that the rat must press the bar a certain number of times, but the exact number required varies unpredictably. Variable-ratio schedules typically result in high and steady rates of responding because the subject cannot predict when the next reinforcement will occur. This unpredictability makes the behavior resistant to extinction, as the subject continues to engage in the behavior in anticipation of the next reinforcement.

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82. d) (A) is false, but (R) is true.

Explanation: While the Reason (R) accurately describes fixed-interval schedules, stating that they result in more efficient behavior, the Assertion (A) incorrectly defines fixed-interval schedules. Fixed-interval schedules deliver reinforcers not for the first response after a certain period of time has passed, but rather for the first response after a fixed amount of time has elapsed since the previous reinforcement. Therefore, (A) is false because it inaccurately represents fixed-interval schedules, but (R) is true because fixed-interval schedules do tend to result in more predictable behavior.

83. b) One rat receives continuous reinforcement, while the other is reinforced only partially.

Explanation: In experiments demonstrating the partial reinforcement effect, the primary difference between the two rats is that one receives continuous reinforcement (reinforcement after every desired response), while the other receives partial reinforcement (reinforcement only after some desired responses). The partial reinforcement effect shows that behaviors conditioned under partial reinforcement are more resistant to extinction than those conditioned under continuous reinforcement. This difference in reinforcement schedules helps researchers understand how varying reinforcement frequencies impact learning and behavior persistence.

84. c) The animal initially develops a fear response to the warning stimulus through classical conditioning.

Explanation: The two-process theory of avoidance learning involves two phases. In the initial phase, classical conditioning occurs: an animal develops a fear response to a warning stimulus (conditioned stimulus, CS) because it is paired with an aversive unconditioned stimulus (US). This pairing leads the animal to associate the warning stimulus with the aversive event, resulting in a conditioned fear response. In the second phase, operant conditioning comes into play: the animal learns to perform an avoidance behavior to escape or avoid the fear-inducing warning stimulus, thereby reducing its fear and reinforcing the avoidance behavior. This combination of classical conditioning (fear response) and operant conditioning (avoidance behavior) explains the process of avoidance learning.

85. b) To decrease the frequency of the negative behavior.

Explanation: In operant conditioning, the primary goal of using punishment is to decrease the frequency of undesirable or negative behavior. Punishment involves introducing an aversive stimulus or removing a pleasant stimulus immediately following the behavior. There are two types of punishment:

Positive punishment: Adding an unpleasant stimulus after the behavior (e.g., scolding a child for misbehavior).

Negative punishment: Removing a pleasant stimulus after the behavior (e.g., taking away a toy when a child misbehaves).

Both types of punishment are intended to make the behavior less likely to occur in the future. Unlike reinforcement, which aims to increase the likelihood of a behavior by providing positive outcomes or removing negative outcomes, punishment seeks to reduce or eliminate undesirable behaviors by creating negative consequences for those behaviors.

86. c) Use low-intensity punishment consistently.

Explanation: Low-Intensity Punishment: Harsh punishments can be counterproductive, leading to fear, aggression, or resentment. Using milder forms of punishment that are still effective in discouraging the unwanted behavior is more humane.

Consistency: For punishment to be effective, it needs to be applied consistently whenever the undesired behavior occurs. This predictability allows the individual to understand the connection between their actions and the consequences.

87. d) Immediate punishment helps establish a conditioned response.

Explanation: Immediate punishment refers to delivering the punishment right after the undesirable behavior occurs.

Conditioning: Immediate punishment helps condition the individual by associating the undesirable behavior with an aversive consequence.

Timing: The closer the punishment occurs to the behavior, the stronger the association becomes.

Learning: The individual learns that the behavior leads to an unpleasant outcome, which can lead to avoidance of that behavior in the future.

Consistency: Consistent and immediate punishment ensures that the connection between behavior and consequence remains clear.

88. d) (A) is false but (R) is true.

Explanation: Assertion (A) is false because psychologists do not advocate for the indiscriminate use of punishment to decrease undesirable behaviors in humans. While punishment can be a useful tool in behavior modification, its effectiveness depends on various factors, including the severity of the behavior, the appropriateness of the punishment, and the individual's unique characteristics.

Reason (R) is true. In some cases, the punishment administered may be more harmful or dangerous than the behavior it is intended to suppress. For example, excessively harsh physical punishment or emotional abuse can have long-lasting negative effects on an individual's mental and emotional well-being. Psychologists emphasize the importance

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of using punishment judiciously and ethically, taking into account the potential risks and benefits, as well as alternative methods of behavior modification.

89. a) The taste of the saline water.

Explanation: In Garcia's taste-aversion study, the critical factor that led to taste aversion in rats was indeed the taste of the saline water. The rats developed an aversion to the taste of the flavored water (saline solution) that was paired with the illness-inducing agent, such as radiation or drugs. This aversion was formed even if the illness occurred several hours after consumption, highlighting the strong association between the taste of the water and the subsequent illness.

90. a) Martin Seligman

Explanation: "Authentic Happiness" is a book written by Martin Seligman, a prominent psychologist known for his work in positive psychology. In the book, Seligman explores the concept of happiness and well-being, discussing factors that contribute to leading a fulfilling and meaningful life. He outlines strategies for enhancing happiness and achieving greater life satisfaction based on scientific research and psychological principles. Seligman's work has had a significant influence on the field of positive psychology and has inspired many to focus on cultivating positive emotions and strengths to improve overall well-being.

91. d) The monkey expected to find a banana.

Explanation: Tinklepaugh's experiment with the monkey involved placing a piece of lettuce under a cup. When the monkey encountered the lettuce, it reached under the cup with its hand, suggesting that it expected to find food.

92. c) The presentation of the conditioned stimulus (CS) creates expectations for the unconditioned stimulus (US).

Explanation: Contemporary learning theorists view classical conditioning as a process where the presentation of the conditioned stimulus (CS) creates expectations for the unconditioned stimulus (US). This perspective emphasizes the role of cognitive processes in classical conditioning. According to this view, organisms develop expectancies regarding the occurrence of the unconditioned stimulus based on the presence of the conditioned stimulus. These expectancies influence the strength and nature of the conditioned response (CR). In other words, classical conditioning involves not only the association between stimuli but also the formation of cognitive expectancies about the relationship between these stimuli.

93. b) money

Explanation: Primary reinforcers are stimuli that satisfy basic biological needs or drives and are inherently rewarding. They do not require learning or conditioning to be reinforcing. Examples include food, water, and sex, as they directly fulfill physiological needs essential for survival and reproduction. Money, however, is a secondary reinforcer. While money can be exchanged for primary reinforcers like food and water, its reinforcing value is acquired through learned associations with primary reinforcers or other secondary reinforcers. Money itself does not directly satisfy biological needs or drives in the same way as primary reinforcers.

94. d) kicked and threw the doll

Explanation: In Bandura's Bobo doll study, children who observed an aggressive model were more likely to replicate the aggressive behaviors they witnessed when they were later placed in a room with the Bobo doll. They imitated the aggressive actions they saw the model perform, such as kicking, hitting, and throwing the doll. This demonstrated the concept of observational learning, where individuals learn new behaviors by observing others and the consequences of those behaviors.

95. a) Original conditioned stimulus (CS)

Explanation: In higher-order conditioning, the original conditioned stimulus (CS), which was previously associated with an unconditioned stimulus (US) to produce a conditioned response (CR), is paired with a new neutral stimulus. This new neutral stimulus then becomes a conditioned stimulus (CS) capable of eliciting a conditioned response (CR) similar to the response produced by the original CS. The process essentially extends the conditioned response to new stimuli through association.

96. b) Trace conditioning

Explanation: In trace conditioning, there is a temporal gap between the conditioned stimulus (CS) and the unconditioned stimulus (US). This temporal gap, or trace interval, allows for the formation of an association between the CS and the subsequent US, leading to the development of a conditioned response (CR). During this interval, the CS is presented and terminated before the onset of the US. This type of conditioning is often used in experimental settings to study the timing and duration of the association between stimuli. It highlights the role of temporal contiguity in classical conditioning, demonstrating that even when the US does not immediately follow the CS, learning can still occur if there is a consistent temporal relationship between the two stimuli.

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97. c) They become more likely to occur in the future.

Explanation: The law of effect, proposed by Edward Thorndike, states that behaviors that are followed by favorable consequences are more likely to be repeated in the future. In other words, if an operant action (a behavior) is rewarded or reinforced, the individual is more likely to perform that behavior again under similar circumstances. This principle forms the basis of operant conditioning, where behaviors are strengthened or weakened based on their consequences.

98. c) Observable behavior.

Explanation: B.F. Skinner emphasized the importance of observable behavior in his approach to psychology, known as behaviorism. He believed that psychology should focus on studying behavior that can be directly observed and measured, rather than attempting to understand unobservable mental processes such as thoughts and feelings. Skinner's work centered on the principles of operant conditioning, which involves studying how behavior is influenced by its consequences in the environment. He developed the concept of reinforcement, which refers to the process of strengthening behavior by providing consequences that follow it.

99. b) Learning to terminate an aversive event or stimulus.

Explanation: Escape learning in negative reinforcement involves learning a behavior that allows an individual to terminate or escape from an aversive event or stimulus. Essentially, when an individual engages in a specific behavior and as a result, the aversive stimulus is removed or terminated, this behavior is reinforced. Over time, the individual learns to perform the behavior more frequently or quickly in order to escape or avoid the aversive stimulus. This type of learning strengthens the association between the behavior and the removal of the aversive stimulus, increasing the likelihood of the behavior occurring in the future when faced with similar aversive situations.

100. b) Learning that is not outwardly displayed until needed.

Explanation: Latent learning refers to learning that occurs without any immediate observable change in behavior. In other words, the individual acquires knowledge or skills, but this learning is not demonstrated through overt actions until there is a need or motivation to do so. This concept suggests that learning can take place without any obvious reinforcement or immediate application. Instead, the learned information or skills remain "latent" until circumstances arise that require their use. This idea challenges behaviorist notions that learning is solely the result of reinforcement and observable behavior. Instead, it highlights the role of cognition and internal mental processes in the learning process.

101. c) Sultan developed a cognitive map to solve the problem.

Explanation: Wolfgang Köhler's experiments with the chimpanzee Sultan demonstrated that animals could exhibit insight, or sudden understanding of a problem's solution, without the need for trial-and-error learning. In one of Köhler's famous experiments, Sultan was placed in a situation where he needed to reach a banana hung from the ceiling. Initially, Sultan attempted to jump and reach the banana without success. However, after some time of apparent contemplation, Sultan used boxes in the room to create a stack and reach the banana.

102. b) Aggressively kicking, punching, and shouting at the Bobo doll

Explanation: In Bandura's Bobo Doll Experiment, children witnessed adult models engaging in aggressive behavior towards the Bobo doll, including kicking, punching, and shouting at it. The purpose of the experiment was to examine whether children would imitate the aggressive actions they observed in the adults. This experiment demonstrated the concept of observational learning, showing that children were likely to replicate behaviors they witnessed, especially when the behavior was modeled by adults and resulted in no consequences for the adults.

103. b) Increasing a behavior by adding a stimulus

Explanation: Reinforcement in operant conditioning refers to the process of increasing the likelihood or frequency of a behavior by adding a stimulus or consequence after the behavior occurs. This stimulus could be anything perceived as desirable or rewarding to the individual, such as praise, a treat, or access to a preferred activity. The addition of the reinforcing stimulus strengthens the association between the behavior and its consequences, making the behavior more likely to occur in the future.

104. d) Children imitated the aggressive behavior of the adult models.

Explanation: In Bandura's Bobo Doll Experiment, children who observed aggressive adult models were more likely to imitate the aggressive behavior they witnessed when interacting with the Bobo doll. This finding demonstrated the influence of observational learning, where individuals learn by observing the behavior of others and the consequences associated with that behavior. The experiment highlighted the role of social learning and imitation in shaping behavior, particularly in the context of aggression and violence.

105. b) It helps identify desired behavior and establish identities.

Explanation: Observational learning allows individuals to learn from observing the

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behavior of others, providing opportunities to identify desired behaviors and establish identities based on those observations. Through this process, individuals can acquire new skills, knowledge, and social norms without the need for direct experience with stimuli. Observational learning plays a crucial role in social development by allowing individuals to adapt their behavior based on the actions and outcomes they witness in others.

106. a) John Watson

Explanation: The “Little Albert” experiment, demonstrating classical conditioning with fear, was conducted by John B. Watson, an American psychologist. In this famous experiment, Watson and his colleague Rosalie Rayner conditioned a young boy named Albert to fear a white rat by pairing the presentation of the rat with a loud, startling noise. This experiment demonstrated how fears could be learned through classical conditioning, where a neutral stimulus (the white rat) became associated with a fear response due to its pairing with an aversive stimulus (the loud noise).

107. c) Ivan Pavlov

Explanation: Classical conditioning is associated with the work of Ivan Pavlov, a Russian physiologist, who conducted experiments with dogs in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Pavlov discovered classical conditioning while studying digestion in dogs. He noticed that dogs salivated not only when food was placed in their mouths but also when they saw the lab assistant who fed them. This led him to conduct a series of experiments where he paired a neutral stimulus (such as a bell) with the presentation of food, eventually causing the dogs to salivate at the sound of the bell alone.

108. b) Social learning.

Explanation: Social learning, often referred to as observational learning or modeling, involves acquiring knowledge and behaviors by observing others and imitating their actions. This process allows individuals to learn from the experiences and expertise of others without direct personal experience. Through social learning, individuals can acquire new skills, behaviors, and attitudes by observing the consequences of others’ actions. It plays a crucial role in human development, education, and socialization, as individuals learn from family members, peers, teachers, and the media through observation and imitation. Social learning theory, proposed by Albert Bandura, emphasizes the importance of cognitive processes, such as attention, retention, reproduction, and motivation, in learning through observation and modeling.

109. a) Self-efficacy.

Explanation: Albert Bandura’s social cognitive theory emphasizes the role of self-efficacy

in human behavior. Self-efficacy refers to an individual's belief in their own capability to perform a task successfully and influence events in their lives. It is not merely about having the skills or abilities required for a task but also about the belief in one's ability to utilize those skills effectively to achieve desired outcomes. Self-efficacy influences the choices people make, the goals they set for themselves, the level of effort they exert, and their resilience in the face of challenges or setbacks. It plays a significant role in various domains of human functioning, including academic achievement, career success, health behavior, and emotional well-being.

110. a) Positive punishment involves adding a stimulus; negative reinforcement involves removing a stimulus.

Explanation: Positive punishment and negative reinforcement are two different processes in operant conditioning. Positive punishment involves adding an aversive stimulus to decrease the likelihood of a behavior recurring. For example, giving a student extra homework for talking out of turn in class. On the other hand, negative reinforcement involves removing an aversive stimulus to increase the likelihood of a behavior recurring. For instance, removing an annoying alarm sound by fastening a seatbelt in a car. The primary distinction lies in whether a stimulus is added (positive punishment) or removed (negative reinforcement) to impact behavior.



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