

Test Information Guide

Field 02: Early Childhood Sample Multiple-Choice Questions

Knowledge of Child Development

Objective 0001

Understand child development from prenatal through the early elementary years.

1. Which line on the table below correctly matches a major learning theory with the view of learning associated with that theory?

- A. Line A
- B. Line B
- C. Line C
- D. Line D

Answer

Correct Response: A.

2. Which of the following types of play behavior found among preschool children typically appears *last* in the sequence of development?

- A. playing alongside another child and imitating that child's play
- B. engaging in a solitary activity such as sand or water play
- C. agreeing on a fantasy theme and acting it out with other children
- D. building something with other children and then dismantling it

Answer

Correct Response: C.

Objective 0002**Understand child development and learning in students with disabling conditions or exceptionalities.**

3. A second grader with a mild intellectual impairment would most likely need the classroom teacher to provide:

- A. constant reminders to be cooperative and nonaggressive.
- B. constant reinforcement and guidance in how to perform routine activities such as lining up for recess.
- C. specific instruction in ways to recall and apply information.
- D. frequent reminders of the consequences for off-task or inattentive behavior.

Answer

Correct Response: C.

Knowledge of Children's Literature and the Writing Process

Objective 0003

Understand children's literature, including genres, literary elements, and literary techniques.

4. Picture books are an essential part of children's literature primarily because they feature:
- A. repetition and other elements that foster children's appreciation of language.
 - B. rhyming words and sentences that reduce the cognitive demands on young readers.
 - C. images that promote young readers' understanding of complex events or relationships.
 - D. grammatical structures that mimic conversation and strengthen children's communication skills.

Answer

Correct Response: C.

Objective 0004**Understand principles and concepts of writing for various purposes.**

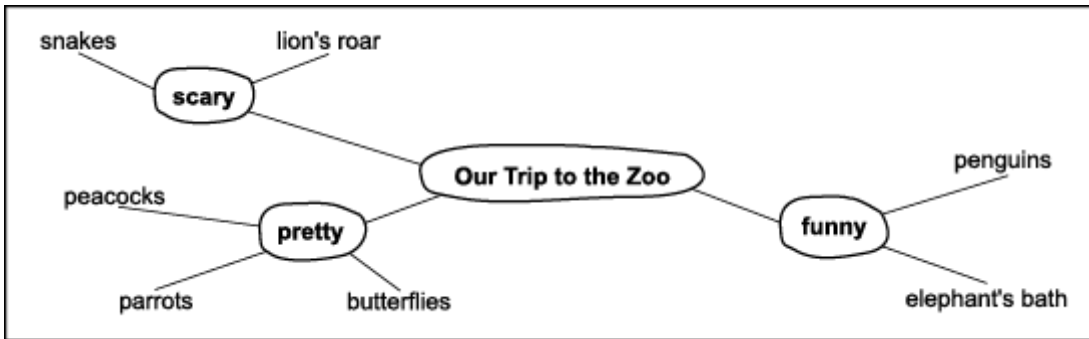
5. Children who are *emergent writers* would benefit most from opportunities to:

- A. explore and learn about a variety of writing materials.
- B. talk with a teacher about writing.
- C. copy the texts of favorite story books.
- D. use magnetized letters to create pictures and designs.

Answer

Correct Response: A.

6. Use the information below to answer the question that follows.



After taking a field trip to the zoo, a teacher leads the class in making the semantic web shown above. As a prewriting activity, creating this web would be most useful for helping students to:

- A. select details they want to include.
- B. recognize unnecessary information.
- C. consider the interests of their audience.
- D. organize their ideas for writing topics.

Answer

Correct Response: D.

Core Knowledge in the Content Areas

Objective 0005

Understand principles and concepts of mathematics.

7. Use the information below to answer the question that follows.

Circle the largest number in each row of numbers.

I.	46	55	29	83
II.	18	92	53	74
III.	56	34	24	42
IV.	81	19	76	67

The circled numbers show the responses chosen by a first-grade student on an assessment. According to these assessment results, the student needs additional instruction in which of the following topics?

- A. absolute value
- B. place value
- C. commutative operations
- D. inverse operations

Answer

Correct Response: B.

8. Which of the following illustrates the operation $3\frac{2}{3} \div \frac{1}{3}$?

- A. A section of curved road $3\frac{2}{3}$ miles long is being straightened and its length reduced by $\frac{1}{3}$. How long will the new road be?
- B. A writer uses $3\frac{2}{3}$ packages of paper preparing a manuscript. If an average chapter of the manuscript requires $\frac{1}{3}$ of a package, how many chapters is the manuscript?
- C. A car travels for $3\frac{2}{3}$ miles east and then $\frac{1}{3}$ of a mile north. At the end of the trip, how far is the car from its starting point?
- D. A basketball team has $3\frac{2}{3}$ hours of practice time per week. If the team has 3 practice sessions of equal length each week, how long is each practice session?

Answer

Correct Response: B.

Objective 0006**Understand principles and concepts of history and social science.**

9. Which of the following excerpts from the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts best illustrates the state's commitment to the principle of popular sovereignty?

- A. "Every subject of the commonwealth ought to find a certain remedy . . . for all injuries and wrongs which he may suffer in his person, property, or character."
- B. "All power residing originally in the people, and being derived from them, the several magistrates and officers of government . . . are their substitutes and agents, and at all times accountable to them."
- C. "Each individual of the society has a right to be protected by it in the enjoyment of his life, liberty, and property, according to standing laws."
- D. "The people have a right to keep and bear arms for the common defense. And, as in time of peace, armies are dangerous to liberty, they ought not to be maintained without the consent of the legislature."

Answer

Correct Response: B.

Objective 0007**Understand principles and concepts of science and technology/engineering.**

10. A kindergarten teacher develops an activity in which students drop common objects (keys, nails, pencils, corks, marbles, pieces of soap) into a water table. Students record which of the objects float and which sink. The class then discusses what properties the objects that float have in common and what properties the objects that sink have in common. This activity would be most useful for introducing which of the following concepts to the students?

- A. shape
- B. mass
- C. density
- D. volume

Answer

Correct Response: C.

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