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Lesson I - The shaping and molding of behavior.

This information can be found in Chapter 5 – Learning.

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- 1. * Describe Ivan Pavlov's research and his contributions to behaviorism.
- 2. Explain how behavior is learned using classical conditioning and the role of the unconditioned stimulus (UCS), unconditioned response (UCR), neutral stimulus (NS), conditioned stimulus (CS), and conditioned response (CR).
- 3. Explain the importance of frequency and timing of the UCS and NS in classical conditioning.
- 4. Discuss the significance of stimulus generalization, stimulus discrimination, higher order conditioning, extinction, and spontaneous recovery in classical conditioning.
- 5. * Describe the contributions of Watson, Rescorla, Garcia, and Thorndike to the field of behaviorism.
- 6. Differentiate classical conditioning from operant conditioning.
- 7. * Explain how behavior is learned using positive and negative reinforcement, and punishment by application and removal.
- 8. * Identify 2 factors that influence the effectiveness of punishment.
- 9. * Identify 3 reasons why punishment is less effective at changing behavior than reinforcement.
- 10. * Contrast the success rates of B.F. Skinner's schedules of reinforcement as they affect learning.
- 11. * Summarize the implications of Tolman's research on "cognitive maps" and "latent learning."
- 12. * Discuss Martin Seligman's research on learned helplessness and his contributions to behaviorism.
- 13. * Describe Albert Bandura's research and his contributions to behaviorism.
- 14. Analyze the effects of sexual images and violence in the media as it influences behavior.

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Lesson 2 - Theories of personality.

This information can be found in Chapter 11 – Personality.

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- 15. * Identify three core tenets of Sigmund Freud's psychoanalytic perspective.
- 16. * Explain how the conscious, preconscious, unconscious, id, ego, and superego create personality, according to Freud.
- 17. Explain each of Freud's ego defense mechanisms.
- 18. Summarize the significance of resolving developmental conflict during each psychosexual stage.
- 19. Explain the significance of the Oedipus and Electra complexes, according to Freud.
- 20. * Contrast the personality theories of the neo-Freudians, Carl Jung, Karen Horney, and Alfred Adler.
- 21. Critique Freud and the psychoanalytic perspective on personality.
- 22. Identify 5 beliefs that differentiate the humanistic perspective from psychoanalysis and behaviorism.
- 23. * Summarize Carl Roger's humanistic theory of personality, including its core concepts and criticisms.
- 24. Identify 3 characteristics that differentiate the social cognitive perspective from psychoanalytic and humanistic perspectives.
- 25. * Summarize Alfred Bandura's social cognitive perspective, including its core concepts and criticisms.
- 26. * Contrast Cattell's and Eysenck's trait theories.
- 27. * Evaluate the research on the five-factor model of personality.
- 28. Evaluate the biological basis of personality traits as evidenced through behavioral genetics.
- 29. Evaluate the trait perspective on personality.
- 30. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the Rorschach inkblots and other projective tests as a valuable measure of personality.
- 31. Differentiate the MMPI, CPI, 16PF, and Meyer's-Briggs self-report inventories.
- 32. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of self-report inventories.

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Lesson 3 - Lessons in social psychology.

This information can be found in Chapter 12 – Social Psychology.

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- 33. Differentiate social cognition and social influence.
- 34. Summarize the four guiding principles of person perception.
- 35. * Discuss the "halo effect" as it relates to attractiveness.
- 36. * Differentiate implicit and explicit cognition, as it relates to the process of social categorization.
- 37. * Explain implicit personality theory, as it relates to attractiveness.
- 38. * Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of social categorization.
- 39. * Explain the fundamental attribution error, the actor-observer bias, blaming the victim, hindsight bias, just-world hypothesis, and self-serving bias as they influence attributions.
- 40. Evaluate the research on attributional errors cross-culturally [Culture and Human Behavior Box, p. 490].
- 41. * Describe the three components of attitudes.
- 42. Discuss several factors that influence attractiveness, including physical characteristics, similarity, familiarity, situations, and the socioeconomic and cultural environment.
- 43. Summarize the conclusions of Zimbardo's research on cognitive dissonance.
- 44. Explain the "sour grapes" and "sweet lemons" rationalization using cognitive dissonance.
- 45. * Assess the function and accuracy of stereotypes when forming impressions of others.
- 46. * Discuss the effects of the in-group out-group bias, including the homogeneity effect and in-group bias.
- 47. Evaluate two explanations why prejudice or intergroup hostility increases.
- 48. * Differentiate implicit and explicit attitudes, as it relates to prejudice today.
- 49. * Discuss the impact of the Robbers Cave Experiment and the Jigsaw Classroom on reducing prejudice.
- 50. * Summarize the results of Solomon Asch' study of conformity, including two basic reasons why people conform.
- 51. Contrast conformity in collectivistic and individualistic cultures.
- 52. * Summarize the methods and results of Milgram's obedience experiment.

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- 53. * Explain six factors that promote obedience.
- 54. * Summarize the variables that undermine obedience.
- 55. Differentiate altruism and prosocial behavior.
- 56. * Explain many factors that increase and decrease helping behavior.
- 57. Draw conclusions about the biological and psychological influences on aggression, cross culturally.
- 58. * Explain social loafing, social striving, social facilitation, and deindividuation as they influence our response in social situations.

Lesson 4 - Other motivating factors.

This information can be found in Chapter 8 - Motivation and Emotion.

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 - 59. Explain three basic characteristics associated with motivation.
 - 60. * Differentiate instinct, drive, incentive, arousal, and humanistic theories of motivation.
 - 61. * Discuss the physiological and psychological processes that trigger hunger.
 - 62. * Explain three internal signals that regulate body weight.
 - 63. Identify six factors that influence over-eating.
 - 64. Discuss obesity, including the role of genetics, environment, metabolic factors, eating habits, and neurotransmitters.
 - 65. * Explain Maslow's hierarchy of needs and Deci & Ryan's self-determination theory.
 - 66. * Discuss the research on competence and achievement motivation, cross culturally.
 - 67. * Compare the subjective experience of emotion cross-culturally.
 - 68. * Explain the neuroscience of emotion.
 - 69. * Discuss the contributions of Paul Ekman's research on emotion, cross-culturally.
 - 70. * Evaluate the James-Lange, Two-Factor, and Cognitive Appraisal theories of emotion.

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