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How can this answer be improved? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The mark would you give this answer out of 6: Actual mark:

1. Bowlby proposed that attachment is adaptive – infants become attached to a caregiver because it promotes survival by ensuring safety and food for them. Infants are born with social releasers, such as crying and smiling, which elicit caregiving and thus ensure that others become attached to them. Bowlby insisted that attachment is reciprocal. The infant becomes attached to the person who responds most sensitively to his/ her social releasers. One particularly important feature of Bowlby’s theory was that attachments had to develop within a critical period or they wouldn’t form at all. Bowlby said this had to happen by the age of 2 ½ to 3 years.

How can this answer be improved? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **6 Marks** | **Accurate and reasonably detailed**  Accurate and reasonably detailed outline is provided that demonstrates sound knowledge and understanding. |
| **5 – 4 marks** | **Less detailed but generally accurate**  Less detailed but generally accurate outline that demonstrates knowledge and understanding. |
| **3 – 2 marks** | **Basic**  Basic outline that correctly identifies some knowledge but further detail may be muddled. |
| **1 mark** | **Very brief/ flawed**  Very brief or flawed outline demonstrating very little knowledge. |
| **0 marks** | **No creditworthy information.** |

**Teacher’s notes**

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Actual mark:

**Examiner’s comments:**

**This answer is badly constructed but displays knowledge of several aspects of Bowlby’s theory, making it better than muddled or flawed. This candidate may have improved their answer by trying to offer a clear explanation, rather than writing what he/she could remember about Bowlby’s theory.**

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6/6

Actual mark:

**Examiner’s comments:**

**The candidate has written a well-detailed description of Bowlby’s theory and as much as could be expected in 5 to 6 minutes. It is clear and accurate.**