***A01***

**Attachment – Learning Theory**

Attachment can be defined as an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bond which is formed between two people. It is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ process that endures over time. It serves the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an infant.

Learning theory suggests that all infants are born as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and that all behaviour is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This theory is often referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ theory. It suggests that the infant becomes attached to a caregiver because it learns that the caregiver will meet their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ needs. Behaviourists suggest that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is learned by classical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conditioning suggests that a child learns to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their caregiver with their needs being \_\_\_\_\_\_ and so an attachment is formed.

Choose the correct terms to fill in the blanks, showing how an attachment is formed between caregiver and child

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MS Food Caregiver CS

UCS CR Pleasure

Dog UCR Produces Bell

URC NS USC

***A02***

A major strength of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ theory is that it provides an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ explanation of how attachments are formed. We do seem to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a number of behaviours through association in real life (e.g. we associate the school bell with going to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_). This suggests that learning theory provides a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ explanation as to how humans develop in response to their environment.

However there is evidence to suggest that not all attachments are formed through association with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Research carried out by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(1964) found that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ percent of babies formed attachments with caregivers who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with them, rather than just those who just met their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ needs. This means that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ may not be the main reinforcer for attachment.

Other evidence against the learning theory comes from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ research (1959). He found that when newborn \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were separated from their mother and placed in a cadge containing a wire monkey with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and a wire monkey with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that they spend most of their time with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mother. Harlow’s research shows that infants do not always become attached to a caregiver offering \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Finally the research of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1952) highlighted the process of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Using newly hatched \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Lorenz demonstrated that by being the first image they seen after being born, that he became their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ parent, and thus they followed him everywhere he went. This criticises the learning theory as it suggests that attachment is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the infants were far too young to have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ anything at this stage.

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