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Question 1. (Single Select)

Which of the following is Not an example of an idiosyncratic phonological process?

- A: Apicalization.
- B: Backing of fricatives.
- C: Devoicing stops.
- D: Atypical cluster reduction.
- E: Final consonant deletion.

Correct Answer: E

Explanation:

Final consonant deletion is a typical phonological deviation. The other answers are not typical. They are idiosyncratic phonological process.

Question 2. (Single Select)

In general, a clinician cannot be found liable for malpractice

- A: if damage was caused by accident
- B: if there was no intent to harm
- C: if negligence was unintentional
- D: if negligence was due to overwork
- E: if breach of duty cannot be proved

Correct Answer: E

Explanation:

Even if causation can be proved, as long as the clinician cannot be shown to have failed in his or legal and medical duties, there can be no legal proof of malpractice. However, as duty and breach are the first two elements of a malpractice suit, if breach of duty is not proved by the

plaintiff, there is no reason to look for cause.

Question 3. (Single Select)

The number of genes linked to hearing loss has been estimated at:

- A: One hundred fifty genes.
- B: Three hundred genes.
- C: Two hundred fifty genes.
- D: Four hundred genes.
- E: Six hundred genes.

Correct Answer: D

Explanation:

As genetics research continues to provide valuable information on disease, disorders and disabilities in communication disorders, it will be increasingly important that speech language pathologists and audiologists understand the principles of genetics, genetic testing, and genetic counseling. With enhanced information regarding genetic principles and testing, important strides can be made in the area of clinical management of hearing loss.

Question 4. (Single Select)

How did theorist, Piaget view cognitive development?

- A: He believed it lead to the decline of language.
- B: He believed it lead to the growth of language.
- C: He believed it had nothing to do with language.
- D: He believed cognitive development is a negative thing.
- E: He believed cognitive development only occurred in a low percentage of the population.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation:

Piaget viewed cognitive development as a platform for the growth of language. Piaget believed that language development is due to not one, but two things. He believes a child develops language based off of social development and cognitive development.

Question 5. (Single Select)

The palatoglossus, one of the extrinsic muscles of the tongue, functions in swallowing and in speech production. Which of the following best describes the role of the palatoglossus in speech production?

- A: Assists in the production of back vowels
- B: Assists in the production of front vowels
- C: Assists in the production of bilabial consonants
- D: Assists in the production of rounded vowels
- E: Assists in the production of palatal stops

Correct Answer: A**Explanation:**

Various electromyographic studies from the late 1960s on have demonstrated that the palatoglossus is involved in the production of back vowels and velar consonants in some speakers of English. This is because the muscle is used to raise the back of the tongue. In addition, speakers of languages such as Swedish and Hindi, bring into play the palatoglossus's function of lowering the soft palate when producing nasalized vowels. The best answer therefore is A.



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