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Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst



NEW QUESTION 1

Which of the following would BEST contribute to a behavior analyst's professional development?

- A. attending a workshop that provides videotaped examples and practice activities for innovative interventions
- B. reading articles from a peer-reviewed applied behavior analysis journal that describe techniques that are applicable to her client population
- C. becoming a member of the Association for Behavior Analysis International, which is a rich resource for behavior analysts
- D. contributing an article to the newsletter of the local Association for Behavior Analysis chapter

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 2

Before recruitment of participants for a research study begins, a behavior analyst needs to:

- A. obtain consent from participant(s) or legal guardian(s) if necessary
- B. obtain institutional review board approval or equivalent (e.g., an ethics committee).
- C. inform participants of their ability to withdraw from the study
- D. inform participants about ethical requirements and experimental procedure

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 3

A behavior analyst develops a program that decreases a baby's crying when her diaper is soiled. This is an example of

- A. development of a procedure to decrease maladaptive behavior
- B. differential reinforcement of alternative response
- C. extinction
- D. misuse of a practitioner's ability to control behavior

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 4

A colleague who is friends with one of a behavior analyst's clients asks the behavior analyst during a break at a local peer review meeting how the case is going. The behavior analyst should

- A. ask the colleague if the client has given permission to discuss the case
- B. inform the colleague that he can't discuss this and change the subject
- C. discuss the case in hypothetical terms without using the client's name
- D. provide a minimum amount of information so that the colleague can assist him

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 5

Scott, a behavior analyst, has been accepted into a doctoral program and will be leaving the in-home treatment program where he has been working. Scott has informed the family about when he will be leaving. What is the MOST important action for Scott to take?

- A. Make copies of his data and case files for his record
- B. Ask the family whether they would like to continue treatment
- C. Make arrangements for transfer of services to another qualified behavior analyst
- D. Assess caregiver's skills in order to determine competence to maintain program integrity

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 6

Which statement is an example of "philosophic doubt"?

- A. Attention is the most powerful reinforcer for most clients so it will probably work with Freddie
- B. I have many reservations about using the principles of behavior in designing treatment program
- C. I really do not think that food functions as a reinforcer for Linda since she often misses meals
- D. Past research has shown that verbal behavior training is effective but this could change when new research is conducted

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 7

Patrick is participating in a toilet training program. For the first several sessions his trainer, Moira, prompted him to go to the toilet and she delivered edibles and praise each time he correctly voided. Eventually, Moira was able to fade prompts as Patrick began to go to the toilet and void independently. Which of the following BEST describes this process?

- A. establishing operation
- B. negative reinforcement
- C. shifting from respondent to operant behavior
- D. transfer of stimulus control

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 8

The dependency between a response and the stimuli that precede and follow it is referred to as a

- A. behavior chain
- B. behavioral correlation
- C. contingency
- D. functional response class

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 9

A functional relationship is said to exist when two events

- A. are similar in content
- B. consistently co-vary
- C. occur at the same rate
- D. occur simultaneously

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 10

Mr. Myers asks Susan what her favorite food is. Susan answers, "Spaghetti." This is an example of a (n):

- A. autoclit
- B. intraverbal
- C. mand
- D. tact

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 10

Narrative recording indicates the following:

Sequence #1:

As Dad goes to change Rita's diaper, Mike screams. Dad puts Rita down, moves towards Mike, and tells him "be quiet."

Sequence #2:

Mom is sitting next to Mike when the phone rings. She gets up, answers the phone, and starts talking to a friend. Mike starts screaming. Mom tells the friend good-bye and hangs up the phone. She then goes to Mike and tells him to stop screaming.

Which is the MOST plausible hypothesis? Mom and Dad's behavior is most likely

- A. being negatively reinforced by escape
- B. being positively reinforced by attention
- C. elicited by separation anxiety
- D. evoked by feelings of jealousy

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 14

Alonzo tries to run out of his classroom without permission and forcefully resists attempts to stop him. Behavioral assessment information leads to two hypotheses regarding Alonzo's behavior. The behavior analyst decides to conduct systematic manipulations to determine functional relationships. The MOST important reason to do this is to

- A. convince Alonzo that running out of the classroom without permission can be dangerous
- B. determine why Alonzo tried to run out of the classroom
- C. increase the likelihood of selecting effective intervention
- D. determine whether or not the door to classroom should be locked

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 16

Jim's teacher has taught him to say, "Hello, how are you?" and when he does this, she delivers praise. Now Jim says this whenever he meets anyone, and some people say,

"Fine, how are you?" What is the natural consequence for Jim's behavior?

- A. increased number of friends
- B. continuous reinforcement
- C. improved social repertoire for Jim
- D. the responses of the people he meets

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 17

When using a changing criterion design, the BEST demonstration of experimental control would be produced if the:

- A. criterion level is changed in equal increments
- B. criterion level is changed slightly on each manipulation
- C. criterion level is set well above that of the behavior

D. behavior changes concurrently with the criterion leve

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 22

Jamie frequently falls to the floor and screams at school. Preliminary behavioral assessment data indicate that his tantrums are maintained by attention and escape from demand situations. Jamie's behavior analyst wants to examine precisely how attention and escape conditions affect these behaviors. The behavior analyst does not want to conduct the analysis in Jamie's classroom because she would not be able to control for potentially important factors. Relating to this scenario, which statement is TRUE?

- A. Analyses that involve experimental conditions are almost always conducted in the person's natural environmen
- B. The behavior analyst could conduct the analysis in a vacant classroom, but the generality of the findings is an issue to be considere
- C. The behavior analyst should conduct detailed interviews with the teacher and school staff to determine functional relation
- D. Only if the analysis is conducted in Jamie's classroom can a reasonable hypothesis be generate

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 24

Susan recorded data on a student's fidgeting behavior in the following way: She divided a 10- minute recording period into 10-second intervals and recorded in each interval a "+" if the target behavior occurred at least once. The percentage of intervals of target behavior occurrence was about 45%. The data resulting are most likely to be an

- A. accurate measure of inter-response time
- B. inaccurate measure of inter-response time
- C. overestimate of the occurrence of the behavio
- D. underestimate of the occurrence of the behavio

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 27

A major benefit of product recording is that:

- A. it is the easiest recording metho
- B. it is used when a behavior results in a certain tangible outcom
- C. the observer does not have to be present when the behavior occur
- D. one can always determine who engaged in the behavior that led to the product that was recorde

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 32

Frequency would be the MOST appropriate measure for which scenario?

- A. The behavior analyst wants to reduce the number of times Jack hits Jil
- B. Jack wants his employees to increase the number of kits made in one hou
- C. Jack's parents want him to reduce his persistent hand flappin
- D. Jill wants to increase her son's compliance with room-cleaning request

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 37

A teacher is tracking the performance of both math and spelling assignments for each of her 25 students. For feedback purposes, she wishes to display each student's percent correct for both areas using a line graph. What would be the MOST effective and efficient way to accomplish this?

- A. Prepare a large graph for spelling and a similar one for math and place on the graphs the average data for the entire class in the two content area
- B. Prepare a separate graph for each student and, using a unique symbol for each content area, record the data and connect the similar symbols to create data path line
- C. Prepare a single large graph and display each student's data for the spelling and math areas using unique symbols for each student and for each content are
- D. Prepare two graphs for each student, one for spelling and one for math, because there is no appropriate method for reporting these two content areas together on the same grap

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 38

This graph BEST exemplifies:

- A. clear demonstration of an effective interventio
- B. a decrease in variability due to the interventio
- C. a change in the level between baseline and intervention phase
- D. a change in the trend between baseline and intervention phase

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 40

Which characteristic of the response measure shown in this graph changed from baseline during the intervention phase?

- A. level
- B. trend
- C. rate
- D. variability

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 42

What is a likely benefit of having trained a client to say both "truck" and "vehicle" in response to your saying "fire engine"? The client will now likely:

- A. point to pictures of trucks or vehicle
- B. say "fire engine" when you present a picture of i
- C. say "truck" when you say "vehicle."
- D. point to a truck when you say "vehicle."

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 46

Having obtained appropriate consent, a behavior analyst wishes to communicate data to non- behavior analyst colleagues and family of the client. The most appropriate presentation strategy is:

- A. standard celeration chart
- B. short video clips of client performance and line graph
- C. bar graphs comparing client performance to performance of peer
- D. short video clips with a written anecdotal repor

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 49

Tommy is looking at a photo album with his dad. He looks at his dad and then points to a picture of his mom and says, "Mommy." This is an example oF.

- A. a tac
- B. transitivit
- C. receptive languag
- D. matching to sampl

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 50

Jack, a behavior analyst, is consulting about a student who engages in face slapping. A recent functional analysis clearly determined that the behavior is maintained by automatic reinforcement. In the past, reinforcement procedures alone were found to be ineffective. The current intervention consists of a punishment procedurE. pulling the student's hands away from his face contingent on any attempts to slap and saying, "No!" Jack shouldD.

- A. move ahead and collect data on the plan and revise as indicated regularl
- B. refer to another behavior analyst who works with punishment only case
- C. re-do the assessment, add a reinforcement procedure, and plan to eliminate all punishment procedure
- D. add a reinforcement procedure that focuses on replacement and/or incompatible behaviors and move forward with the pla

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 53

Teaching a receptive-identification task falls in the category of instruction.

- A. tact
- B. mand
- C. listener
- D. intraverbal

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 55

A behavioral assessment indicates that the problem behavior of a young woman is maintained by others bringing things to her or taking things away following occurrence of the behavior. Since the behavior results in physical injury, the decision to decrease its occurrence has been made. Which is the BEST general approach?

- A. Determine a potential punisher and deliver it following every occurrence of the behavior, but do not provide or remove other things following the occurrenc
- B. Prevent the behavior by physically blocking each respons
- C. Stop providing or removing things following the behavior and allow it to undergo extincio
- D. Use protective equipment that prevents injury and establish a replacement behavior that results in things being provided to or removed from the woma

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 58

The behavior analyst reviews Sandra's data and concludes that her behavior is spontaneous; that is, it occurs randomly, and not as a result of any other event(s). Which of the assumptions underlying behavior analysis has been violated in this interpretation?

- A. determinism
- B. empiricism
- C. philosophic doubt
- D. parsimony

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 60

What best defines a discriminative stimulus?

- A. It always elicits a respons
- B. It is defined by its effect on behavio
- C. It is established using either operant or respondent procedure
- D. It is any change in the environmen

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 61

Which of the following scenarios involves a behavioral contingency?

- A. James ate dinner tonight and came down with indigestio
- B. While throwing a chair, Linda bit her tongu
- C. Susan hit her head on the wall, and a staff person asked her to sto
- D. When asked to do her tasks, Doris said, "I will not do that!"

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 63

A functional relationship exists only iF.

- A. changes in a response class produce a functional consequenc
- B. changes in a stimulus class consistently alter a property of a response clas
- C. reinforcement is contingent upon respondin
- D. a stimulus elicits a response without previous conditionin

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 64

One limitation of descriptive analysis is that it:

- A. does not allow the behavior analyst the opportunity to measure, record, and interpret the data on the target behavio
- B. does not permit the precise determination of functional relationship
- C. provides a less than adequate description of the topography and intensity of behavio
- D. violates the individual's right to privac

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 65

Experimental control is demonstrated in a changing criterion design by a change in behavior:

- A. across setting
- B. across individual
- C. when returning to baselin
- D. to meet predetermined level

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 66

A behavior analyst is asked to consult about a 10-year-old child who gets out of his seat during class at least once every 15 minutes. The behavior analyst wants the teacher to collect data on the child's on-task behavior. Given that the teacher works alone in the classroom with 30 children, the BEST procedure to employ would bE.

- A. interval recordin
- B. latency recordin
- C. duration recordin
- D. time samplin

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 71

To address hitting others, two procedures were compareD. differential reinforcement of incompatible behavior and time-out. The outcomes were examined within and across subjects. A withdrawal design was employed. The BEST response measure to use in this study is frequency oF.

- A. the incompatible behavio
- B. being sent to time-ou

- C. hitting other
- D. reinforcer deliver

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 73

A child with food refusal behaviors accepts one bite out of the ten bites that her caregiver offered. What measure should be used to record this behavior?

- A. duration
- B. latency
- C. percent of occurrence
- D. trials to criterion

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 75

A teacher tells students that completing assignments will help them to do well on the exam. How can the teacher ensure that this will be an effective rule?

- A. Provide a review session covering the assignments prior to the exa
- B. Provide assignments that are closely related to the material on the exa
- C. Provide various reinforcers for those who complete the assignment
- D. Provide various reinforcers for those who do well on the exa

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 77

Responses that are likely to allow access to new reinforcers or environments, produce generative behavior, and compete with inappropriate responses are calledD.

- A. behavioral cusp
- B. component behavior
- C. prerequisite behavior
- D. normalized behavior

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 80

Robert has been referred because he is losing significant amounts of weight due to refusal of most foods. What should the behavior analyst consider first?

- A. possible medical conditions
- B. meal content/texture of food
- C. caloric content of preferred foods
- D. ecological variables during mealtimes

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 82

The employees at a group home have not been meeting their supervisor's expectations concerning on-time arrival to work. To address this issue, their supervisor implemented an intervention that allows for each staff member who arrives on time for all scheduled shifts in a given week to obtain an extended lunch break on Fridays. What type of intervention was implemented?

- A. Contingency contract
- B. Dependent group contingency
- C. Independent group contingency
- D. Interdependent group contingency

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 83

By definition, a data recording system is valid if it:

- A. consistently measures the behavio
- B. has demonstrated social validit
- C. has high interobserver agreemen
- D. measures what it is supposed t

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 85

A change in which of the following could NOT function as a stimulus for triggering an episode of aggression in a student?

- A. noise level of the classroom
- B. room temperature
- C. teacher's attitude
- D. teacher's facial expression

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 89

When LeRoy sees his father arrive home, he begins to clean his room. Given this information, we can conclude ONLY that the father's arrival is:

- A. an antecedent
- B. a discriminative stimulus
- C. an establishing operation
- D. a visual prompt

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 94

Abigail is in her preschool classroom where she sees a toy named Elmo on a shelf and then says, "Elmo." No one drew her attention to Elmo. This is an example of a (n):

- A. autoclitics
- B. intraverbals
- C. mands
- D. tacts

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 95

A verbal response to a verbal stimulus where the correspondence between stimulus and response is arbitrary and derived from the verbal community is:

- A. an echoic
- B. an intraverbal
- C. a tact
- D. imitation

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 100

One benefit of completing a descriptive analysis regarding a student's in-school behavior is that it:

- A. confirms hypotheses regarding functional relationship
- B. frees the classroom teacher from having to spend too much time collecting behavioral information
- C. may provide essential information not available through other means
- D. allows the observer and student to develop rapport

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 105

A behavior analyst is developing a generalization procedure for a newly mastered response. What strategy should be included in the procedure?

- A. positive practice
- B. reinforcement
- C. limited exemplars
- D. self-mediation

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 110

What type of analysis should be conducted to determine the amount of a particular stimulus provided on any given trial that will serve as an effective reinforcer?

- A. behavior analysis
- B. component analysis
- C. functional analysis
- D. parametric analysis

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 114

When asked by her father to get her glucose tested, Cindy routinely says, "No," and walks out of the room. She eventually returns and takes the test. The time between the request and Cindy's taking the test is called the:

- A. inter-response interval
- B. compliance rate
- C. response interval
- D. response latency

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 119

Based on this data display, what interpretation can be made with confidence?

- A. A functional relationship exists between the dependent variable and the interventio
- B. The target behavior is decreasing but experimental control has not been demonstrate
- C. The target behavior is irreversible and a different experimental design should be use
- D. The intervention has effectively reduced the behavio

Answer: B

NEW QUESTION 123

Mrs. Carr's 4-year-old son, Jack, often interrupted her and asked her to play with him. Mrs. Carr would tell Jack that she would play later, but she often followed him and played for a few minutes. On a very busy day, Mrs. Carr told Jack that she could not play with him. Jack began to cry and ran out of the room. Mrs. Carr followed him, calmed him down, and played for a few minutes. This pattern was repeated several times so Mrs. Carr decided to be firm with Jack and to ignore future interruptions. The next day Jack came in sobbing and screaming, "Play now!" Mrs. Carr gave in and played with him. The most likely explanation for Jack's increasingly disruptive behavior is that:

- A. Mr
- B. Carr has used respondent conditioning to train Jack to scream for attentio
- C. Jack is experiencing an extinction burst which will cease shortl
- D. Mr
- E. Carr has accidentally shaped a more intense interrupting behavior from Jac
- F. Mr
- G. Carr has negatively reinforced Jack's interrupting because he stops screaming when played wit

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 124

A child with an advanced verbal repertoire exhibits aggression when asked to do a new math problem. In order to address the problem the behavior analyst should.

- A. immediately remove the math proble
- B. immediately show him the correct answe
- C. implement a punishment procedure for aggressio
- D. teach the child an alternative escape respons

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 125

Self-management strategies are:

- A. applying behavior analysis principles to change one's own behavio
- B. a method for capitalizing on an individual's will powe
- C. primarily used for extinguishing one's own undesirable behavior
- D. based on personalized systems of instructio

Answer: A

NEW QUESTION 130

Which of the following is an example of a listener response?

- A. At dinner time, the client says "fork, please."
- B. The client labels "fork" when not instructed to do s
- C. The client repeats the word "fork" throughout the da
- D. Staff says, "pick up your fork," and the client picks up his or her for

Answer: D

NEW QUESTION 135

Accuracy of measurement refers to the extent to whichH.

- A. the data have high interobserver agreemen
- B. the person collecting the data reports that it is accurat
- C. the data match the true values of the events or behavior measure
- D. precise values can be depicted in a graph to show behavior chang

Answer: C

NEW QUESTION 136

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