

Deprivation and Institutionalisation – Questions by Topic

Q1.

Explain **one** criticism of Bowlby's theory of maternal deprivation.

(Total 3 marks)

Q2.

Anca is an orphan who has recently been adopted by a British couple. Before being adopted, Anca lived in an institution with lots of other children in very poor conditions. Her new parents are understandably concerned about how Anca's early experiences may affect her in the future.

Use your knowledge of the effects of institutionalisation to advise Anca's new parents about what to expect.

(Total 5 marks)

Q3.

Research has suggested that institutionalisation can have negative effects on children. In the 1990s, many children were found living in poor quality orphanages in Romania. Luca had lived in one of these orphanages from birth. When he was four years old, he was adopted and he left the orphanage to live in Canada. His development was then studied for a number of years.

(a) Outline possible negative effects of institutionalisation on Luca.

(4)

(b) The scenario above is an example of a case study. Outline **one** strength and **one** limitation of this research method.

(4)

(Total 8 marks)

Q4.

In an experimental study of attachment, a psychologist selected 40 young children. Twenty of the children were in nursery care for five days a week and the other 20 children were cared for full-time by their mothers. The psychologist asked the parents of each child to record the number of temper outbursts their child showed over four weekends. These figures were then compared to see whether there was a significant difference in the number of temper outbursts shown by children in the two groups.

(a) Name and outline the experimental design in this study.

(2)

(b) Identify the dependent variable in this study.

(1)

(c) The psychologist wanted to find out whether being deprived of a mother's care had negative consequences for a young child.

Outline **one other** study in which the effects of deprivation were investigated.

(3)

(d) Explain **one** limitation of the study that you have outlined in your answer to **part (c)**.

(2)

(Total 8 marks)

Q5.

Read the item and then answer the question that follows.

Joe was taken away from his alcoholic parents at six months old and placed in care. He was adopted when he was seven years old, but has a difficult relationship with his adoptive parents. He is aggressive towards his younger siblings and is often in trouble at school. His last school report said, 'Joe struggles with classwork and seems to have little regard for the feelings of others.'

Discuss Bowlby's maternal deprivation theory. Refer to the experience of Joe as part of your discussion.

(Total 12 marks)

Q6.

Discuss the effects of institutionalisation. Refer to the studies of Romanian orphans in your answer.

(Total 16 marks)