

Types of Attachment – Questions by Topic

Q1.

How does the behaviour of securely attached infants differ from that of insecurely attached infants?

(Total 4 marks)

Q2.

Ainsworth identified different types of attachment in children, including secure and insecure attachment.

Identify **two** characteristics of an insecurely attached child.

(Total 2 marks)

Q3.

Some people say that Ainsworth's studies lacked validity.

Explain this criticism of Ainsworth.

(Total 4 marks)

Q4.

Apart from ethical issues, explain **one or more** limitations of using the Strange Situation to assess the type of attachment in young children.

(Total 4 marks)

Q5.

Read the item and then answer the question that follows.

A nursery school worker and her manager were chatting at the end of the day.

'How did the new toddlers settle in today?' asked the manager.

'They behaved very differently', replied the nursery school worker. 'Max was distressed when his mother left but was happy to see her at the end of the day.'

'Jessica arrived clinging to her mother and I could not calm her down when her mother left.'

'William barely seemed to notice when his mother left and did not even look up when she returned to collect him.'

Name the attachment type demonstrated by **each** of the children in the conversation above by writing the attachment type next to the name below.

Max

Jessica

William

(Total 3 marks)

Q6.

Sam and Dan are both twelve months old. They are observed separately in Ainsworth's Strange Situation. Sam is slightly upset when his mother leaves, but Dan is very upset and cries loudly.

- (a) In the table below, identify the type of attachment suggested by the behaviour of each child.

	Type of attachment
Sam	
Dan	

(2)

- (b) Sam's and Dan's behaviour was then observed when the mothers returned. Give **one** example of the behaviour that each child would be likely to show.

(2)

(Total 4 marks)

Q7.

A researcher used the Strange Situation to investigate the attachment types of two infants. Megan was classified as insecure-avoidant. Rosie was classified as insecure-resistant.

Explain how Megan's behaviour would differ from Rosie's behaviour in the Strange Situation.

(Total 4 marks)

Q8.

Discuss findings of research into cultural variations in attachment.

(Total 8 marks)

Q9.

Discuss the Strange Situation as a way of assessing type of attachment.

(Total 12 marks)

Q10.

Describe and evaluate Ainsworth's work on attachment. As part of your evaluation, you should refer to the work of **at least one** other researcher.

(Total 16 marks)

Q11.

Outline and evaluate research into cultural variations in attachment.

(Total 16 marks)