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1. Which statement by a nursing student about Kohlberg's theory of moral development indicates the need for further teaching about the theory?

- A) "Moral development progresses in relationship to cognitive development."
- B) "Individuals move through all six stages in a sequential fashion."
- C) "A person's ability to make moral judgments develops over a period of time."
- D) "The theory provides a framework for understanding how individuals determine a moral code."

Correct Answer: B

2. The parents of an 8-year-old child tell the nurse that they are concerned about the child because the child seems to be more attentive to friends than anyone else. Which is the appropriate nursing response?

- A) "You need to praise your child more often to keep their attention."
- B) "Your child is likely experiencing anxiety and needs to be evaluated."
- C) "At this age, the child is developing his or her own personality."
- D) "You should restrict time with friends to ensure family bonding."

Correct Answer: C

3. The nurse notes that a 6-year-old child does not recognize that objects exist even when the objects are outside of the visual field. Based on this observation, which action should the nurse take?

- A) Document the finding as a normal developmental stage.
- B) Provide the child with educational toys to stimulate learning.
- C) Report the observation to the primary health care provider.
- D) Reassure the parents that the child will outgrow this behavior soon.

Correct Answer: C

4. The nurse is providing instructions to a new parent regarding the psychosocial development of the infant. Using Erikson's psychosocial development theory,

which instruction should the nurse reinforce to the parents?

- A) Anticipate all of the infant's needs so they never have to cry.
- B) Allow the infant to signal a need.
- C) Begin introducing strict boundaries for playtime and feeding routines.
- D) Start toilet training early to promote independence.

Correct Answer: B

5. The parent of a 3-year-old tells the nurse that the child is constantly rebelling and having temper tantrums. Which instruction should the nurse reinforce to the parent?

- A) Punish the child by isolating them in their room for an hour.
- B) Set limits on the child's behavior.
- C) Give the child what they want to prevent further crying and distress.
- D) Ignore the child completely until they apologize for the behavior.

Correct Answer: B