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1. Which one of the following phenomena demonstrates that subjects take longer to recognize emotionally charged words when compared to neutral stimulus words?
 - a. Perceptual vigilance
 - b. Perceptual defense
 - c. Perceptual shadowing
 - d. Perceptual readiness

2. Consider the following areas:
 - a. Verbal skills
 - b. Numerical skills
 - c. Rote memory
 - d. Ability to notice visual details

The areas included in the test of crystallized intelligence comprise

- a. 1 and 2
 - b. 3 and 4
 - c. 1 and 3
 - d. 1, 2 and 3
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3. One has a tendency to organize things to make a balanced or symmetrical figure that includes all parts. This is known as the law of
 - a. similarity
 - b. continuation
 - c. closure
 - d. good figure

 4. Each colour that a human being is capable of experiencing can vary in

- a. hue, reflection and brightness
 - b. hue, reflection and saturation
 - c. reflection, brightness and saturation
 - d. hue. Brightness and saturation
5. A person looks at two circles. One is black and the other is White. The retinal images are also different for the two circles. In spite of these differences, the person perceives the two circles as being identical in form. This is a case of
- a. perception of Ganzfeld
 - b. transposition of form
 - c. form parallax
 - d. law of similarity
6. The Young Helmholtz theory of colour vision states that
- a. black and white are true colour qualities and not just the presence or absence of light
 - b. the human eye contains three kinds of cones, each kind being sensitive to one of the three primary colours
 - c. the retina contains two kinds of receptors, one being sensitive to colours and the other being not sensitive to colours
 - d. the visual system reaches a state of equilibrium when no external visual stimulus is present
7. Consider the following characteristics:
- a. Contour
 - b. Ground
 - c. Two-dimension
 - d. Organization

The characteristics which are essential for a figure to be perceived would include

- a. 1, 2 and 3
- b. 1, 2 and 4
- c. 2, 3 and 4

d. 3 and 4

8. When we look out of the window of a train, objects outside appears to be moving at different speeds. Objects closer to us move in opposite direction. Objects at a far distance seem to move in our direction. This is called

- a. phi phenomenon
- b. motion parallax
- c. kinetic illusion
- d. depth perception

9. Constancy phenomenon refers to the

- a. fact that through constant perception of objects we know what their real characteristics are
- b. fact that the real characteristics of the objects remain constant
- c. tendency to perceived characteristics of an object to remain more or less unchanged despite marked variations in stimulation
- d. fact that the essential characteristics of objects do not change in perception

10. 'Einstellung' refers to

- a. functional fixedness
- b. activity
- c. a set
- d. problem-solving

11. Which one of the following is not true?

- a. Psychologists can infer much about what a person is trying to communicate by observing nonverbal behaviour
- b. If psychologists gain a full understanding of language structure they will fully understand thought processes
- c. When researchers study thought processes, then try to isolate them from language-specific processes
- d. A good experiment, designed to investigate thought processes, minimizes the role of cues or previous experience

12. Transformational rules specify the steps by which
- ideas are transformed into images
 - deep structure is transformed into surface structure
 - ideas in one language are translated into another
 - objects are transformed into symbols
13. According to Piaget, egocentrism in the thinking of young children is best explained as
- self-centered thinking
 - logical thinking
 - illogical thinking
 - limited thinking
14. The importance of simultaneous and successive scanning in concept formation is emphasized by
- Bruner
 - Lambert
 - Smoke
 - Judd
15. Which one of the following problemsolving strategies, though time consuming guarantees solution?
- Trial and error
 - Use of algorithm
 - Use of heuristics
 - Study of the problem in parts

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