ECE 102 Chapter 6
Test Questions

True/False
*Indicate whether the sentence or statement is true or false.*

____ 1. Observations can give information about children in relation to others.
____ 2. Teachers can become more judgmental by learning to observe.
____ 3. Researchers use observational methods to study children.
____ 4. We learn more about children in general by observing group behavior.
____ 5. Piaget developed a method of observation called le methode clinique.
____ 6. Systematic observation will improve your teaching.
____ 7. Specimen descriptions and diary descriptions are both kinds of narratives.
____ 8. Bias is inherent in all our perceptions.

Multiple Choice
*Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.*

____ 9. Key ingredients in all observational systems are ____.
   a. focus and system  
   b. charts  
   c. computers  
   d. detailed records

____ 10. Which of the following observational techniques has the problem of potential observer bias?
   a. event sampling  
   b. narratives  
   c. focus  
   d. checklists

____ 11. Choose the technique that is easiest to record.
   a. rating scale  
   b. shadow study  
   c. journal  
   d. narratives

____ 12. Why observe? (Choose the one that does NOT apply)
   a. to link theory with practice  
   b. to talk to parents  
   c. to advocate for salary raises  
   d. to assess children

____ 13. Who is the master of the clinical method?
   a. Freud  
   b. Piaget  
   c. Flavell  
   d. Maslow

____ 14. Time and event sampling ____.
   a. are full of observer bias  
   b. are easy to record  
   c. are rich in detail  
   d. record unlimited behaviors

Completion
*Complete each sentence or statement.*

15. Key ingredients to all observational systems are: ____________________,
    ____________________, ____________________, and ____________________.
16. Three different observational systems are ________________, ________________, and ________________.

17. If you are planning to observe your own class, what steps are necessary?
    ________________, ________________, ________________, and ________________.

18. Event sampling, a favorite of classroom teachers, can be used to observe ________________.

**Short Answer**

19. Why should teachers learn to observe?

20. Below are listed several problems in observing and recording. Write a solution for each.
    a. Finding time to observe
    b. Data is unreliable, full of biases and judgements
    c. Children are suspicious and self-conscious
    d. Privacy and confidentiality are compromised

21. What does "unobtrusive" mean to the observer? Why is it a good idea to do this when watching children?