**Please delete all red type prior to submission and fill in with your original information.**

This assignment should be written adhering to the guidelines of Standard English. This means that your thoughts should be well organized, logical, and unified as well as original with the viewpoint and purpose clearly established and sustained. Standard English guidelines also include the use of correct grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure. All writing should be in APA Formatting and Citation style.

**Contrasting Developmental Theories**

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Choose two theories that have been covered in this class that you believe describe child and adolescent development well. Identify your theory choices by listing them in the table. Contrast the theories by filling out each cell of the table.

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| **Theory** | **Identify First Theory Choice** | **Identify Second Theory Choice** |
| **Main Characteristics of Theory** |  |  |
| **Domain of Focus (physical, cognitive, social-emotional, or combination of several domains)** |  |  |
| **Considers Development to be Continuous, Discontinuous, or Both** |  |  |
| **Stance on Influence of Genetics and/or the Environment** |  |  |
| **Example of Theory Concept Applied to Child Development** |  |  |
| **Two Strengths of Theory** |  |  |
| **Two Weaknesses of Theory** |  |  |
| **Does the theory fully explain physical, cognitive, and social-emotional changes from infancy through adolescence? (Yes/No and briefly explain your answer)** |  |  |

Please answer the following critical thinking questions on the ideal developmental theory in complete sentences:

1) If you could design the ideal developmental theory to explain development from infancy through adolescence, either by combining existing developmental theories or by creating a new, all-encompassing developmental theory, what would your theory look like? In describing your ideal developmental theory, consider the domain/s of focus, the continuity and/or discontinuity of development, the role of genetics, environment, culture, and personal experiences in shaping individuals.

2) What are the potential benefits of such a comprehensive developmental theory?

3) What are the potential challenges of such a comprehensive developmental theory?

**References**

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**Digital book-**

Author's Last Name, First Initial. Second Initial if Given. (Year of Publication). *Title of book: Subtitle if given* (edition if given and is not first edition). Publisher. URL

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