

Bloomsburg University: Department of Psychology
Lifespan Psychology
Final Exam: Study Guide

This exam consists of 60 Multiple-choice questions plus one from each of the four presentations. 28 of the questions represent the two each from chapters 1-14, these topics can be found in the previously posted study guides.

Be sure you are familiar with the following points and concepts (this list is fairly comprehensive, though not exhaustive):

- Theories of aging
- Gender differences in longevity
- Ageism
- Sensory changes during late adulthood
- Physical changes during late adulthood
- Relative frequency of causes of death
- Alzheimer's disease
- Cognitive changes during late adulthood, ways of retaining capacities
- Motivation associated with creativity for Sternberg
- Baltes & Staudinger's views on wisdom
- Major concerns and shifts of gender roles for the elderly
- Generative vs. existential love
- Conflict between elderly parents and adult children and generational differences
- Patterns of caregiving for elderly parents
- Erikson's ideas about grandparenting
- Erikson's integrity vs. despair conflict
- Legal death
- Four types of death and the differences
- Pathological grieving
- Changes in exposure to death since late 19th century
- Suicide
- Types of euthanasia
- Physician assisted suicide
- Hospice basics
- Religiosity in old age