



Test Prep

OAT

Optometry Admission

QUESTION & ANSWERS

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Exam A

QUESTION 1

On a bad day, have you ever been irritable? Have you ever used a harsh tone or even been verbally disrespectful to your parents or teachers? Everyone has a short temper from time to time, but current statistics indicate that between 16% and 20% of a school population suffer from a psychological condition known as Oppositional Defiance Disorder, or ODD.

ODD symptoms include difficulty complying with adult requests, excessive arguments with adults, temper tantrums, difficulty accepting responsibility for actions, low frustration tolerance, and behaviors intended to annoy or upset adults. Parents of children with ODD can often feel as though their whole relationship is based on conflict after conflict.

Unfortunately, ODD can be caused by a number of factors. Some students affected by ODD suffer abuse, neglect, and severe or unpredictable discipline at home. Others have parents with mood disorders or have experienced family violence. Various types of therapy are helpful in treating ODD, and some drugs can treat particular symptoms. However, no single cure exists.

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Which of the following statements can be inferred from paragraph 4?

- A. Parents of children with ODD are bad parents.
- B. ODD is not a real psychological disorder.
- C. Medication can worsen ODD.
- D. Reacting emotionally to defiant behavior might worsen the behavior.

Correct Answer: D

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QUESTION 2

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Which of the following best describes the main idea of this passage?

- A. Parents with ODD should seek support.

- B. ODD is a complex condition.
- C. ODD has no cause.
- D. Parents are the cause of ODD.

Correct Answer: B

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As used in this passage, the word oppositional most nearly means:

- A. Uncooperative
- B. Violent
- C. Passive aggressive
- D. Altruistic

Correct Answer: A

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QUESTION 4

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