

Name _____ Hour _____

INFANT'S REFLEXES OBSERVATION

Observe an infant, or several infants, from one to nine months of age. For each infant observed, used a separate observation sheet and complete the personal information section. Observe the infant's reflexive responses to the following situations of stimulation. Answer the questions.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

The infant's name is _____

Age of the infant _____

1. Stroke the palm of the infant's hand with a finger or rattle.

How did the infant respond?

- a. Closed fingers over the finger or object.
- b. Moved hand away from the finger or object.
- c. Gave no response.
- d. Other observed response(s):

The name of this reflex is the _____ reflex.

The infant seems to show the appropriate responses for his/her age. YES NO

2. Stroke the cheek of the infant with a finger.

How did the infant respond?

- a. Turned toward the finger, opened mouth, and tried to suck.
- b. Moved away from finger.
- c. Gave no response.
- d. Other observed response(s):

The name of this reflex is the _____ reflex.

The infant seems to show the appropriate responses for his/her age. YES NO

3. Stroke the heel of the infant's foot from heel to toe.

How did the infant respond?

- a. Toes fanned out, foot turned inward.
- b. Curled toes inward.
- c. Gave no response.
- d. Other observed response(s):

The name of this reflex is the _____ reflex.

The infant seems to show the appropriate responses for his/her age. YES NO

4. **The infant needs to be lying down on its back for this situation. Ring a bell or slap a hand down on the surface on which the infant is lying.**

How did the infant respond?

- Flung arms and legs out, then drew them back in toward the body.
- Turned toward the noise.
- Gave no response.
- Other observed response(s):

The name of this reflex is the _____ reflex.
The infant seems to show the appropriate responses for his/her age. YES NO

5. **Hold the infant under the arms in an upright position with his/her feet touching a flat surface such as the floor or a table top.**

How did the infant respond?

- Made stepping motions.
- Bent legs and drew them toward the body.
- Gave no response.
- Other observed response(s):

The name of this reflex is the _____ reflex.
The infant seems to show the appropriate responses for his/her age. YES NO

6. **The infant needs to be lying down on its back for this situation. Have the infant turn its head to one side or the other. You may need to draw the infant's attention to do this by using a toy. While the infant is looking at it, move it to one side of its face.**

How did the infant respond?

- Head turned, arm and leg extend in direction of infant's gaze, opposite arm and leg flex inward.
- Head turned, arms and legs remain in same or similar position.
- Gave no response.
- Other observed response(s):

The name of this reflex is the _____ reflex.
The infant seems to show the appropriate responses for his/her age. YES NO