

## ***Reinforcement Exercises***

**Learning**  
**A.P. Psychology**

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date* \_\_\_\_\_

*Period* \_\_\_\_\_

### **PART I: POSITIVE & NEGATIVE REINFORCEMENT / POSITIVE & NEGATIVE PUNISHMENT**

Next to each statement below, indicate whether it is an example of positive or negative reinforcement or positive or negative punishment:

1. Steve gets special recognition for turning in a lost wallet.
2. Tammy's parents agree to buy her a shirt if she gets a good grade on her math exam.
3. Professor Smith tells her students that if they attend all classes they will not have to take the cumulative final.
4. Professor Brown tells his students that he will give them one point for every class session they attend.
5. Professor Hill tells her students that for every class they miss one point will be taken from their grade.
6. Matt and Susan have been dating each other for the last couple of months. Matt did not call Susan when he said he would, so when he finally did call, she would not answer the phone.
7. Vanessa came home late Saturday night, so her parents said that she could not go out the next Saturday.
8. Maria's boss told her she could go home early because she had done such a good job that day.
9. Cole had been especially nice to his brothers and sisters one day, so his mother told him he did not have to do his chores that day.
10. Carlos won team player of the year for his hard work playing soccer.
11. The electric seat belt buzzer stops buzzing once your seatbelt is buckled.
12. You fail a class and your parents require you to have study time for 2 hours every night.
13. Every time your brother whines you leave the room.
14. When you sleep in late, your mom yells at you.
15. When you wake up early your mom makes you breakfast.

**PART II: SCHEDULES OF REINFORCEMENT**

In each of the following scenarios indicate which schedule of reinforcement is being used.

Choose from: Fixed Interval (FI), Fixed Ratio (FR), Variable Interval (VI), Variable Ratio (VR)

1. Cathy gets paid \$50 for every 10 movie tickets she sells.
2. The employee who sells the most merchandise in the store will receive a \$100 bonus.
3. Lawrence pays his son a quarter for every 15 minutes he practices playing his French horn.
4. Shawn is a waiter; some nights he makes a lot of money in tips and some nights he makes only a little money.
5. Ms. Choi gives quizzes every Friday.
6. Mr. McClelland gives pop quizzes and they could occur on any day of the week.
7. Rod's parents pay him \$10 for every A he gets on his report card.
8. Mike eats a candy bar after reading a chapter in his psychology textbook.
9. You force yourself to study your psychology notes while listening to all of your favorite CD's. You do not finish until the music stops.
10. The lottery is based on a \_\_\_\_\_ reinforcement schedule.