

## HANDOUT 1

### Developmental Fact or Myth?

- T F 1. The science of human development is the study of how and why people change as they grow older, as well as how and why they remain the same.
- T F 2. Most developmental psychologists prefer not to use the scientific method in studying human development.
- T F 3. Every difference between one developing person and the norm is a deficit.
- T F 4. Children's development—both physical and mental—follows a straight, linear growth pattern.
- T F 5. Culture, ethnicity, race, and SES are impossible for scientists to disentangle.
- T F 6. Most of us are unaware of the culture we transmit.
- T F 7. For the most accurate results, scientific observation should be performed in a laboratory.
- T F 8. An experiment is always the best way to investigate a developmental issue.
- T F 9. Developmental psychologists almost never base their research on the study of one group of people over a long period of time.
- T F 10. When two variables are correlated, it means that one caused the other.