Functional Analysis

1. Compare and contrast indirect assessment, descriptive analysis, and experimental analysis.
2. What is meant by the term “automatic” reinforcement?
3. What is an establishing operation (EO) and what effects can non-contingent reinforcement (NCR) produce?
4. How would extinction for attention-maintained problem behavior differ from extinction for escape-maintained problem behavior?
5. Why is the treatment of problem behavior maintained by automatic reinforcement more difficult than problem behavior maintained by social reinforcement?

1. Briefly describe the purpose of each condition in the functional analysis (FA).
2. What is the justification for allowing SIB to occur during the FA? What safeguards were employed to reduce the risk of injury during the assessment?
3. What were the criteria for ending an analysis?
4. Summarize the different response patterns that were observed in the data.
5. What are some of the clinical advantages of conducting an FA?