Chapter 10 – Human Development

- **Development of Moral Reasoning**
  - **Kohlberg (1981)** studied the development of moral reasoning in children and adults by giving them a moral dilemma and recording the reasons they provided for their responses.
  - Their responses were less important to him than was the reasoning behind them.
  - **Kohlberg’s Levels of Reasoning:**
    1. **Preconventional Level** – the first level in Kohlberg’s theory of moral reasoning, focusing on avoiding punishment or maximizing rewards.
    - To avoid punishment, judgements are based on personal needs.
  2. **Conventional Level** – the second level during which the person values caring, trust, and relationships as well as the social order and lawfulness.
    - Rules are rules and they are not to be broken, judgements are based on needs of society; individual needs serve group needs.
  3. **Postconventional Level** – the third level in which the person recognizes universal moral rules that may trump unjust or immoral local rules.
    - Willing to break law – and suffer the consequences – if it is perceived as unjust or immoral.
    - Judgements balance needs of society with personal convictions.
  - **Age-related and stage-like changes in moral reasoning**
  - **Cultural Bias** – emphasis on individuality, where is role of altruism?
  - Focus on thought over action.

- **Vygotsky (1935)** – emphasis on socio cultural context and continuous development.
- **Zone of proximal development** – difference between abilities with and without assistance from adults or more advanced peers.
- **Behavioural** – learning through reinforce.

- **Early Social-Emotional Development**
  - **Imprinting (Lorenz)** – the rapid and innate learning of the characteristics of a caregiver very soon after birth (a bond).
  - Demonstrates critical periods.
  - **Attachment (Bowlby)** – the strong emotional connection that develops early in life between infants and their caregivers.
  - Importance of secure base.
  - Bonding relationship is internalized – “mental model”.