3.3 Stages of Attachment and the Role of the Father: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 Outline the indiscriminate attachment stage and give two behavioural features.

(Total for Question 1 is 2 marks)

2 Describe Grossmann's finding linking fathers' behaviour to later attachment, and explain one contribution to understanding fathers' influence.

(Total for Question 2 is 3 marks)

3 Identify the attachment stage illustrated by the 8-month-old in the vignette and justify with two behavioural signs.

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

names the stage as indiscriminate attachment or describes it as occurring at about 2 to 7 months oe	**B1**
gives one feature such as: infant accepts comfort from any adult, shows little separation anxiety and little stranger anxiety, but shows preference for human company over inanimate objects oe	**B1**

Answer: The indiscriminate attachment stage (around 2 to 7 months) when infants prefer people to objects, accept comfort from any adult, and show little separation or stranger anxiety.

Question 2

describes Grossmann's longitudinal finding that the quality of a father's play with the child was related to the child's later attachment outcomes in adolescence oe	**B1**
identifies that this suggests fathers contribute to attachment development through play interactions rather than primarily through caregiving routines oe	**B1**
explains that this supports the view that fathers have a distinct role, influencing social and exploratory aspects of development which contribute to attachment quality oe	**B1**

Answer: Grossmann found that the quality of a father's play was related to later adolescent attachment outcomes, suggesting fathers influence attachment through play interactions and contribute to social and exploratory aspects that shape attachment quality.

Question 3

identifies the stage as the specific (discriminate) attachment stage cao	**B1**
justifies with separation anxiety on being left with the childminder oe	**B1**
justifies with stranger anxiety or wariness when a stranger approaches oe	**B1**
justifies using age as supporting evidence, since around 7 to 9 months is typical for specific attachment to develop oe	**B1**

Answer: Specific (discriminate) attachment: Noah shows separation anxiety when his mother leaves and stranger anxiety when a stranger approaches, consistent with the typical 7 to 9 month onset.

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