Theories related to human growth and development

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Theories Of Child Development

Freud theory (psychosexual development)

- Proposed by the famous psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud, the theory of psychosexual development describes how personality develops during childhood.

- Freud believed that personality develops through a series of childhood stages in which the pleasure-seeking energies of the id become focused on certain erogenous areas

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- **Freud** described three levels of consciousness :

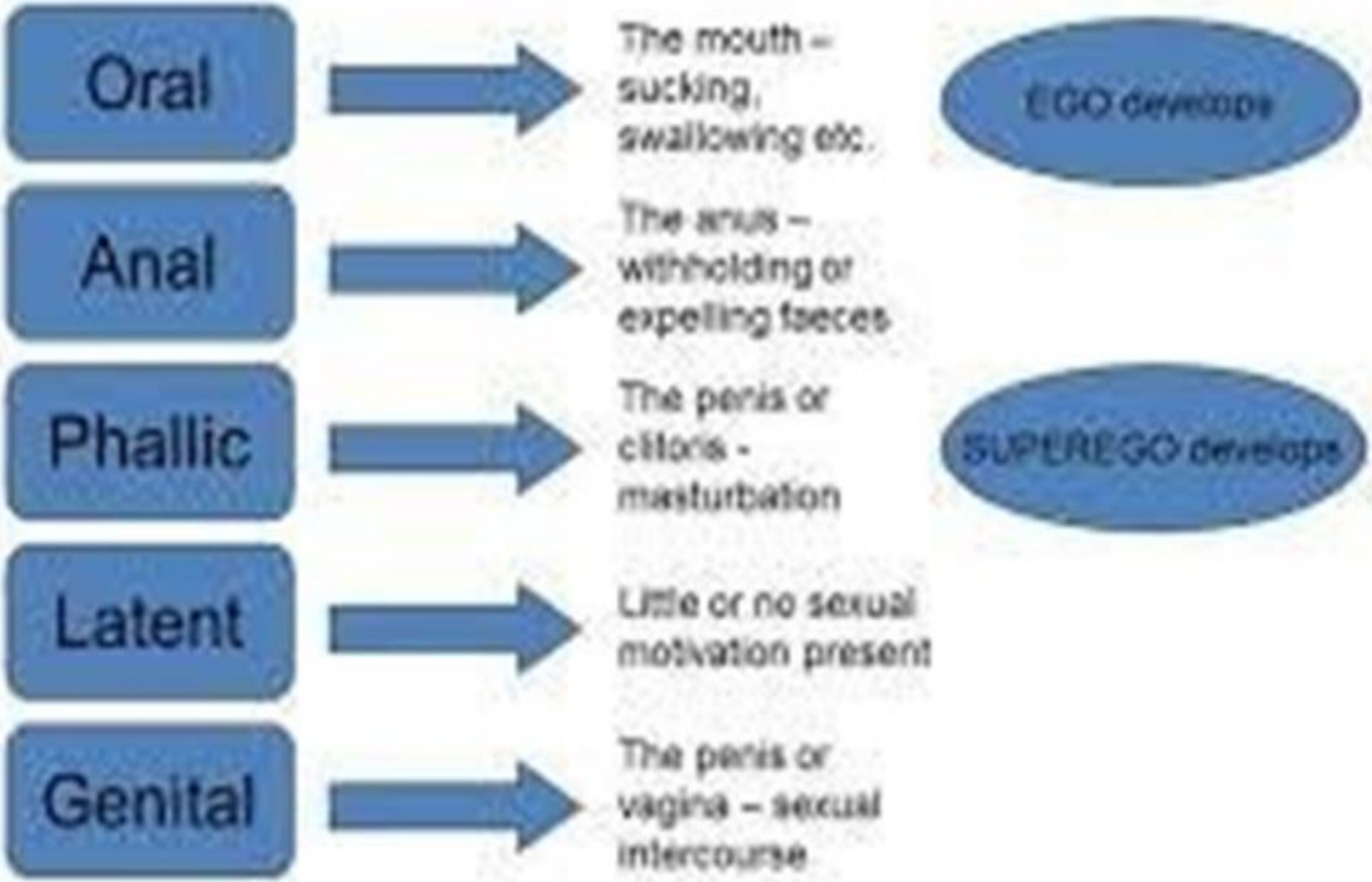
the id, which controls physical need and instincts of the body ;

the ego, the conscious self, which **controls** the pleasure principle of the id by delaying the instincts until an appropriate time; and

the superego, the conscience or parental value system.

- The superego is the part of personality that holds all of the internalized morals and standards that we acquire from our parents, family and society

Psychosexual Stages of Development



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3-phallic stage: the primary focus of the libido is on the genitals. At this age, children also begin to discover the differences between males and females. Freud also believed that boys begin to view their fathers as a rival for the mother's affections.

4-Latent period: The stage begins around the time that children enter into school and become more concerned with peer relationships, hobbies and other interests.

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5-The Genital Stage: final stage of psychosexual development, the individual develops a strong sexual interest in the opposite sex. This stage begins during puberty but last throughout the rest of a person's life.

QUESTIONS

