Free Response Question – Developmental Psychology

Directions: You have 25 minutes to answer the following question. It is not enough to answer the question by merely listing facts. You should present a cogent argument based on your critical analysis of the questions posed, using appropriate psychological terminology.

A number of the most influential developmental theories are stage theories. Each of the men listed below created a stage theory.

- Erik Erikson
- Jean Piaget
- Lawrence Kohlberg

A.) Explain the main focus of each man’s theory, and then
B.) Describe what he would identify as a major issue or concern for a seven-year-old child. Indicate the appropriate stage name and relevant psychological phenomena included in the stage.