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Tuesday 21 June 2011 – Morning Time: 2 hours					Paper Reference 6PS04/01				
You do not need any other materials.								Total Marks	

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions in Section **A**. In Section **B** answer Questions 6, 7 and 8 and then **EITHER** Question 9(a) **OR** 9(b).
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 90.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression, on these questions.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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2 (a) Using an example, outline what is meant by validity when diagnosing mental disorders.

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(b) Using psychological research, evaluate issues in the diagnosis of mental disorders.

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(Total for Question 2 = 7 marks)



(b) Evaluate the study by Rosenhan (1973) 'On being sane in insane places'.

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(Total for Question 4 = 9 marks)



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(Total for Question 5 = 12 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 45 MARKS



SECTION B: ISSUES AND DEBATES

Answer Questions 6, 7 and 8 and then EITHER Question 9(a) OR Question 9(b).

You are advised to spend approximately one hour on Section B.

6 (a) Describe the main features of observations as a research method.

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(b) (i) Explain **one** weakness of observations as a research method.

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(ii) Explain how the weakness you have explained in (b)(i) could be put right.

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(Total for Question 6 = 8 marks)



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(b) Describe ethical issues that researchers should take into account when undertaking psychological research using animals.

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8 (a) What is meant by ethnocentrism (ethnocentric bias) in psychological research?

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(b) Ethnocentrism can affect the way researchers interpret their findings.

Assess how ethnocentrism may influence the conclusions of psychological research.

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(Total for Question 8 = 9 marks)



Answer EITHER Question 9(a) OR Question 9(b).

EITHER

- *9 (a) Describe the contributions to society of the Cognitive and Psychodynamic Approaches, **and** compare the two approaches in terms of their scientific status. (18)

OR

- *9 (b) Read the information in the box below.

Montbretia Lodge Nursing Home has several residents who are unable to live at home, but who still have lively, active minds and strong views. This can make this group of residents difficult to manage as they often disagree with staff, refuse to co-operate when told to do so and behave in ways that staff view as disruptive. The staff have asked the nursing home manager to help them implement psychological strategies to ensure the residents are more likely to do as they are told.

Describe strategies based on psychological theory that the staff might consider using to gain control over the residents' behaviour, **and** assess both the practical and ethical implications of such strategies.

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(Total for Question 9 = 18 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 45 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 90 MARKS

