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General Certificate of Education
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Psychology (Specification A) PSYA2

Unit 2 Biological Psychology, Social Psychology and Individual Differences

Wednesday 5 June 2013 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

You will need no other materials.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- Question 4 should be answered in continuous prose. You may use the space provided to plan your answer. In Question 4, you will be assessed on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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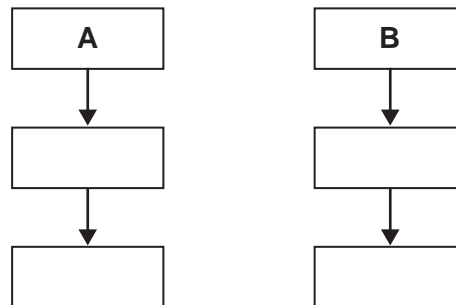
Section A Biological Psychology

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Total for this question: 4 marks

- 1** Complete the diagram below so that it shows stages of the sympathomedullary pathway and the pituitary-adrenal system. For **each** stage, write the appropriate letter in the correct box.

HYPOTHALAMUS



- A** adrenal medulla
- B** adrenal cortex
- C** decreases heart rate and blood pressure
- D** liver stores energy
- E** cortisol/corticosteroids released
- F** adrenaline and noradrenaline released
- G** pituitary gland
- H** gets body ready for 'fight or flight'
- I** immune system suppressed

(4 marks)

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Total for this question: 4 marks

3 Type A personality can be measured by using a questionnaire. Explain **two** strengths of using questionnaires.

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Strength Two

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Section B Social Psychology

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Total for this question: 4 marks

5 A researcher investigated obedience. The table shows the percentages of people who obeyed a simple request from a confederate who was either smartly dressed or casually dressed.

Request	Smartly dressed confederate	Casually dressed confederate
Pick up some litter	80%	61%
Post a letter lying near a post box	61%	40%
Carry a heavy box up some stairs	30%	30%

What do these results suggest about obedience?

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7 (a) Explain what is meant by internalisation.

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7 (b) Explain what is meant by compliance.

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Section C Individual Differences

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Total for this question: 4 marks

9 (a) The following statements are all linked to different definitions of abnormality.

Select the **two** statements that describe the deviation from ideal mental health definition of abnormality.

Tick **two** boxes.

Behaviour that is different from the way most people in society act

Not achieving self-actualisation

Not following the standards set by society

Causing distress or discomfort to others

Behaviour that interferes with everyday life

Not being able to resist stress

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9 (b) Explain **one** limitation of the failure to function adequately definition of abnormality.

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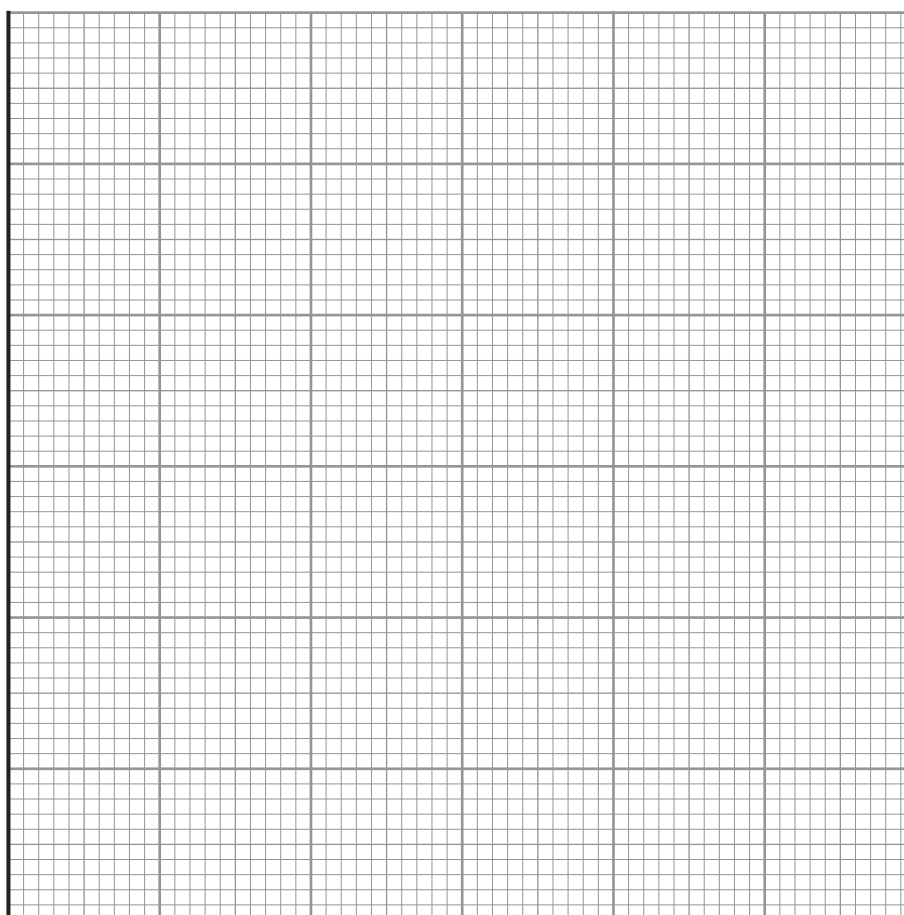
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11 Two groups of patients took part in a trial to compare the effectiveness of two different drug therapies. One of the groups was given **Drug A** and the other group was given **Drug B**. All patients completed a rating scale at the start of a ten-week course of treatment and again at the end of the course. This scale measured the severity of symptoms.

The **Drug A** group had an average score of 9 before the therapy and an average score of 4 at the end of the course.

The **Drug B** group had an average score of 7 before the therapy and an average score of 5 at the end of the course.

Sketch and label a bar chart to illustrate the data.



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12 Outline **two** techniques used in psychoanalysis.

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Mia has a phobia of eating in public. She is about to go to university where she knows that she will have to eat her meals in a large dining hall surrounded by other students.

Describe how a therapist might use systematic de-sensitisation to help Mia overcome her phobia of eating in social situations.

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