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PSYCHOLOGY

Paper 3 Specialist Options: Theory

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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
 - Answer questions from two options.
 - For each chosen option, answer **all** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Psychology and abnormality

Answer all questions.

- (a) Outline one way that Freeman (2008) used virtual reality to assess the symptoms of schizophrenia.
 (b) Describe the study by Sensky (2000) that used cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT) as a treatment for schizophrenia.
 (c) Explain two strengths of the study by Sensky.
- 2 (a) Describe explanations of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). [8]
 - (b) Evaluate explanations of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), including a discussion of reductionism versus holism. [10]

Psychology and consumer behaviour

Answer **all** questions.

- 3 (a) Outline the overload theory of personal space, using shoppers as an example. [2]
 - (b) Describe the study by Robson et al. (2011) about table spacing in restaurants. [4]
 - (c) Explain one strength and one weakness of the study by Robson et al. [6]
- 4 (a) Describe what psychologists have discovered about advertising applications (brand recognition in children, advertising and consumer personality, effective slogans). [8]
 - (b) Evaluate what psychologists have discovered about advertising applications (brand recognition in children, advertising and consumer personality, effective slogans), including a discussion on the use of children in psychological research. [10]

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Psychology and health

Answer all questions.

- **5** (a) Explain what is meant by 'chronic' pain.
 - (b) There are medical and psychological techniques for managing and controlling pain. There are also alternative techniques to these.

Outline **two** alternative techniques for managing and controlling pain. [4]

- (c) Explain one similarity and one difference between a medical technique and an alternative technique for managing and controlling pain.
 [6]
- 6 (a) Describe what psychologists have discovered about practitioner and patient interpersonal skills (non-verbal communications and verbal communications). [8]
 - (b) Evaluate what psychologists have discovered about practitioner and patient interpersonal skills (non-verbal communications and verbal communications), including a discussion of generalisability. [10]

Psychology and organisations

Answer all questions.

- 7 (a) Identify two team roles as proposed by Belbin (1981). [2]
 - (b) Describe the theory of group development (Tuckman, 1965). [4]
 - (c) Explain one strength and one weakness of the theory of group development. [6]
- 8 (a) Describe what psychologists have discovered about health and safety in organisational work conditions (accidents at work, reducing accidents at work, safety promotion campaigns). [8]
 - (b) Evaluate what psychologists have discovered about health and safety in organisational work conditions (accidents at work, reducing accidents at work, safety promotion campaigns), including a discussion about experiments. [10]

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