



GCE A LEVEL – **NEW**

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**PSYCHOLOGY – A level component 3**  
**Psychology: Implications in the Real World**

THURSDAY, 22 JUNE 2017 – AFTERNOON

2 hours 15 minutes

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **three** questions in Section A.

Answer **one** question in Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded of the necessity for good English and orderly, clear presentation in your answers.

Assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

**SECTION A: Applications**

Answer **three** questions in full.

**1. Addictive behaviours**

(a) Describe **one** social psychological explanation for addictive behaviours. [10]

(b) Laurence is a young apprentice working at a garage. Whenever the mobile tool seller arrives, Laurence just has to buy more tools for himself. He can barely afford the tools he buys, yet he just has to continue buying.

Laurence is referred by his doctor to a psychologist for treatment. Evaluate **one** method for modifying his behaviour. [15]

**2. Autistic spectrum behaviours**

(a) Evaluate **one** method of modifying autistic spectrum behaviours. [10]

(b) Caroline has autism. Her dad wanted to understand more about the condition. A psychologist informed him about social psychological explanations of the behaviour.

Describe **two** social psychological explanations for autistic spectrum behaviours making reference to Caroline in your response. [15]

**3. Bullying behaviours**

(a) Louise has been bullied in the workplace. She has been subjected to behaviour which is intended to hurt her emotionally and physically.

With reference to Louise, describe **one** social psychological explanation of bullying behaviours. [15]

(b) Evaluate **one** method of modifying bullying behaviours. [10]

**4. Criminal behaviours**

(a) Describe anger management as a technique for modifying criminal behaviours. [10]

(b) Emily is a support worker for James who has demonstrated criminal behaviour. A psychologist suggested that she might look at social psychology for potential explanations.

Evaluate **one** social psychological explanation of criminal behaviours in order to help Emily understand James' behaviour. [15]

**5. Schizophrenia**

(a) Describe **one** method of modifying schizophrenia. [10]

(b) 'In recent years, social psychological explanations have been overshadowed by biological ones.'

Evaluate biological explanations of schizophrenia with reference to this statement. [15]

**6. Stress**

(a) In 2014/15 stress accounted for 43% of all working days lost due to ill health (HSE, 2015).

With reference to this statistic, describe **one** biological and **one** individual difference explanation of stress. [15]

(b) Evaluate **two** social psychological explanations of stress. [10]

**SECTION B: Controversies**

*Answer one of the questions.*

**Either,**

**7. Scientific status**

'Psychology is a science.' Using your knowledge of psychology, discuss the extent to which this statement is true. [25]

**Or,**

**8. Ethical costs of conducting research**

'Psychological research continues to involve ethical costs to society and individual human participants.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer. [25]

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