



A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

COMPONENT 3

Psychology: Implications in the Real World

SPECIMEN PAPER

2 hours 15 minutes



ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **three** questions in Section A and **one** question in Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

You are reminded that Section B of this paper is synoptic and so will test understanding of the connections between the different elements of the subject.

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

No certificate will be awarded to a candidate detected in any unfair practice during the examination.

SECTION A – Applications

Answer three questions.

1. Addictive behaviours

- (a) A young mother has recently started spending more money than she can afford on expensive clothes for her child. Every day she goes to the shops and buys many items. However, when she goes home she does not use them to dress her child but rather keeps them in a special wardrobe to keep them clean.

Explain how a psychologist could modify this shopping addiction in the young mother. [15]

- (b) Compare and contrast the strengths and weaknesses of **two** explanations of addictive behaviours. [10]

2. Autistic spectrum behaviours

- (a) Describe **two** biological explanations of autistic spectrum behaviours. [10]

- (b) A therapist uses Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) to help modify a child's autistic behaviours. However, the parents would also like the therapist to consider using Relationship Development Intervention. With reference to the parents' wishes, compare the strengths and weakness of **both** these methods of modifying the child's behaviour. [15]

3. Bullying behaviours

- (a) Describe **one** method of modifying bullying behaviour. [10]

- (b) 'Bullies are born not made'. Assess how far you agree with this statement. [15]

4. Criminal behaviours

- (a) Describe **one** biological and **one** social psychological explanation for criminal behaviour. [10]

- (b) Restorative justice has been criticised for being an easy option for the criminal. Applying your knowledge and understanding of restorative justice **and** at least one other method of modifying criminal behaviour, discuss how far you agree with this criticism. [15]

Turn over for questions 5 and 6

5. Schizophrenia

- (a) Describe the characteristics of behaviour that lead to a diagnosis of schizophrenia. [10]
- (b) Schizophrenia has significant economic consequences; the costs impact on many different parts of society, especially on individuals with schizophrenia and their families. Overall, schizophrenia is estimated to cost English society £11 billion per year. With reference to this fact, apply your knowledge and understanding to discuss the ethical and social implications of two different methods of modifying schizophrenia. [15]

6. Stress

- (a) A middle-aged man who recently lost his job has recently started to experience typical symptoms of stress such as increased heart rate, sweaty palms and feelings of anxiety.
- Outline how **one** method of modifying behaviour can be applied to any of these symptoms of stress. [5]
- (b) Using your own knowledge, analyse and evaluate **two** explanations for stress. [20]

SECTION B – Controversies

Answer one question.

7. 'Are unethical studies in psychology acceptable if you consider their greater good to society?' Using your knowledge of psychology, justify your answer. [25]

OR

8. 'It is crucial for psychology to be scientific.' Discuss the validity of this statement with reference to psychological ideas and procedures. [25]

End of paper

