



A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

UNIT 3

Psychology: Implications in the Real World

SPECIMEN PAPER

2 hours 30 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.

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Do not use pencil or gel pen.

Do not use correction fluid.

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

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

SECTION A – The study of behaviours

Answer **three** questions in full.

1. Addictive behaviour

- (a) Outline **two** biological explanations for addictive behaviours. [10]
- (b) Evaluate **two** individual differences explanations of addictive behaviours. [15]

2. Autistic spectrum behaviour

- (a) Describe how Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) modifies autistic spectrum behaviours. [10]
- (b) Evaluate ways of modifying autistic spectrum behaviours. [15]

3. Bullying behaviour

- (a) 'Every weekend there are children travelling to London to visit Kidscape, a charity that helps them to deal with bullying. Among staff at the anti-bullying charity there is concern at the rise in self-harm and eating disorders among primary school pupils. However, the charity reports that 85% of children who they have worked with say they are no longer being bullied'.

Describe **one** method of modifying bullying behaviour. [10]
- (b) 'Bullies are born and not made'. Assess how far you agree with this statement. [15]

4. Criminal behaviour

- (a) Outline **two** social psychological explanations of criminal behaviours. [10]
- (b) Discuss the view that anger management is more effective at modifying criminal behaviours than restorative justice. [15]

5. Schizophrenia

- (a) Describe the characteristics of schizophrenia. [10]
- (b) Discuss the ethical and social implications of how the characteristics of schizophrenia are modified. [15]

Questions continue over the page

6. Stress

- (a) Ceri has recently changed jobs and is struggling to meet the deadlines and targets in his new managerial role. He is having problems sleeping, is overeating and his blood pressure has increased. His GP has diagnosed him with stress.

Describe how these symptoms of stress could be modified. [10]

- (b) Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of **two** explanations of stress. [15]

Section B – Controversies

Answer one of the questions.

Either

7. 'For psychology to have an impact it is necessary for psychology to be a science.'
Evaluate the validity of this statement. [25]

Or

8. 'In 1998, the American Psychological Association surveyed its members and found that of the top 100 psychologists of the 20th century, only 6 were women'. To what extent do you agree that women are 'invisible' in psychology? [25]

