

## Describing Addiction - Mark Scheme

### Q1.

[AO1 = 2]

1 mark for brief definition

**Plus**

1 further mark for elaboration

**Possible content:**

- Individual feels/believes that they cannot cope with work and social life without a particular drug such as alcohol or nicotine.
- Absence of the drug causes the individual to feel anxious, irritable or depressed, and have cravings for the substance.
- Psychological dependence can occur in the absence of physical dependence (ie true withdrawal symptoms may not be experienced).

Credit other relevant material.

### Q2.

(a) [AO1 = 1]

One mark for a valid definition of tolerance eg where an increased amount of the substance is required in order to experience the same effect.

(b) [AO1 = 1]

One mark for a valid definition of psychological dependence eg mental and emotional compulsion to keep taking the substance / belief that the substance needs to be taken. For credit the answer must contain reference to a cognitive element ie belief or mental drive / compulsion.