

**Note.** In the new AQA specification, “Definitions of abnormality” are now referred to as “Definitions in the field of mental health”, however, the basic definitions under either heading are the same. Therefore, the same answers are required whether the question refers to abnormalities, or definitions in the field of mental health.

**Q1.**

A psychologist constructed a questionnaire which was designed to measure and define abnormality. The figure below shows part of the questionnaire.

Which of these statements do you agree with?

- A I find it hard to maintain eye contact with another person when in conversation.
- B I often feel extremely distressed.
- C I regularly skip meals and do not wash myself.

Referring to the statements in the figure above, briefly outline **two** definitions of abnormality.

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(Total 4 marks)

**Q2.**

Briefly evaluate **one** definition of abnormality.

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**(Total 3 marks)**

**Q3.**

Dave wants to achieve what he thinks of as the perfect body and will often visit the gym up to three times a day. He finds it difficult to concentrate in the office as he is constantly thinking about his next workout. Even though his friends tell him he looks great, Dave worries his body shape is inferior compared to the other men at the gym.

Briefly outline the deviation from the ideal mental health definition of abnormality. Refer to Dave in your answer.

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**(Total 4 marks)**

**Q4.**

One way of defining abnormality is failure to function adequately.

Evaluate the failure to function adequately definition of abnormality.

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(Total 5 marks)

**Q5.**

Outline and evaluate statistical infrequency **and** deviation from ideal mental health as definitions of abnormality.

You may use this space to plan your answer.

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**(Total 12 marks)**

**Q6.**

Describe the statistical infrequency **and** failure to function adequately definitions of abnormality.

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(Total 6 marks)

Discuss statistical infrequency **and** deviation from social norms as definitions of abnormality.

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**(Total 16 marks)**

**Q8.**

Briefly evaluate the deviation from the ideal mental health definition of abnormality.

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