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Edexcel GCE

Psychology
Advanced
Unit 4: How Psychology Works

Wednesday 30 June 2010 – Afternoon
Time: 2 hours

Paper Reference
6PS04/01

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions in Section **A**. In Section **B** answer Questions 5, 6 and 7 and then **EITHER** Question 8(a) **OR** 8(b).
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 90.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression, on these questions.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A: CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Answer ALL questions.

You are advised to spend approximately one hour on Section A.

1 (a) Describe the symptoms of schizophrenia.

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(b) (i) Describe **one** explanation for schizophrenia.

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(ii) Evaluate the explanation for schizophrenia you have given in (b)(i).

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(c) Describe **one** research method used to study schizophrenia.

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2 (a) You have learned about Rosenhan's (1973) study 'On being sane in insane places'.

Outline what the pseudo-patients did in the study.

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(b) Rosenhan (1973) used primary data.

What is meant by primary data?

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3 You have learned about a **study** that investigates one disorder **other than** schizophrenia.

(a) Outline the findings (results and/or conclusions) of this study. Identify the study in your answer.

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(b) Evaluate the study that you have outlined in (a).

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(Total for Question 3 = 8 marks)



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***4** Michael has been referred to a therapist for help with his mental health problems. The therapist has suggested that either a token economy programme or systematic desensitisation will help Michael.

Describe and evaluate **either** a token economy programme **or** systematic desensitisation as it is used to treat mental disorders. Identify the therapy in your answer.

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(Total for Question 4 = 12 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 45 MARKS



SECTION B: ISSUES AND DEBATES

Answer Questions 5, 6 and 7 and then EITHER Question 8(a) OR Question 8(b).

You are advised to spend approximately one hour on Section B.

5 During your course you will have studied two applications of Psychology from the following:

- Criminological
- Child
- Health
- Sport.

Choose **one** of the applications from the list above and explain how it has contributed to society.

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(Total for Question 5 = 5 marks)



6 (a) Within the Psychodynamic Approach you learned about the study by Freud (1909) into the case of Little Hans who had a phobia of horses. In this study, Hans's father wrote to Freud to tell him the content of Hans's dreams and his interviews with his child. Freud then analysed this information.

(i) Evaluate this study in terms of validity issues.

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(ii) Suggest **one** way in which the Little Hans study might have been improved.

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(b) Freud developed psychoanalysis, a therapy designed to treat patients with psychological issues. Today there are many other treatments/therapies available to help people. Treatments/therapies can be seen as forms of social control.

Assess both practical and ethical implications of the social control exerted by those who provide treatment/therapy.

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(Total for Question 6 = 10 marks)



***7** You have been asked to conduct an experiment to test the effectiveness of two different types of revision. One type is doing some each day over an extended period (spaced revision). The other type is where the learner does all the revision in a short period of time (cramming).

Write a plan for an experiment to test which of these two ways of revising is better. You should use either a laboratory experiment, a field experiment or a natural experiment.

You should consider the following issues (there are others):

- design
- variables
- ethical issues
- type of data and how it would be gathered.

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(Total for Question 7 = 12 marks)



Answer EITHER Question 8(a) OR Question 8(b).

EITHER

*8 (a) You have studied the Social, Cognitive, Psychodynamic, Biological and Learning Approaches during your course.

Describe Psychodynamic explanations of human behaviour and evaluate these explanations using **at least two** other approaches.

(18)

OR

*8 (b)

Finders' keepers? Is taking something from a shipwreck theft?



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Several recent incidents of ships losing some of their cargo in stormy weather have revived behaviour thought to have disappeared from modern life, with people descending on the coastline to help themselves to the goods washed ashore. The police have reminded people that such behaviour is theft. Others argue the activities are traditional, people have done this ever since humans started travelling by sea, and no-one is harmed by taking shipwrecked goods as the owners will not want to reclaim items spilling out of the containers into the sea.

With reference to the article above, use your knowledge of psychological theories to describe and evaluate **one or more** explanations for why people behave in this way.

(18)



Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross ☒ in the box.
If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

Chosen Question Number: **Question 8(a)** ☒ **Question 8(b)** ☒

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(Total for Question 8 = 18 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 45 MARKS

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 90 MARKS

