



GCE AS/A level

1331/01

PSYCHOLOGY

UNIT PY1 – APPROACHES IN PSYCHOLOGY

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 23 May 2012

1¼ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **all** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry equal marks.

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

Answer all questions.

1. (a) Outline **two** assumptions of the cognitive approach. [4]
(b) **Describe** attribution theory. [8]

2. **Describe** how the biological approach has been applied in **either** chemotherapy **or** psychosurgery. [12]

3. (a) Evaluate **two** strengths of the behaviourist approach. [6]
(b) Evaluate **two** weaknesses of the behaviourist approach. [6]

4. **Compare and contrast** the biological and behaviourist approaches in terms of similarities and differences. [12]

5. **Explain and evaluate** the methodology used by the psychodynamic approach. [12]