

Definitions of Abnormality – Questions by Topic

Q1.

Abnormality can be defined as ‘the failure to function adequately’.

Outline and evaluate this definition of abnormality.

(Total 6 marks)

Q2.

Outline **two** limitations of the deviation from ideal mental health definition of abnormality.

(Total 4 marks)

Q3.

Identify **one** definition of abnormality and explain **one** limitation associated with this definition.

(Total 3 marks)

Q4.

Bina has been diagnosed with depression. Her doctor says that depression is a common problem but Bina is miserable. She cannot be bothered to get washed in the morning and her manager is unhappy that she is taking a lot of time off work. When she does go to work she is irritable, has temper tantrums and is rude to customers.

Using your knowledge of **three** definitions of abnormality, explain whether or not Bina’s behaviour might be considered to be abnormal.

(Total 6 marks)

Q5.

“Abnormality is very difficult to define. It can be hard to decide where normal behaviour ends and abnormal behaviour begins.”

Discuss **two or more** definitions of abnormality.

(Total 12 marks)

Q6.

Rob is a sixth form student who has started hearing voices in his head. The voices come often, are usually threatening and make Rob feel frightened. The voices are making it difficult for Rob to complete his homework properly and he is worried about how this may affect his chances of going to university. Rob has not told anyone about his experiences, but his parents and teachers have noticed that he appears distracted, anxious and untidy.

Outline and evaluate failure to function adequately **and** deviation from ideal mental health as definitions of abnormality. Refer to the experiences of Rob in your answer.

(Total 16 marks)