

Psychodynamic Approach (A2 Only) – Questions by Topic

Q1.

Outline **one** limitation of the psychodynamic approach.

(Total 2 marks)

Q2.

Describe the structure of the personality according to the psychodynamic approach.

(Total 4 marks)

Q3.

Tim used to run a family business. About two years ago, the business got into financial difficulties. Tim's bank demanded repayment of a loan. Tim lost the business and is very angry.

Two defence mechanisms are denial and displacement.

Outline what is meant by denial and displacement and suggest how **each** could be involved in Tim coping with his situation.

(Total 4 marks)

Q4.

Jed was given a detention meaning that he would miss the football match after school. Jed felt extremely angry. Later that day, Jed was called in to the Head of Year's office for kicking his locker at break time.

Identify and explain the defence mechanism Jed was displaying.

(Total 3 marks)

Q5.

Emily very much wanted to pass her ballet examination, but after she failed the examination she did not seem upset.

Suggest **one** defence mechanism and use your knowledge of this defence mechanism to explain why Emily was not upset after failing her ballet examination.

(Total 2 marks)

Q6.

- (a) Outline a psychodynamic explanation for the development of the superego.

(3)

- (b) Explain how the superego might affect moral behaviour in the following situation:

Jackie sees a T-shirt that she really likes in a store. She is aware that there are no security cameras nearby and thinks how easy it would be to slip the T-shirt into her bag.

(2)

(Total 5 marks)

Q7.

Outline key features of the cognitive approach in psychology. Compare the cognitive approach with the psychodynamic approach.

(Total 16 marks)

Q8.

A student asked his teacher: "Why are there so many approaches in psychology?"

The teacher replied: "Because each has something different to offer to our understanding of the human mind and behaviour. This means that every approach is unique."

Discuss what makes the psychodynamic approach unique in psychology. Refer to other approaches in your answer.

(Total 16 marks)

Q9.

Describe the psychodynamic approach to explaining human behaviour. Discuss strengths **and** limitations of this approach.

(Total 16 marks)