

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



PSYCHOLOGY (SPECIFICATION A) PYA2
Unit 2 Physiological Psychology and Individual Differences

Thursday 10 January 2008 9.00 am to 10.00 am

For this paper you must have:

- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is PYA2.
- In Section A, answer **one** question. You should attempt **all** parts of the question you choose.
- In Section B, answer **one** question. You should attempt **all** parts of the question you choose.
- Where the term **research** appears in a question, you may refer to theories and/or studies as appropriate.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 62.
Two of these marks will be awarded for using good English, organising information clearly and using specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.

SECTION A: PHYSIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Answer **one** question from this section. You should attempt **all** parts of the question you choose.

Where the term **research** appears in a question, you may refer to theories and/or studies as appropriate.

Total for this question: 30 marks

- 1 (a) Describe the procedures of **one** study of the relationship between stress and cardiovascular disorders. Give **one** criticism of this study. *(3 marks + 3 marks)*
- (b) Outline findings of research into stress in the workplace. *(6 marks)*
- (c) Describe and evaluate **one or more** psychological methods of stress management. *(18 marks)*

Total for this question: 30 marks

- 2 (a) Describe the General Adaptation Syndrome. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Describe findings and conclusions of **one** study into life changes as a source of stress. *(6 marks)*
- (c) ‘When faced with the same stressors, men and women may react differently.’
Discuss the role of gender in modifying the effects of stress. *(18 marks)*

SECTION B: INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES

Answer **one** question from this section. You should attempt **all** parts of the question you choose.

Where the term **research** appears in a question, you may refer to theories and/or studies as appropriate.

Total for this question: 30 marks

- 3 (a) Describe the findings and conclusions of **one** study into psychological explanations of eating disorders. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Outline **one** definition of abnormality. Explain **one** limitation of this definition of abnormality. *(3 marks + 3 marks)*
- (c) Outline the biological (medical) model of abnormality and consider strengths and limitations of this model. *(18 marks)*

Total for this question: 30 marks

- 4 (a) Explain **one or more** assumptions of the cognitive model in relation to causes of abnormality. *(6 marks)*
- (b) Outline **one** explanation of eating disorders. *(6 marks)*
- (c) Outline **two or more** definitions of abnormality and consider the limitations of the definitions that you have outlined. *(18 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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