



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2011

Psychology (Specification A) PSYA3

Unit 3 Topics in Psychology

Friday 17 June 2011 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black 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 PSYA3.
- Choose **three** topics. Answer **all** questions on the topics you choose. Where appropriate, refer to theories and/or studies, approaches, issues and debates in your answer.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 75.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Choose **three** topics.

Answer **all** questions on the topics you choose.

Each topic carries 25 marks.

Where appropriate, refer to theories and/or studies, approaches, issues and debates in your answer.

Topic: Biological Rhythms and Sleep

0 | 1 Outline the nature of sleep. *(9 marks)*

0 | 2 Consider the consequences of disrupting biological rhythms. *(16 marks)*

Topic: Perception

0 | 3 Describe and evaluate Bruce and Young's theory of face recognition. *(9 marks + 16 marks)*

Topic: Relationships

0 | 4 Discuss the influence of childhood **and/or** adolescent experiences on adult relationships. *(9 marks + 16 marks)*

Topic: Aggression

0 | 5 Discuss the role of neural **and/or** hormonal mechanisms in aggression. *(9 marks + 16 marks)*

Topic: Eating Behaviour

0 6 Outline **one** psychological explanation of **one** eating disorder. *(5 marks)*

0 7 Outline and evaluate evolutionary explanations of food preference. *(4 marks + 16 marks)*

Topic: Gender

0 8 Discuss **one or more** explanations for psychological androgyny. *(5 marks + 8 marks)*

0 9 Outline and evaluate cross-cultural studies of gender role. *(4 marks + 8 marks)*

Topic: Intelligence and Learning

1 0 Discuss evolutionary factors involved in the development of human intelligence. *(9 marks + 16 marks)*

Topic: Cognition and Development

1 1 Discuss the role of the mirror neuron system in social cognition. *(5 marks + 8 marks)*

1 2 Outline and evaluate **one** theory of moral understanding (eg Kohlberg, Eisenberg). *(4 marks + 8 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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