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Unit 4: How Psychology Works

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You do not need any other materials.

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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions in Section **A**. In Section **B** answer Questions 6, 7 and 8 and then **EITHER** Question 9(a) **OR** 9(b).
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 90.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression, on these questions.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A: CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Answer ALL questions.

You are advised to spend approximately one hour on Section A.

- 1 (a)** You have learned about **either** family therapy **or** care in the community (Social Approach) as ways of treating mental disorders.

Describe **one** of these treatments/therapies.

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(c) A local clinic wants to advertise for lead workers/therapists for their programmes of family therapy and care in the community. The job description might include responsibilities, guidelines for interacting with clients and colleagues, and daily duties.

For **one** of these programmes, write a job description for the role of the person/therapist who will be employed to run the programme.

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2 (a) Using an example, outline what is meant by validity when diagnosing mental disorders.

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(b) Using psychological research, evaluate issues in the diagnosis of mental disorders. (4)

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(Total for Question 2 = 7 marks)



3 (a) As part of your course in clinical psychology you will have prepared a leaflet in which you have used secondary data.

What is meant by secondary data?

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(b) Explain **one** strength and **one** weakness of using secondary data in psychological research.

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4 (a) Describe the findings (results and/or conclusions) of the study by Rosenhan (1973) 'On being sane in insane places'.

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(b) Evaluate the study by Rosenhan (1973) 'On being sane in insane places'.

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(Total for Question 4 = 9 marks)



***5** There are many explanations for schizophrenia including biological ones.

Describe **one** explanation for schizophrenia and compare this with **one other** explanation. Comparisons include considering similarities and/or differences.

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(Total for Question 5 = 12 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 45 MARKS



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SECTION B: ISSUES AND DEBATES

Answer Questions 6, 7 and 8 and then EITHER Question 9(a) OR Question 9(b).

You are advised to spend approximately one hour on Section B.

6 (a) Describe the main features of observations as a research method.

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(b) (i) Explain **one** weakness of observations as a research method.

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(ii) Explain how the weakness you have explained in (b)(i) could be put right.

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(Total for Question 6 = 8 marks)



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7 (a) Read the information below about a psychological study.

A study was conducted into sleep deprivation in rats. The aim of the study was to see what happened if a rat was not allowed to sleep.

Each experimental rat was paired with a control rat. Every time an experimental rat fell asleep they were woken up by being pushed into water. At the same time the control rat was pushed into water whether it was asleep or awake.

The experimental rats that had been deprived of sleep suffered from many health problems and all died within a few weeks. The control rats however remained healthy.

The researchers concluded that lack of sleep caused the health problems and death of the experimental rats, and this suggests that humans would suffer if they did not get enough sleep.

Evaluate this study in terms of reliability, validity and generalisability.

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(b) Describe ethical issues that researchers should take into account when undertaking psychological research using animals.

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(Total for Question 7 = 10 marks)



8 (a) What is meant by ethnocentrism (ethnocentric bias) in psychological research?

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(b) Ethnocentrism can affect the way researchers interpret their findings.

Assess how ethnocentrism may influence the conclusions of psychological research.

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(Total for Question 8 = 9 marks)



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Answer EITHER Question 9(a) OR Question 9(b).

EITHER

*9 (a) Describe the contributions to society of the Cognitive and Psychodynamic Approaches, **and** compare the two approaches in terms of their scientific status. (18)

OR

*9 (b) Read the information in the box below.

Montbretia Lodge Nursing Home has several residents who are unable to live at home, but who still have lively, active minds and strong views. This can make this group of residents difficult to manage as they often disagree with staff, refuse to co-operate when told to do so and behave in ways that staff view as disruptive. The staff have asked the nursing home manager to help them implement psychological strategies to ensure the residents are more likely to do as they are told.

Describe strategies based on psychological theory that the staff might consider using to gain control over the residents' behaviour, **and** assess both the practical and ethical implications of such strategies.

(18)



Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box.
If you change your mind, put a line through the box and then indicate your new question with a cross .

Chosen Question Number: **Question 9(a)**

Question 9(b)

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(Total for Question 9 = 18 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 45 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 90 MARKS

