



GCE A level

1334/01

PSYCHOLOGY

UNIT PY4

**PSYCHOLOGY: CONTROVERSIES,
TOPICS AND APPLICATIONS**

P.M. FRIDAY, 27 January 2012

2½ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **ONE** question from Section A.

Answer **ONE** question from Section B and **ONE** question from Section C.

Answer **ONE** additional question from **either** Section B **or** Section C.

A total of **four** questions must be answered.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry equal marks.

You are reminded of the need for good English and orderly, clear presentation in your answers. Assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

You are reminded that this paper is synoptic and so will test understanding of the connections between the different elements of the subject.

Answer one question from each section and one additional question from either Section B or Section C.

SECTION A: Controversies

Answer one question only from this section.

1. (a) Describe what is meant by the term 'science'. [3]
- (b) Discuss the status of psychology as a science. [22]
2. (a) Describe what is meant by the term 'gender bias' in psychology. [3]
- (b) Discuss issues of gender bias in psychology. [22]

SECTION B: Topics

Answer at least one question from this section.

3. Describe and evaluate explanations for disorders of memory. [25]
4. Discuss cultural variations in relationships. [25]
5. Discuss issues relating to the measurement of intelligence. [25]
6. Discuss the effects of events during middle adulthood. [25]
7. Describe and evaluate explanations for disorders of sleep. [25]

SECTION C: Applications

Answer at least one question from this section.

8. Discuss the treatment of addiction. [25]
9. Describe and evaluate individual differences in learning styles. [25]
10. Discuss the decision-making of juries. [25]
11. Describe and evaluate internal factors affecting sporting performance. [25]
12. Describe and evaluate aetiologies of schizophrenia including physiological and psychological explanations. [25]