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General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Examination January 2012

Psychology (Specification A) PSYA2

Unit 2 Biological Psychology, Social Psychology and Individual Differences

Tuesday 17 January 2012 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

You will need no other materials.

Time allowed

1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer all questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this 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 72.
- Question 4 should be answered in continuous prose. You may use the space provided to plan your answer. In Question 4, you will be assessed on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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Section A Biological Psychology

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2	Lee and Denis were talking in the doctor's waiting room. Denis remarked that his new neighbours were very noisy and that whenever he drove into town it was getting increasingly difficult to find anywhere to park. Lee said that his wife had died recently and that he was just about to retire.
	Using examples from the conversation above, discuss the difference between life changes and daily hassles.
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3	Both life changes and daily hassles are often measured using questionnaires. Give two limitations of using questionnaires.
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'There are several methods used to manage the negative effects of stress. These methods can be biological or psychological.'
Discuss two or more methods of stress management.
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Section B Social Psychology

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Josie, Hana and Caitlyn have just started new jobs and all three are keen to do we Josie laughs a lot at the jokes her colleagues tell, even though she does not always find them very funny. Hana observes her colleagues closely and makes sure that she completes the work in the same way that they do, so that she does not make mistakes. Caitlyn prefers to learn through trial and error. She believes that by try and by making mistakes, she will really understand what she is doing.
Which girl's behaviour is being influenced by normative social influence and which behaviour is being influenced by informational social influence? Justify both choices
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6	Using your knowledge of psychology, explain why some people might resist pressures to conform.
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8	Describe two ethical issues that can be illustrated by Milgram's research into obedience to authority.
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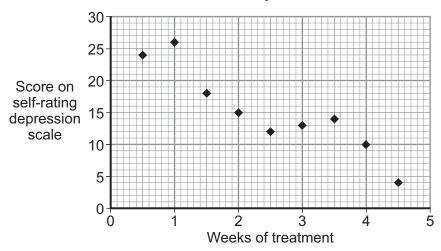
Section C Individual Differences

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Total for this question: 4 marks

The following scattergram shows the relationship between the number of weeks of treatment with ECT and the score on the Self-Rating Depression Scale (on this scale, a high score indicates depression).

Relationship between weeks of treatment and scores on depression scale



Outline what the scattergram seems to show.
(4 marks)

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Total for this question: 6 marks
Abnormality can be defined as 'the failure to function adequately'.
Outline and evaluate this definition of abnormality.

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12	The follow	ing statements refer to different approaches to abnormality.		
		ee statements that describe the psychodynamic approach. boxes only.		
	А	Holding unrealistic and irrational beliefs about oneself and the world.		
	В	Behaviour is caused mainly by the unconscious.		
	С	Behaviour is shaped by forces in the environment.		
	D	There is conflict between the id and the super-ego.		
	E	The human mind is an information processor.		
	F	Abnormality is caused by unresolved childhood problems.	(3 marks)	
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13	Outline the biological approach to abnormality.	
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	Total for this question: 7
h	lugh has a phobia of the dark. Because of this phobia, he has problems sleeping as difficulty getting to and from work in the dark winter months. His doctor suggiological therapy might be the solution and prescribes a short course of drugs.
	What advice should the doctor give concerning the disadvantages of this type of rug therapy?
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14 (b)	Identify one psychological therapy that Hugh could consider and explain why it might help him.					
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END OF QUESTIONS







