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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

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

Total for this question: 4 marks

- 1** Describe **one** research study that has investigated stress in the workplace. In your answer you should include details of what was done and what was found.

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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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Limitation Two

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6 Using your knowledge of psychology, explain why some people might resist pressures to conform.

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9 How has social influence research helped our understanding of social change?

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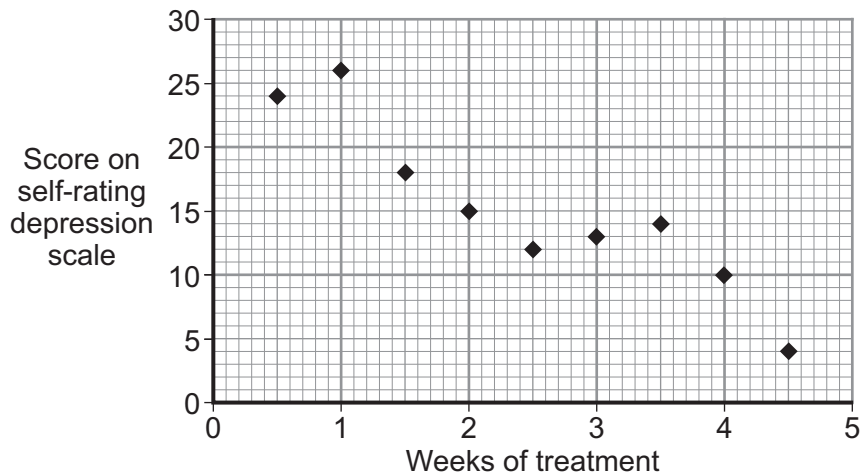
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The following scattergram shows the relationship between the number of weeks of treatment with ECT and the score on the Self-Rating Depression Scale (on this scale, a high score indicates depression).

Relationship between weeks of treatment and scores on depression scale



Outline what the scattergram seems to show.

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Total for this question: 3 marks

12 The following statements refer to different approaches to abnormality.

Select **three** statements that describe the psychodynamic approach.
Tick **three** boxes only.

- A** Holding unrealistic and irrational beliefs about oneself and the world.
- B** Behaviour is caused mainly by the unconscious.
- C** 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.

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13 Outline the biological approach to abnormality.

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14 Hugh has a phobia of the dark. Because of this phobia, he has problems sleeping and has difficulty getting to and from work in the dark winter months. His doctor suggests a biological therapy might be the solution and prescribes a short course of drugs.

14 (a) What advice should the doctor give concerning the disadvantages of this type of drug 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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