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General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Examination June 2012

Psychology (Specification A) PSYA2

Unit 2 Biological Psychology, Social Psychology and Individual Differences

Tuesday 29 May 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 6 should be answered in continuous prose. You may use the space provided to plan your answer. In Question 6, 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: 6 marks
1 (a)	Outline the pituitary-adrenal system.
	(3 marks)
	Extra space
4 (h)	Outline the aurement amoduller unothway
1 (b)	Outline the sympathomedullary pathway.
	(3 marks)
	Extra space



	Total for this question: 8 marks
2	Outline and evaluate research into life changes as sources of stress.
	(8 marks)





Brett and Sahil both work for the same company and have been talking about

is cond	g hours. Since these changes were made, he has had more days cerned that his health is beginning to suffer. There have been no c department and he said that he hardly ever takes days off sick.	
	n why Brett might have been affected by the changes in his departrological research into workplace stress in your answer.	ment. F
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Total for this question: 4 marks

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4	A researcher used a questionnaire and an in-depth interview to assess Georgia's personality. After completing the questionnaire Georgia was found to be Type A. However, after the in-depth interview she was found to be Type B.
	Explain why these methods might produce such different results.
	(4 marks)
	Extra space

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Section B Social Psychology

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

Total for this question: 4 marks

The following results are percentages of participants who gave the maximum shock, in variations of Milgram's experiment into obedience to authority.

Condition	% Participants obeying
Experimenter and two obedient confederates are in the same room as the participant.	92.5%
Experimenter is in the same room as the participant.	65%
Experimenter is in a different room from the participant.	20.5%
Experimenter and two disobedient confederates are in the same room as the participant.	10%

What do these results suggest about the power of the confederates in variations of Milgram's study?
(A mode)
(4 marks)
Extra space



	Total for this question	n: 12 marks
6	Outline and evaluate research into conformity.	(12 marks)
	You may use this space to plan your answer	





Extra space



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	Total for this question: 4 marks
7	Explain what is meant by locus of control.
	(4 marks)
	Extra space

Turn over for the next question



	Total for this question: 4 marks
8	Explain how a minority can bring about social change.
	(4 marks)
	Extra space



Section C Individual Differences

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

	Total for this question: 7 marks
9 (a)	One definition of abnormality is deviation from social norms. Identify and explain one other definition of abnormality.
	(3 marks)
9 (b)	Evaluate the definition of abnormality that you identified in your answer to 9(a) .
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	(4 marks)
	Extra space



		Total for the	nis ques	tion: 4 marks
	Case studies	s are a commonly used method of investigating abnor	rmality.	
1)	What is mea	ant by a case study?		
				(2 marks)
)	Outline one	weakness of using a case study as a method of inve-	stigation	
				(2 marks
				(2 marks)
		Total for the	nis ques	tion: 2 marks
		of the following statements apply to the cognitive apprology? Tick the two correct boxes.	oach to	
		Abnormal behaviour is learned in the same way as normal behaviour.		
		Abnormality is caused by distorted thoughts.		
		Abnormality is caused by unresolved childhood conflicts.		
		Abnormal behaviour is the result of irrational beliefs.		

	Total for this question: 5 marks
12	Outline the biological approach to psychopathology.
	(5 marks)
	Extra space

Turn over for the next question



Total for this question: 6 mar
Psychoanalysis is a beneficial therapy for some people. However, as with all therapid it has limitations.
Evaluate psychoanalysis as a therapy.
(6 mar)
Extra space

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