

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

PSYCHOLOGY

2549

Psychology and Crime

Friday

21 JANUARY 2005

Morning

1 hour 30 minutes

Each candidate must be given:

1. one copy of this question paper;
2. one 8-page answer book.

Additional materials:

4-page answer books may be issued to candidates who require them.

TIME 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer paper/answer booklet.
- Answer **one** question in Section A and **one** question in Section B.
- Write your answers on the separate answer paper provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **50**.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication where an answer requires a piece of extended writing.

This question paper consists of 2 printed pages.

Section A

Answer either Question 1 or Question 2 from this section.

1 (a) Describe one study that investigates victims of crime. [6]

(b) Discuss why the choice of sample is important in victim surveys. [10]

[Total: 16 marks]

2 (a) Outline evidence that investigates whether there is a police personality. [6]

(b) Evaluate the use of psychometric tests to identify personality traits in the police. [10]

[Total: 16 marks]

Section B

Answer either Question 3 or Question 4 from this section.

3 (a) Describe what psychologists have found out about the psychology of the courtroom. [10]

(b) Evaluate what psychologists have found out about the psychology of the courtroom. [16]

(c) You are a criminal psychologist. What recommendations would you suggest to make it easier for children to give evidence? Give reasons for your answer. [8]

[Total: 34 marks]

4 (a) Describe what psychologists have found out about explanations of criminal behaviour. [10]

(b) Evaluate what psychologists have found out about explanations of criminal behaviour. [16]

(c) You are a lawyer defending a person charged with burglary. This person has a long history of convictions for similar offences. Using your knowledge of psychology, outline possible explanations for this history of offending. Give reasons for your answer. [8]

[Total: 34 marks]

[Total paper marks: 50]