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Advanced Subsidiary GCE

PSYCHOLOGY

2541

Core Studies 2

Thursday

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Afternoon

1 hour

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The total number of marks for this paper is **50**.
- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- 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 3 printed pages and 1 blank page.

Section A

Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2 from this Section.

1 Psychological research is often conducted in laboratories.

Choose **one** of the core studies listed below and answer the following questions.

Dement and Kleitman (sleep and dreaming)
Loftus and Palmer (eyewitness testimony)
Bandura, Ross and Ross (aggression)

- (a) Describe how data was gathered in your chosen study. [6]
- (b) Briefly discuss **two** strengths and **two** weaknesses of conducting psychological studies in a laboratory with examples from your chosen study. [12]
- (c) Suggest **one** other way data could have been gathered for your chosen study and say how you think this might affect the results. [8]

2 Psychological research is often conducted in everyday settings.

Choose **one** of the core studies listed below and answer the following questions.

Freud (Little Hans)
Piliavin, Rodin and Piliavin (subway samaritans)
Rosenhan (sane in insane places)

- (a) Describe how data was gathered in your chosen study. [6]
- (b) Briefly discuss **two** strengths and **two** weaknesses of conducting psychological research in everyday settings with examples from your chosen study. [12]
- (c) Suggest **one** other way data could have been gathered for your chosen study and say how you think this might affect the results. [8]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 3 **or** Question 4 from this Section.

3 Some studies in psychology look at how individuals differ and how cultures differ.

Each of the studies listed below tells us about individual or cultural differences.

Deregowski (perception)
Gould (IQ testing)
Tajfel (intergroup discrimination)
Hraba and Grant (doll choice)

(a) Describe the findings of each of these studies. [12]

(b) Briefly discuss **two** advantages and **two** disadvantages of studying individual or cultural differences giving examples from any of these studies. [12]

4 Psychological research is often carried out on a sample of participants that is restricted in some way.

Each of the studies listed below involved a restricted sample of participants.

Schachter and Singer (emotion)
Milgram (obedience)
Raine, Buchsbaum and LaCasse (brain scans)
Haney, Banks and Zimbardo (prison simulation)

(a) Describe how the sample was selected in each of these studies. [12]

(b) Briefly discuss **two** advantages and **two** disadvantages of using a restricted sample of participants with examples from any of these studies. [12]

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