

Psychology

OCR Advanced Subsidiary GCE 3876 Unit 2542 Psychological Investigations Practical Investigations Folder

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CENTRES

- Centres must ensure that candidates follow the instructions given.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in the space above.
- Write your Centre number and Candidate number in the boxes above.
- Use this folder to record notes **only** on the practical activities listed below.
- Write only in the boxes provided.
- You may take this folder into the Examination Room.
- Attach the folder to your examination answer paper.
- No separate marks are awarded for the work contained in the folder. However, examiners may refer to it when marking your answer paper.

Practical Investigations:

Activity A: Questions, self reports and questionnaires;
Activity B: An observation;
Activity C: Collection of data to investigate the difference between two conditions;
Activity D: Collection of data involving two independent measures and analysis using a test of correlation.

You should also consider (but **not** record) the following:

- ethical issues;
- the validity and reliability of the measurements;
- alternative ways of measuring the variables;
- the weaknesses in the methodology and ways of reducing them;
- the advantages and disadvantages of each method / design.

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Activity A: Questions, self reports and questionnaires

State the aim of this activity.

Give examples of the questions used, including any rating scales etc.

Give details of sample.

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Outline the procedure you used for collecting data.

Use this space for a summary of your results.

State the conclusions which you drew from your findings.

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Activity B: An Observation

State the aim of this activity.

Describe the categories of behaviour that you observed and the rating or coding system that you used.

Give details of the sample that you observed.

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Outline the procedure that you followed for your observation.

Summarise your findings.

Give your conclusions.

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Activity C: Collection of data to investigate the difference between two conditions

State the hypothesis and null hypothesis for this activity.

Identify the variables.

Describe the two conditions.

Give details of the sample that you used for your investigation.

Outline the design/procedure.

Name the statistical test used to analyse the data.

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What were the results of *your* analysis.

State your conclusions including statements of significance relating to the hypothesis.

Use this space to present data using tables, visual displays and verbal summaries.

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Activity D: Collection of data involving two independent measures and analysis using a test of correlation

State the hypothesis and null hypothesis for this activity.

Describe the two variables and how they were measured.

Give details of the sample you used.

Summarise the procedure you used for this investigation.

Name the statistical test used to analyse your data.

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Present your data using tables, visual displays and verbal summaries.

State the results of the statistical analysis.

State your conclusions including statements of significance relating to the hypothesis.

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