

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Advanced GCE

PSYCHOLOGY

2549

Psychology and Crime

Monday **23 JANUARY 2006** Morning 1 hour 30 minutes

Each candidate must be given:

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

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 booklet 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.

- 1 (a) Describe one piece of research which has investigated children as witnesses. [6]
- (b) Discuss the problems faced by psychologists when conducting research into children as witnesses. [10]
- [Total: 16 marks]
- 2 (a) Describe one psychological offender treatment programme. [6]
- (b) Evaluate the effectiveness of psychological offender treatment programmes. [10]
- [Total: 16 marks]

Section B

Answer either Question 3 or Question 4.

- 3 (a) Describe what psychologists have found out about criminal thinking patterns. [10]
- (b) Evaluate what psychologists have found out about criminal thinking patterns. [16]
- (c) Some criminals see nothing wrong with offending. From your knowledge of psychology, suggest how criminals could be encouraged to change their thinking so that they obey the law. Give reasons for your answer. [8]
- [Total: 34 marks]
- 4 (a) Describe research into crime-victim interaction. [10]
- (b) Evaluate research into crime-victim interaction. [16]
- (c) An elderly neighbour has read about a local victim of a serious crime and now is afraid to go out. Using your knowledge of psychology, suggest how they might be helped to overcome their fear. Give reasons for your answer. [8]
- [Total: 34 marks]
- [Total paper marks: 50]