



ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE
PSYCHOLOGY
 Psychological Investigations

G541

Candidates answer on the Question Paper

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None

Other Materials Required:
None

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **all** questions in Sections A, B and C.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided, however additional paper may be used if necessary.

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 **60**.
- Quality of written communication is assessed throughout this paper.
- This document consists of **12** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section A

Answer **all** questions.

Researchers conducted an experiment to investigate the ability of ten males and ten females to recognise emotions displayed on the face. A set of 12 photographs of the same person displaying the six primary emotions (happiness, sadness, anger, surprise, fear and disgust) was used. Participants had ten seconds to look at each photograph and had to identify the emotion displayed before moving onto the next. One mark was awarded for each correct response, giving a total out of 12.

1 (a) Explain what is meant by the descriptive statistic called the mean.

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(b) Explain how the mean would have been calculated for the males and females in this study.

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2 When would the descriptive statistic called the 'median' be more appropriate and why?

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3 Evaluate the reliability and validity of the way the dependent variable (DV) has been measured in this study.

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Section A Total [20]

5 Describe **one** ethical issue that the researchers need to consider when conducting this observation and suggest how this could be dealt with.

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6 (a) Explain what is meant by inter-rater reliability in observational research.

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(b) Suggest how the researchers could ensure that this observation has inter-rater reliability.

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Section B Total [20]

Section C

Answer **all** questions.

Researchers conducted an investigation about dreaming using a self-report. Some examples of what participants were asked are presented below.

- *On average, how many dreams do you remember having each week?*

- *Briefly describe the best dream you have ever had.*

- *Do you appear in your own dreams?*

Never *Sometimes* *Always*

7 (a) Identify **one** open question and **one** closed question from this investigation.

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(b) Outline **one** strength and **one** weakness of the closed question you have identified.

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8 (a) What is qualitative data?

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(b) Identify how qualitative data would be obtained from **one** of the questions used in the investigation.

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