



PSYCHOLOGY HIGHER LEVEL PAPER 2

Thursday 3 May 2012 (morning)

2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer two questions, each from a different option. Each question is worth [22 marks].
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is [44 marks].

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Abnormal psychology

- 1. Discuss validity and reliability of diagnosis.
- **2.** Evaluate the use of group approaches to treatment of **one** anxiety, affective or eating disorder.
- **3.** Examine how one or more biological factor(s) influence either **one** specific anxiety disorder **or one** specific eating disorder.

Developmental psychology

- **4.** Contrast **two** examples of psychological research (theories and/or studies) into adolescence.
- **5.** Discuss strategies to build resilience.
- **6.** Discuss psychological research (theories and/or studies) related to the potential effects of deprivation or trauma in childhood on later development.

Health psychology

7. Outline **two** stressors.

Evaluate **one** strategy for coping with stress.

- **8.** Discuss **one** prevention strategy for obesity.
- **9.** Evaluate **one** treatment for substance abuse or addictive behaviour.

Psychology of human relationships

- **10.** To what extent do biological factors influence human relationships?
- 11. Discuss research (theories and/or studies) related to why relationships may change or end.
- 12. Evaluate psychological research (theories and/or studies) on factors influencing bystanderism.

Sport psychology

- **13.** Evaluate psychological research (theories and/or studies) related to goal-setting in the motivation of individuals involved in sport.
- **14.** Discuss reasons for using drugs in sport.
- **15.** To what extent do cognitive factors influence behaviour in sport?