



PSYCHOLOGY STANDARD LEVEL PAPER 1

Thursday 6 November 2008 (afternoon)

2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not turn over this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Section A: answer all the questions.
- Section B: answer one question.

SECTION A

Answer **all** questions in this section. When structured questions are set (that is, with parts a and b) candidates should clearly label each part of their answer a and b.

Biological Perspective

1. Describe **one** contribution that the biological perspective has made to the scientific study of behaviour.

[8 marks]

Cognitive Perspective

2. (a) Define *ecological validity*.

[2 marks]

(b) Explain how **one** research study from the cognitive perspective lacks ecological validity.

[6 marks]

Learning Perspective

3. Describe **one** theory of behaviour from the learning perspective.

[8 marks]

SECTION B

Answer **one** question in this section. Marks will be awarded for clear presentation of **theories**, inclusion of appropriate **empirical studies** and **evaluation**.

4. Examine how any **one** biological correlate of behaviour (*e.g.* genes, neurotransmitters, hormones) contributes to our understanding of behaviour.

[20 marks]

5. Describe and evaluate **two** theories from the cognitive perspective.

[20 marks]

6. "Findings from psychological research are often applied to address behaviour in real-world settings."

Discuss **two** or more applications of **one** theory from the learning perspective.

[20 marks]