



PSYCHOLOGY STANDARD LEVEL PAPER 1

Thursday 6 May 2010 (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.

Biological Perspective

1. Explain why the reductionist approach, as adopted by many biological psychologists, may be regarded as controversial.

[8 marks]

Cognitive Perspective

2. Explain how **one** key concept from the cognitive perspective helps us understand behaviour.

[8 marks]

Learning Perspective

3. Explain **one** contribution of the learning perspective to the **scientific** study of behaviour.

[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. Describe **one** study from the biological perspective and discuss how this study has contributed to our understanding of behaviour.

[20 marks]

5. Assess the extent to which **one** model of information processing has helped in understanding cognitive processes.

[20 marks]

6. Using empirical studies explain **two** research methods (*e.g.* experiments, observations) employed by psychologists in the learning perspective.

[20 marks]