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Paper 1 Introductory topics in psychology

Monday 18 May 2020 Afternoon Time allowed: 2 hours

Materials
For this paper you may use:
- a calculator.

Instructions
- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
  You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do **not** write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
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- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 96.
- Questions should be answered in continuous prose. You will be assessed on your ability to:
  – use good English
  – organise information clearly
  – use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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Section A

Social influence

Answer **all** questions in this section.

Only **one** answer for each question is allowed.

For each question completely fill in the circle alongside the appropriate answer.

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If you want to change your answer you must cross out your original answer as shown. ⊠

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0 1 Which **one** of the following is most associated with informational social influence?

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[1 mark]

A It is an emotional, rather than cognitive, process. ⬭

B It is based on a desire to be liked, rather than a desire to be right. ⬭

C It is more likely to lead to a permanent, rather than temporary, change in attitude. ⬭

D It occurs in unambiguous situations, rather than those where there is no obvious answer. ⬭

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0 2 In a sixth form debating society, Samina is the only student in a group of six who does not believe that drugs should be legalised.

Using your knowledge of minority influence processes, explain **two** ways in which Samina could convince the other students in the debating society to agree with her.

[4 marks]

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0 3 Researchers have identified different features of science, including:

- replicability
- theory construction
- hypothesis testing.

Explain how Asch's conformity research illustrates **one** of these features of science.

[3 marks]

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0 4 It is the end of the school day and Freddie is pushing other students in the bus queue.

"Stop it, will you?" protests one of Freddie's classmates.

"You can't tell me what to do!" laughs Freddie.

At that moment, Freddie turns to see the deputy head, wearing a high-visibility jacket, staring angrily at him. Without thinking, Freddie stops pushing the other boys and waits quietly in line.

Discuss the legitimacy of authority **and** agentic state explanations of obedience.
Refer to Freddie's behaviour in your answer.

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Section B

Memory

Answer **all** questions in this section.

0 5 Which type of long-term memory would be most associated with the following?

Write the correct type of long-term memory in the spaces provided.

0 5 . 1 Stored with reference to contextual information, eg time and place

[1 mark]

_____

0 5 . 2 Difficult to describe in words

[1 mark]

_____

0 5 . 3 Knowing the meaning of a word

[1 mark]

_____

A researcher investigated retrieval failure using an independent groups design.

In **Condition A**, 10 participants learnt 30 words and recalled them in the same room.

In **Condition B**, another 10 participants learnt the same 30 words in one room and recalled them in a different room.

The results for **Condition B** are shown below.

Table 1

Participant	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Number of words recalled	9	11	8	28	14	13	9	15	10	12

The researcher decided to use the mean to analyse the results.

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0 6 State **one** advantage of an independent groups design.

[1 mark]

0 7 Suggest a more appropriate measure of central tendency for this data set **and** explain why it would be more appropriate.

[3 marks]

0 8 Another explanation for forgetting is interference.

Using an example, explain what is meant by retroactive interference.

[3 marks]

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0 9 Danielle was walking down the high street when she witnessed a crime. A young man attacked an elderly woman. After a struggle, the man ran away with the woman's handbag. Danielle and another couple of witnesses stayed with the woman until the police arrived.

Explain how the police could use the cognitive interview to help Danielle's recall of the event.

[6 marks]

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1 0 Outline and evaluate research into duration in memory.

[8 marks]

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Section C

Attachment

Answer **all** questions in this section.

1 1 Nine-year-old Annie asks her mother, "What was I like as a toddler?"

"Oh, you could be a bit difficult," Annie's mother replies. "You used to scream when I left you at nursery. When I returned to pick you up, you would run towards me and then push me away."

1 1 . 1 Identify the attachment type that Annie's mother is describing.

[1 mark]

1 1 . 2 Distinguish between **two other** types of attachment.

[4 marks]

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1 2 Studies of attachment often involve naturalistic observations.

Suggest **one** way in which studies of attachment could be improved by using controlled observations.

[3 marks]

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1 3 Discuss research into caregiver-infant interactions in humans.

[16 marks]

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Section D

Psychopathology

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1 4 Briefly evaluate the deviation from the ideal mental health definition of abnormality.

[4 marks]

1 5 Outline **two** cognitive characteristics of obsessive-compulsive disorder.

[4 marks]

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Max has a phobia of the sea. On a family holiday as a child, he was carried away by the tide and had to be rescued by a lifeguard. Now he has a family of his own, Max refuses to go on beach holidays.

1 6 Discuss the two-process model of phobias. Refer to Max's phobia of the sea in your answer.

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