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GCSE PSYCHOLOGY

Paper 2 Social Context and Behaviour

Friday 5 June 2020 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

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.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

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Section	Mark
A	
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Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- Question 14 is a synoptic question in which you will be rewarded for your ability to draw together different areas of knowledge and understanding from across the full course of study.
- 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.



Section A

Social influence

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Only **one** answer per question is allowed, except where stated otherwise.

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

CORRECT METHOD  WRONG METHODS    

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

If you wish to return to an answer previously crossed out, ring the answer you now wish to select as shown. 

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Which **two** of the following statements about conformity are correct?

Shade **two** boxes.

[2 marks]

- A** Conformity is when people follow the orders of someone in a position of authority. 
- B** Group size does not affect how likely people are to conform. 
- C** People are more likely to conform when the task they are doing is difficult. 
- D** People are more likely to conform when they have a high level of expertise in the task they are doing. 
- E** Personality can affect how likely people are to conform. 



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When carrying out the experiment you have outlined in your answer to Question **02.1**, you should consider ethical issues.

Identify **two** ethical issues that you would need to consider.

Suggest **one** appropriate way of dealing with **each** of the issues you identify.

[4 marks]

Ethical issue one _____

Ethical issue two _____



03

Read the following information.

A psychologist wanted to understand more about bystander behaviour. She carried out a study to see if someone’s appearance would affect how quickly people helped them when they fell over.

In condition 1, an actor fell over in a public place. He was using a crutch and pretending to have a broken leg.

In condition 2, an actor fell over in a public place. He was pretending to be drunk.

The psychologist recorded how long it took for people to offer help to the actor in both conditions.

03.1

Which of the following research methods is being used in this study on bystander behaviour?

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[1 mark]

- A Case study ☐
- B Field experiment ☐
- C Interview ☐
- D Natural experiment ☐

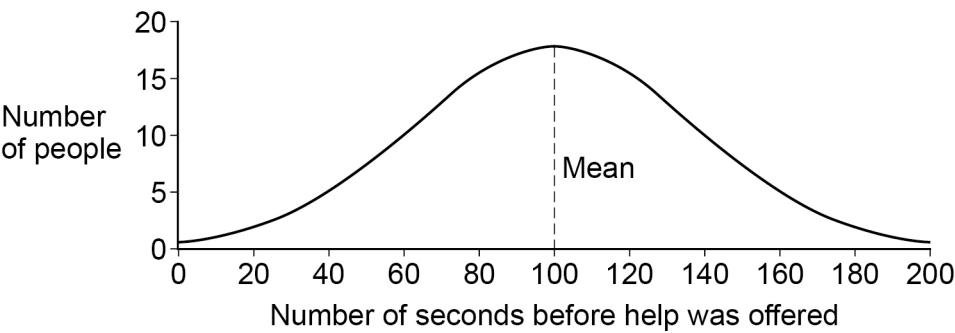
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The results for condition 1 are shown in **Figure 1**.

Figure 1



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When data is plotted on a graph and makes the shape seen in **Figure 1**, what name is given to it?

[1 mark]

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Name **two** other descriptive statistics that would have a very similar value to the mean in **Figure 1**.

[2 marks]

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Section B

Language, thought and communication

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

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A researcher wanted to understand the possible relationship between language and thought.

To help him understand this possible relationship, he carried out a study to see if there was any variation in the recognition of colours between people who speak different languages.

The participants were either English speakers or non-English speakers. Only the non-English speakers' language includes words that mean 'light shade of green' and 'dark shade of green'.

The researcher showed each participant 10 cards in different shades of green. Each participant was asked if the card was a light or dark shade of green.

The researcher recorded how long it took each participant to give a correct answer. The results of the research are shown in **Table 1**.

Table 1 Total time (in seconds) that 10 participants took to recognise all of the shades of green correctly

English speaking participants	Non-English speaking participants
500	300

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Which is the correct ratio of time taken by non-English speaking participants to time taken by English speaking participants?

Shade **one** box.

[1 mark]

- A 1:5

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- B 2:5

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- C 3:5

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- D 4:5

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A friend of yours is going to have an interview for a summer holiday job and asks for your advice about body language.

Using your knowledge of psychology, suggest an appropriate posture for your friend to use during the interview. Justify your answer.

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Section C

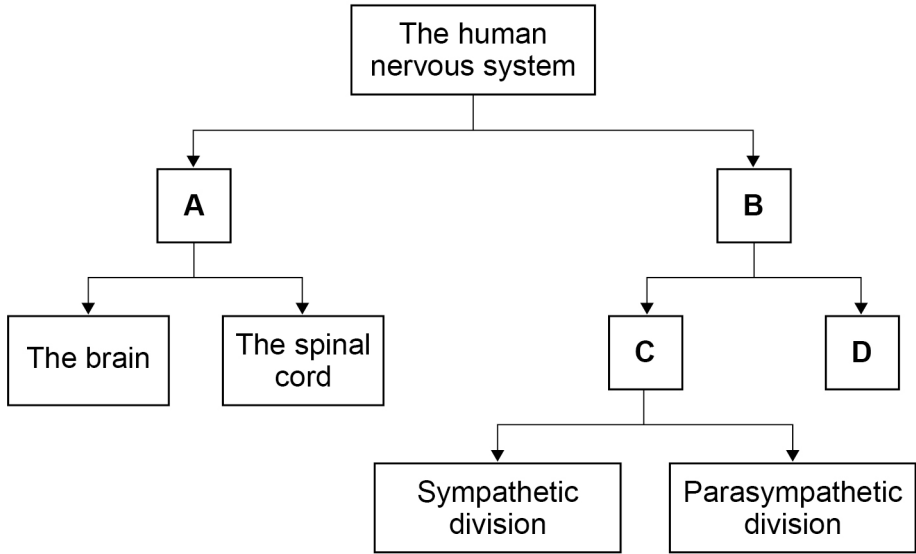
Brain and neuropsychology

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

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Look at the diagram of the divisions of the human nervous system in **Figure 2** and answer the question that follows.

Figure 2



In **Figure 2**, four divisions of the human nervous system are labelled with the letters **A**, **B**, **C** and **D**.

Identify each of the divisions by placing the correct letter in the appropriate box in **Table 2**.

Use each letter only once.

[3 marks]

Table 2

Name of the division of the human nervous system	Letter given in Figure 2
The autonomic nervous system	
The central nervous system	
The peripheral nervous system	
The somatic nervous system	



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Evaluate the James-Lange theory of emotion.

[4 marks]

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Neurons are nerve cells that carry messages.

Explain the specific function of a sensory neuron.

Give **one** example of a situation that would cause the sensory neuron to send a message.

[3 marks]

Explanation _____

Example _____



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Read the following information.

Vijay passed his driving test 6 months ago. When he first started having lessons, he had to concentrate really hard to steer the car and change gear. Now he can do these things almost without thinking.

Use your knowledge of Hebb's theory of learning and neuronal growth to explain Vijay's behaviour.

[3 marks]

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Describe how a PET scan is used to look at brain functioning.

[3 marks]

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Section D

Psychological problems

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

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Read the following article.

Effects of significant mental health problems

A report looking at the effects of significant mental health problems has been published today.

The report suggests that one of the most worrying effects is the negative impact on the physical well-being of people with mental health problems. Not only can this increase the number of visits made to doctors and other healthcare professionals, it can also decrease productivity due to people missing work.

The report also looks at other effects, such as the higher costs of policing due to increases in crime rates and the damage caused to relationships.

The article gives a number of examples of the effects of significant mental health problems.

Identify **two** examples of effects on individuals and **two** examples of effects on society that the article refers to.

Write your answers in the correct boxes.

[4 marks]

Effects on individuals	Effects on society



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The number of people with significant mental health problems has changed over time.

Use your knowledge of psychology to suggest **two** reasons for this change.

[2 marks]

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Researchers used an online questionnaire to investigate a possible link between the amount of time spent on social media and depression.

Only people who regularly spend at least nine hours a day on social media were asked to complete the questionnaire. Fifty questionnaires were completed and returned.

One of the questions asked participants if they thought that their sleep patterns were affected by spending time on social media. **Table 3** shows the results.

Table 3 Responses of participants to the question: ‘Do you think your sleep patterns are affected by the amount of time you spend on social media sites?’

Response 1 – YES	Response 2 – NO
28	22

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Calculate the percentage of participants who said their sleep patterns were affected.

Show your workings.

[2 marks]

Workings

= _____ %



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'Changes in sleep patterns' is listed in the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) as a symptom of unipolar depression.

Identify **two other** symptoms of unipolar depression listed in the ICD.

[2 marks]

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The researchers used opportunity sampling to select the participants who answered the questionnaire.

Explain **one** weakness of using opportunity sampling in psychological research.

[2 marks]

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Briefly evaluate the use of antidepressant medications as an intervention for depression.

[3 marks]

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One characteristic of addiction is dependence.

What is meant by dependence?

[2 marks]



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Identify **one** intervention **or** therapy for addiction that could be viewed as holistic.

Explain your answer.

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