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Paper 1 Introductory topics in psychology

Friday 19 May 2023 | Morning | 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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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 **two** answers for each question is allowed.

For each question completely fill in the circles alongside the appropriate answers.

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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 **two** of the following best describe Zimbardo's prison study?

Shade **two** boxes only.

[2 marks]

A Controlled observation ⬭

B Covert observation ⬭

C Laboratory experiment ⬭

D Natural experiment ⬭

E Participant observation ⬭

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Students Natasha and Tanya are buying food in the supermarket on their way home from school. As they are paying, they notice their psychology teacher, Mr Boat, at the far end of the queue. They both smile and wave.

Mr Boat shouts, "Hey, you two! I think you owe me homework. Wait there so we can have a quick chat."

Natasha and Tanya finish paying, glance at each other giggling and hurry out of the supermarket.

0 2 Using your knowledge of obedience research, explain possible reasons why the students failed to obey their teacher.

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0 3 Discuss research into minority influence.

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Section B

Memory

Answer **all** questions in this section.

Two groups of participants took part in a memory experiment. The researcher read 20 words to the participants.

- Participants in **Group A** had to write down the words immediately after they had heard them.
- Participants in **Group B** had to write down the words after they had read a book for one minute.

The researcher noticed that:

- participants in **Group A** generally recalled words from the beginning and the end of the list
- participants in **Group B** generally recalled words from the beginning of the list only.

0 4 Outline what is meant by standardisation **and** suggest **one** way standardisation could have been used in this experiment.

[2 marks]

0 5 Outline what is meant by randomisation **and** suggest **one** way randomisation could have been used in this experiment.

[2 marks]

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0 6 Explain the results of this experiment with reference to the multi-store model of memory.

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0 7 Discuss research into the effects of anxiety on the accuracy of eyewitness testimony.

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Section C

Attachment

Answer **all** questions in this section.

0 8 Outline the learning theory of attachment.

[4 marks]

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0 9 Outline Van Ijzendoorn's investigation of cultural variations in attachment.

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Ryan is a 14-year-old boy who spent the first five years of his life in care.

Ryan has a difficult relationship with his adoptive parents and has few friends.
His recent school report described him as achieving below average in most subjects.
Ryan has also recently been in trouble with the police for antisocial behaviour.

1 0 Discuss Bowlby's theory of maternal deprivation. Refer to Ryan in your answer.

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Section D

Psychopathology

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Dave wants to achieve what he thinks of as the perfect body and will often visit the gym up to three times a day. He finds it difficult to concentrate in the office as he is constantly thinking about his next workout. Even though his friends tell him he looks great, Dave worries his body shape is inferior compared to the other men at the gym.

1 1 Briefly outline the deviation from ideal mental health definition of abnormality. Refer to Dave in your answer.

[4 marks]

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1 2 Another way of defining abnormality is failure to function adequately.

Evaluate the failure to function adequately definition of abnormality.

[5 marks]

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1 3 Patients with depression were asked to keep a daily diary of their experiences as part of their therapy. Two researchers analysed the same extracts from the diaries using content analysis.

What is content analysis?

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1 4 Explain **one** way in which the researchers could have used content analysis to analyse diary extracts in this investigation.

[2 marks]

The two researchers' analyses of the diary extracts were found to be quite different.

1 5 Explain how the reliability of this content analysis could be improved.

[4 marks]

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One of the diaries included the following extract:

'Managed to drag myself out of the house yesterday but wished I hadn't. Went to the shop but dropped my change at the till. Everybody knew I was useless. Why can I not do anything right? No one else I know does such stupid things.'

1 6 Ellis proposed an ABC model of depression. Outline and evaluate the ABC model of depression. Refer to this diary extract in your answer.

[8 marks]

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