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Paper 1 Introductory topics in psychology

Monday 13 May 2024 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 30 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.

Information
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- 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.

0 1 Outline how **two** variables investigated by Asch affected conformity.

[4 marks]

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0 2 Explain **two** ethical limitations of Asch's investigations into conformity.

[4 marks]

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0 3 Suggest **two** reasons why Asch's conformity investigations could be considered to be unrealistic.

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0 4 Studies of social influence are often criticised for using volunteer sampling to select participants.

Explain how you could use a different sampling technique to select participants.

[2 marks]

0 5 Outline flexibility as a factor in minority influence.

[2 marks]

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0 6 Two sixth-form students, Mimi and Asif, noticed other students dropping their rubbish on the school playground. They decided to launch a campaign to reduce littering at their school.

Describe the roles of consistency **and** commitment in minority influence. Explain how Mimi and Asif could demonstrate consistency **and** commitment as part of their campaign.

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Section B

Memory

Answer **all** questions in this section.

Only **one** answer per question is allowed.

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

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0 7 Which component of the working memory model is responsible for verbal rehearsal?

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[1 mark]

A Central executive ⬭

B Episodic buffer ⬭

C Phonological loop ⬭

D Visuo-spatial sketchpad ⬭

0 8 The sensory register is a component of the multi-store model of memory. Describe the sensory register.

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A psychologist investigated the effect of anxiety on the accuracy of memory. She obtained a volunteer sample of 50 psychology students by putting up a poster on the college noticeboard. She showed the students two short films.

Condition 1: the film showed a violent crime (high-anxiety condition).
Condition 2: the film showed a comedy sketch (low-anxiety condition).

After watching the film in Condition 1, each student completed a questionnaire with 40 closed questions about events in the film. This was repeated for Condition 2.

The median number of correct and incorrect answers for each film was calculated. The results are shown in **Table 1**.

Table 1 The median number of correct and incorrect answers for the two films

	High-anxiety condition	Low-anxiety condition
The median number of correct answers	16	32
The median number of incorrect answers	24	8

What can the psychologist conclude from the results in **Table 1**?

Justify your answer.

[2 marks]

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1 0 Explain **one** strength **and one** limitation of using volunteer sampling in this study.

[4 marks]

1 1 The psychologist used closed questions on the questionnaire.

Explain **one** reason why it might have been better to use open questions rather than closed questions on the questionnaire.

[2 marks]

1 2 The psychologist was concerned that the number of correct answers recalled would be affected by the participants taking part in both conditions of the experiment.

Explain **one** way the psychologist could deal with this problem.

[2 marks]

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1 3 Briefly evaluate research into post-event discussion as a factor that affects the accuracy of eyewitness testimony.

[2 marks]

1 4 Discuss interference as an explanation for forgetting.

[8 marks]

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Section C

Attachment

Answer **all** questions in this section.

1 5 Briefly describe Bowlby's theory of maternal deprivation.

[3 marks]

1 6 Holly is now 6 years old. Since the age of 6 months she has lived in five different foster care homes. A couple has decided to adopt Holly but they are worried about her ability to form a good relationship with them. They also have concerns regarding her progress at school. Her last school report said she was disruptive in class, had been involved in a fight and had performed poorly in the end-of-year tests.

Explain how Bowlby's theory of maternal deprivation might be applied to Holly.

[6 marks]

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1 7 Dave says, "The way in which children and their carers form attachments is different all over the world. Fortunately, most children do form secure attachments. However, in some cultures, studies have shown there can be very different types of insecure attachments between children and their carers."

Using **one** example of cultural variations in attachment, explain Dave's comments about insecure attachments.

[2 marks]

1 8 Give **one** limitation of van Ijzendoorn's research into cultural variations in attachment.

[1 mark]

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1 9 Discuss learning theory as an explanation of attachment.

[12 marks]

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