A-level
PSYCHOLOGY
Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology

Monday 20 May 2019 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.
• 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.
Outline two explanations of resistance to social influence.

[4 marks]

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In 1987, a survey of 1000 young people found that 540 said they smoked cigarettes, whilst 460 said they did not. In 2017, a similar survey of another 1000 young people found that 125 said they smoked cigarettes, whilst 875 said they did not.

02 Calculate the ratio of smokers to non-smokers in 2017. Give your answer in simplest form. Show your workings.

03 Which statistical test should be used to calculate whether there is a significant difference in reported smoking behaviour between the two surveys? Give three reasons for your answer.
The survey shows that fewer young people are smoking today than in 1987.

Using your knowledge of social influence processes in social change, explain possible reasons for this change in behaviour.

[6 marks]
Discuss ethical issues in social influence research.

[8 marks]
Section B

Memory

Answer all questions in this section.

Only two answers for this question are allowed.

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

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. ❌

Which two of A, B, C, D and E are associated with the cognitive interview technique?

Shade two boxes only.

[2 marks]

A  Alter the perspective  ❌
B  Change the speaker  ❌
C  Match the direction  ❌
D  Remove the context  ❌
E  Reverse the order  ❌

Turn over for the next question
Evaluate the cognitive interview as a way of improving the accuracy of eyewitness testimony. [6 marks]
Most PIN codes are 4 digits long and are easy to remember. In contrast, mobile phone numbers are 11 digits long. Most people would not be able to remember a friend’s new mobile phone number unless they were able to say it to themselves several times without interruption.

08 Discuss the multi-store model of memory. Refer to the information above in your answer. [16 marks]

You may use this space to plan your answer.
Section C
Attachment

Answer all questions in this section.

09 Outline findings from research into the role of the father in attachment. [4 marks]

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Explain the economic implications of research into the role of the father in attachment.

[4 marks]
Discuss research into the influence of early attachment on childhood and/or adult relationships.

[16 marks]

You may use this space to plan your answer.
Section D
Psychopathology

Answer all questions in this section.

1 2 Outline two behavioural characteristics of depression. [4 marks]

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Agoraphobia is an extreme fear of open or public spaces. It affects less than 1% of adults in the UK. In many cases, people with agoraphobia are unable to leave their homes and may not even be able to look outside, perceiving threats everywhere. The condition is very stressful for the individual, and for their family, and may prevent sufferers from living a normal life and achieving their potential.

Referring to the description above, outline three definitions of abnormality. [6 marks]
One explanation for phobias, including agoraphobia, is the two-process model.

Outline one limitation of the two-process model. [2 marks]

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A researcher wanted to investigate agoraphobia by studying Patient X. The researcher designed a questionnaire to find out about Patient X’s experiences. However, a colleague suggested that the researcher might do better to conduct a case study.

Explain one or more reasons why it might be better to conduct a case study than a questionnaire. [4 marks]

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Outline and evaluate **one or more** neural explanations of obsessive-compulsive disorder.

[8 marks]
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