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A-level

PSYCHOLOGY

A-level topic mock · Based on AQA
Psychology

Paper 3 · Section B option ·

Gender

2026

Time allowed: 1 hour

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- a black ink or black ball-point pen.

Instructions

- This paper is for **A-level only** — Gender is a Paper 3 option topic, not assessed at AS.
- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Fill in the boxes above.
- Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided. If you need extra space, use the lined pages at the end.
- Cross through any rough work you do not want marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets. This paper covers **Gender** only (AQA spec 4.3.3).
- **Maximum mark: 48.** The paper includes an 8-mark essay (Q10) and a 16-mark essay (Q11).
- Answer in continuous prose. You will be assessed on use of good English, clear organisation and specialist vocabulary.

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Section B

Gender

Answer all questions in this section.

0 1

Which one of the following describes a person with **Klinefelter's syndrome**? Write A, B, C or D in your answer book.

A A person with only one X chromosome (45,X0).

B A person with an extra X chromosome (47,XXY).

C A person with an XY karyotype whose cells do not respond properly to androgens.

D A person whose adrenal glands produce excess androgens during foetal development.

[1 mark]

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0 2

Which one of the following best describes **gender constancy**? Write A, B, C or D in your answer book.

A The child can correctly label themselves and others as a boy or girl.

B The child understands gender stays the same over time but may change with appearance.

C The child understands gender stays the same across both time and situations.

D The child has developed a mental schema about boys and girls.

[1 mark]

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0 3

Which one of the following best describes a **gender-fluid** identity? Write A, B, C or D in your answer book.

A A person who identifies only as either male or female.

B A person whose gender identity matches their birth-assigned sex.

C A person whose gender identity may change over time.

D A person who has undergone gender-affirming surgery.

[1 mark]

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Outline what is meant by **gender identities**. Refer to **binary, non-binary** and **gender fluid** in your answer.

[3 marks]

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Briefly outline the role of **hormones** in biological sex. Refer to **testosterone**, **oestrogen** and **oxytocin** in your answer.

[3 marks]

0 9

Briefly outline how **social learning theory** explains gender development. Refer to the influence of **culture or media** in your answer.

[4 marks]
