
PSYCHOLOGY

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Paper 2 Core Studies 2

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1 hour 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **both** questions in Section A.

Answer **one** question in Section B.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Section A (50 marks)

Answer **both** questions in this section.

- 1 Piliavin et al. (subway Samaritans) conducted a field experiment to investigate diffusion of responsibility. An alternative way to collect data would be to conduct a study using a self report on students.
- (a) Describe the features of the self-report method. [5]
 - (b) Design an alternative investigation into diffusion of responsibility using a self report on students, and describe how it could be conducted. [10]
 - (c) Evaluate this alternative way of studying diffusion of responsibility in methodological and ethical terms. [10]
- 2 Maguire et al. conducted a study to investigate activation of the right hippocampus in the brains of taxi drivers.
- (a) What is meant by the term 'generalisations'? [2]
 - (b) Describe **one** generalisation that can be made from the study by Maguire et al. [3]
 - (c) Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of making generalisations from the study by Maguire et al. [10]
 - (d) Compare the physiological approach with **one** other approach in psychology, using studies as examples. [10]

Section B (20 marks)

Answer **one** question in this section.

- 3 (a)** What is meant by the term 'reliability' in psychology? [2]

Using the studies from the list below, answer the questions which follow:

Tajfel (intergroup categorisation)
Veale and Riley (mirror gazing)
Milgram (obedience)

- (b)** Describe how the data were collected in each of these studies. [9]
(c) What problems may psychologists have when they try to make their studies reliable? [9]

- 4 (a)** Outline what is meant by the 'developmental approach' in psychology. [2]

Using the studies from the list below, answer the questions which follow:

Bandura et al. (aggression)
Nelson (children's morals)
Langlois et al. (infant facial preference)

- (b)** Describe how the developmental processes were measured in each of these studies. [9]
(c) What are the advantages of investigating the developmental approach? [9]

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