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PSYCHOLOGY

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Paper 1 Approaches, Issues and Debates

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Answer **all** questions.

1 From the study by Baron-Cohen et al. testing theory of mind in participants with Asperger's syndrome and autism:

(a) Name the test that was being revised in this study.

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(b) Identify **two** problems with the original test.

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(c) Outline **one** conclusion from this study.

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2 From the study by Piliavin et al. (subway Samaritans):

(a) Describe what the observers recorded about participants in the adjacent area.

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(b) Describe **one** result about the sex of 'spontaneous first helpers'. You **must** use data in your answer.

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3 Explain one or more real-world applications of the study by Dement and Kleitman (sleep and dreams). Do **not** refer to more than three applications in your answer.

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4 From the study by Saavedra and Silverman (button phobia):

(a) (i) Name **one** stimulus given a Distress Rating of 2 or 3 on the Disgust/Fear Hierarchy.

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(ii) Name **one** stimulus given a Distress Rating of 7 or 8 on the Disgust/Fear Hierarchy.

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(b) Describe the participant used in this study.

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(c) Explain why this study is from the learning approach.

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7 From the study by Laney et al. (false memory):

(a) Outline **one** aim of this study.

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(b) Outline **one** methodological weakness of this study.

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(c) Suggest **one** real-world application based on the procedure of this study.

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8 From the study by Bandura et al. (aggression):

(a) Describe how the children were rated on aggressive behaviour in their nursery school, prior to the study.

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(b) Explain whether each guideline below was broken in the study by Bandura et al.:

confidentiality:
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protection from physical harm:
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protection from psychological harm:
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right to withdraw:
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