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Psychology
Standard level
Paper 1

6 May 2026

Zone A afternoon | **Zone B** afternoon | **Zone C** afternoon

2 hours

Instructions to students

- Do not turn over this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Section A: answer all the questions.
- Section B: answer one question.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[49 marks]**.

Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section. Marks will be awarded for focused answers demonstrating accurate knowledge and understanding of research.

Biological approach to understanding behaviour

1. With reference to **one** relevant study, explain the use of twin studies **or** kinship studies. [9]

Cognitive approach to understanding behaviour

2. Explain rational (controlled) thinking with reference to **one** relevant study. [9]

Sociocultural approach to understanding behaviour

3. Describe the formation of stereotypes **and/or** the effect(s) of stereotypes on behaviour with reference to **one** relevant study. [9]

Section B

Answer **one** question in this section. Marks will be awarded for demonstration of knowledge and understanding (which requires the use of relevant psychological research), evidence of critical thinking (for example, application, analysis, synthesis, evaluation), and organization of answers.

4. Discuss the effect of **one or more** hormones on behaviour. [22]
5. Evaluate **one or more** models of memory. [22]
6. Evaluate social identity theory. [22]
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