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Psychology

Higher level

Paper 2

7 May 2026

Zone A morning | **Zone B** morning | **Zone C** morning

2 hours

Instructions to students

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer two questions, each from a different option. Each question is worth **[22 marks]**.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[44 marks]**.

Answer **two** questions, each from a different option.

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.

Abnormal psychology

1. Discuss the role of **one or more** clinical biases in diagnosis.
2. Discuss **one or more** explanations for **one or more** disorders.
3. Discuss **one** biological treatment **and one** psychological treatment for **one or more** disorders.

Developmental psychology

4. To what extent does poverty **and/or** socio-economic status influence cognitive **and/or** social development?
5. Discuss **one or more** theories of attachment.
6. Evaluate **one or more** research methods used to investigate how humans develop as learners.

Health psychology

7. Evaluate **one or more** studies related to the biopsychosocial model of health and well-being.
8. Discuss prevalence rates of **one or more** health problems.
9. Discuss **one or more** ethical considerations related to promoting health.

Psychology of human relationships

10. Discuss **one or more** factors that may affect the formation of personal relationships.
 11. Discuss **one or more** studies investigating the origins of conflict **and/or** conflict resolution.
 12. Discuss prosocial behaviour.
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