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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. Evaluate **one or more** studies investigating the validity **and/or** reliability of diagnosis.
2. Contrast the biological approach and the sociocultural approach to understanding the etiology of abnormal psychology.
3. Discuss the effectiveness of **one or more** treatments for **one or more** disorders.

Developmental psychology

4. Discuss the role of peers **and/or** play in cognitive development **and/or** social development.
5. Evaluate **one or more** studies relevant to the development of gender identity.
6. Discuss **one or more** ethical considerations in research investigating how humans develop as learners.

Health psychology

7. To what extent do dispositional factors **and/or** health beliefs determine health?
8. Discuss **one or more** research methods used to understand health problems.
9. Evaluate **one or more** studies related to promoting health.

Psychology of human relationships

- 10.** Evaluate **one or more** explanations of why relationships change **and/or** end.
 - 11.** Discuss **one or more** studies related to prejudice **and/or** discrimination.
 - 12.** Discuss **one or more** factors influencing by-standerism.
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