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A-level PSYCHOLOGY

Paper1 Introductory topics in psychology

Friday 15 May 2026

Morning

Time allowed: 2 hours

Materials

For this paper you may use:

- a calculator.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions. You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do **not** write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 96.
- Questions should be answered in continuous prose. You will be assessed on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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Section	Mark
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Section A**Social influence**

Answer **all** questions in this section.

0 1 What is meant by minority influence?

[2 marks]

0 2 Outline the legitimacy of authority explanation for obedience.

[3 marks]

0 3 Outline **one** strength of the legitimacy of authority explanation for obedience.

[3 marks]

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Section B**Memory**

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Give **two** types of misleading information that have been shown to decrease the accuracy of eyewitness testimony.

[2marks]

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Section C**Attachment**

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A researcher conducted a replication of Ainsworth's Strange Situation. Some of the infants tested were classified as having an insecure-resistant attachment.

Identify **two** features of insecure-resistant attachments.

[2marks]

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The researcher wanted to use a questionnaire to find out about the experiences of the mothers whose infants were classified as insecure-resistant.

Explain **one** way in which the researcher could have assessed the reliability of the questionnaire.

[3marks]

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Explain **one** way in which the researcher could have assessed the validity of the questionnaire.

[3 marks]

Viv has recently had a baby. Viv has told her grandmother that she plans to return to work at the end of her maternity leave.

Discuss Bowlby's monotropic theory of attachment. Refer to Viv's grandmother's comments in your answer.

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Section D

Psychopathology

Answer **all** questions in this section.

Only **one** answer for each multiple-choice question is allowed.

For each question completely fill in the circle alongside the appropriate answer.

CORRECT METHOD  WRONG METHODS    

If you want to change your answer you must cross out your original answer as shown.



If you wish to return to an answer previously crossed out, ring the answer you now wish to select as shown.



1 1 Whilst talking to his therapist, a person with depression reveals that he has difficulty focusing on simple tasks at work.

Which type of characteristic is a 'difficulty focusing on simple tasks at work'?

[1mark]

A Behavioural 

B Cognitive 

C Emotional 

D Social 

Turn over for the next question

Turn over ►

20 people with depression were involved in a study to assess whether cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) improved their focus at work. Following six weeks of therapy, they were asked to self-report whether their focus at work had:

- improved
- got worse
- stayed the same.

Which statistical test would be most appropriate to analyse the data in this study?

With reference to this study, explain **three** reasons for your choice of test.

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Describe systematic desensitisation as a treatment for phobias.

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[8 marks]

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