



EXAM PAPERS PRACTICE

Psychology

Schizophrenia Topic Questions

1

Read the item and then answer the questions that follow.

Louise comes from a family with a history of schizophrenia, as both her grandfather and an aunt have been diagnosed with the disorder. Louise's father has recently died from cancer and she has just moved out of the family home to start a university course. Although she has always been healthy in the past, she has just begun to experience symptoms of schizophrenia, such as delusions and hallucinations.

Using your knowledge of schizophrenia, explain why Louise is now showing symptoms of schizophrenia.

(Total 4 marks)

2

Briefly outline how cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) is used to treat schizophrenia **and** explain **one** limitation of using CBT to treat schizophrenia.

(Total 4 marks)

3

Discuss biological explanations for schizophrenia.

(Total 16 marks)

4

Discuss reliability **and/or** validity in relation to the diagnosis and classification of schizophrenia.

(Total 8 marks)

5

A researcher investigated the effectiveness of typical and atypical psychotics in schizophrenia patients with either negative or positive symptoms.

Percentages of patients with either negative or positive symptoms, responding well to typical or atypical antipsychotics.

	Number of patients responding well to atypical antipsychotics	Number of patients responding well to typical antipsychotics
Patients with negative symptoms	30	16
Patients with positive symptoms	60	60

What does the data in the table seem to show about the effectiveness of typical and atypical antipsychotics in the treatment of schizophrenia?

(Total 4 marks)

- 6** Apart from effectiveness, briefly explain **one** limitation of drug therapy for schizophrenia. (Total 2 marks)
- 7** Briefly outline family dysfunction as an explanation for schizophrenia. (Total 2 marks)
- 8** Discuss token economies as a method used in the management of schizophrenia. (Total 8 marks)
- 9** Discuss biological explanations for schizophrenia. (Total 16 marks)
- 10** Outline and compare **two** treatments for schizophrenia. (Total 16 marks)
- 11** Explain how family dysfunction might be involved in schizophrenia. Refer to **one or more** types of family dysfunction in your answer. (Total 4 marks)
- 12** Describe and evaluate biological explanations for schizophrenia. Refer to evidence in your answer. (Total 16 marks)
- 13** Discuss issues associated with the classification **and / or** diagnosis of schizophrenia. (Total 16 marks)
- 14** 'There is considerable evidence that schizophrenia is caused by biological factors. These can be genetic, neuroanatomical, biochemical, viral or a combination of such factors'.
Discuss biological explanations of schizophrenia. (Total 16 marks)
- 15** Outline **one** psychological explanation of schizophrenia. (Total 4 marks)
- 16** Evaluate psychological explanations of schizophrenia. (Total 16 marks)

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'In an important and influential criticism of the diagnosis of mental illness, Rosenhan (1973) showed that healthy 'pseudopatients' could gain admission to psychiatric hospital by pretending to have auditory hallucinations. Although systems of classification and diagnosis have changed considerably since the 1970s, many people still have concerns about their accuracy and appropriateness.'

Discuss issues surrounding the classification and diagnosis of schizophrenia.

(Total 16 marks)

18

'Therapies can be time-consuming and, in some cases, uncomfortable for the client. It is, therefore, very important to offer the most appropriate and effective type of treatment.'

Outline and evaluate **two or more** therapies used in the treatment of schizophrenia.

(Total 16 marks)



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