



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2012

Psychology (Specification A) PSYA3

Unit 3 Topics in Psychology

Monday 11 June 2012 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is PSYA3.
- Choose **three** topics. Answer **all** questions on the topics you choose. Where appropriate, refer to theories and/or studies, approaches, issues and debates in your answer.
- Do all rough work in your answer 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 72.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Choose **three** topics.

Answer **all** questions on the topics you choose.

Each topic carries 24 marks.

Where appropriate, refer to theories and/or studies, approaches, issues and debates in your answers.

Topic: Biological Rhythms and Sleep

0 | 1 Outline **one or more** examples of ultradian rhythms. (4 marks)

0 | 2 Outline and evaluate restoration explanations of the functions of sleep. (4 marks + 16 marks)

Topic: Perception

0 | 3 Discuss the development of depth/distance perception **and/or** visual constancies. (8 marks + 16 marks)

Topic: Relationships

0 | 4 Discuss the relationship between sexual selection and human reproductive behaviour. (8 marks + 16 marks)

Topic: Aggression

0 | 5 Outline and evaluate **one or more** social psychological theories of aggression. (8 marks + 16 marks)

Topic: Eating Behaviour

0 | 6 Identify an eating disorder. Outline **one** explanation for this eating disorder. (4 marks)

0 | 7 Discuss explanations for the success **and/or** failure of dieting. (4 marks + 16 marks)

Topic: Gender

0 8 Describe and evaluate the gender schema theory of gender development. *(8 marks + 16 marks)*

Topic: Intelligence and Learning

0 9 Discuss **one** psychometric theory of intelligence. *(4 marks + 8 marks)*

1 0 Discuss evolutionary factors in the development of human intelligence. *(4 marks + 8 marks)*

Topic: Cognition and Development

1 1 Discuss Piaget's theory of cognitive development. *(8 marks + 16 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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