



A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

COMPONENT 1

Psychology: Past to Present

SPECIMEN PAPER

2 hours 15 minutes



ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **all** the questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question.

You are reminded of the need for good English and orderly, clear presentation in your answers.

No certificate will be awarded to a candidate detected in any unfair practice during the examination.

Answer all questions.

1. Describe the 'influence of childhood experiences' and **one** other assumption of the psychodynamic approach in explaining human behaviour. [6]
2. Describe the methodology and procedures of Loftus and Palmer's (1974) research *Reconstruction of automobile destruction: an example of the interaction between language and memory*. [12]
3. Analyse and evaluate Raine, Buchsbaum and LaCasse's (1997) research *Brain abnormalities in murderers indicated by positron emission tomography* in relation to the ethical issues and social implications. [16]
4. Demonstrate how a cognitive assumption has been used in either cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) **OR** rational emotive behaviour therapy (REBT). [10]
5. *"By asking who is happy, and why, we can help people rethink their priorities and better understand how to build a world that enhances human well-being"*
(Myers & Diener, 1995)

With reference to the above quote and using your own knowledge, discuss how the positive approach could be applied to human behaviour in practical contexts. [12]

6. (a) Apply your knowledge of the assumptions of the biological and behaviourist approaches to explain aggressive behaviour in a teenage boy. [8]
- (b) Compare and contrast the biological approach and the behaviourist approach. [12]
7. 'Mothers should stay at home for the first two years of their babies' lives'. Discuss to what extent you agree with this statement. You should demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of psychological ideas and processes in your response. [24]

End of paper

