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Unit 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology

Friday 15 May 2026 08:00 UK Time Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- a calculator, which you are expected to use where appropriate.

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Section	Mark
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Instructions

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- 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.
- All working must be shown.
- 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 90.

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Section A: Memory

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

0 1 According to the multi-store model of memory, the sensory register, short-term and long-term memory all differ in relation to their capacity, coding and duration.

State the capacity, coding **and** duration of the sensory register.

[3 marks]

Capacity _____

Coding _____

Duration _____

0 2 Outline the working memory model.

[3 marks]

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0 3 Amir is completing an essay for his biology homework. His mother asks him a question. Amir stops completing his biology homework and asks his mother to repeat what she said. Later that day, Amir is able to paint a picture while having a conversation with his mother at the same time.

Use your knowledge of the working memory model to explain Amir's experiences.

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0 4 Evaluate the working memory model.

[6 marks]

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0 5 Outline **one** research study into the effects of leading questions on eyewitness testimony.

[3 marks]

0 6 Research has suggested that there are different types of long-term memory.

Discuss types of long-term memory.

[12 marks]

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Section B: Social Psychology

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

0 7 Shah has recently joined his local swimming club. The club members wear red swimming caps but Shah's cap is blue. He has now purchased a red swimming cap, even though he does not like red.

Shah notices that the more experienced club members use a different swimming technique from him. Shah tries this different swimming technique and finds it much easier so continues to swim in this way.

Using your knowledge of types **and** explanations for conformity, explain Shah's behaviour.

[6 marks]

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0 8 Describe social support as an explanation of resistance to social influence.

[4 marks]

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0 9 Describe and evaluate research into situational variables affecting obedience.

[20 marks]

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Section C: Psychopathology

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

1 0 Briefly outline failure to function adequately as a definition of abnormality.

[2 marks]

1 1 Briefly evaluate failure to function adequately as a definition of abnormality.

[3 marks]

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1 2 Matilda has been diagnosed with depression and her doctor has recommended cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) as a treatment.

Briefly outline cognitive behavioural therapy as a treatment for depression. Suggest how cognitive behavioural therapy could be used to treat Matilda.

[6 marks]

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Only **one** answer per question is allowed.

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

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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 3 Which **one** of the following is **not** a characteristic of phobias.

Shade **one** box only.

[1 mark]

A Anxiety ⬭

B Avoidance ⬭

C Irrational fear ⬭

D Lacking motivation ⬭

1 4 Outline flooding as a behavioural treatment for phobias.

[3 marks]

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1 5 Sara has a phobia of cats.

When she was 5 years old she was bitten by a cat. Sara now runs away when she sees a cat. She avoids going to her friends' houses if they own a cat.

Using your knowledge of the two-process model, explain Sara's phobia of cats.

[6 marks]

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1 6 Evaluate behavioural treatments of phobias.

[9 marks]

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