

Psychology
Higher level and standard level
Paper 1

Wednesday 6 May 2015 (afternoon)

2 hours

Instructions to candidates

- Do not turn over this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Section A: answer all the questions.
- Section B: answer one question.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[46 marks]**.

Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section. Marks will be awarded for focused answers demonstrating accurate knowledge and understanding of research.

Biological level of analysis

1. Describe **one** evolutionary explanation of **one** behaviour. [8]

Cognitive level of analysis

2. Describe how **one** social or cultural factor affects **one** cognitive process. [8]

Sociocultural level of analysis

3. Outline social identity theory with reference to **one** relevant study. [8]

Section B

Answer **one** question in this section. Marks will be awarded for demonstration of knowledge and understanding (which requires the use of relevant psychological research), evidence of critical thinking (for example, application, analysis, synthesis, evaluation), and organization of answers.

4. Discuss why **two** particular research methods are used at the biological level of analysis. [22]
5. Discuss the use of technology in investigating **one** cognitive process. [22]
6. Discuss **two or more** ethical considerations related to **one or more** research studies at the sociocultural level of analysis. [22]
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