

Psychology

Practice Questions

A Level
OCR

Instructions

Individual, exam-style questions

The questions contained in this booklet match the style of questions that are typically asked in exams. This booklet is not however, a practice exam. Elevate's research with top students identified that top students do more practice questions than anyone else. They begin the process of testing their knowledge early in the year.

Therefore, we have provided exam-format questions that are sorted by topic so that you can answer them as you learn the information, rather than waiting until the very end of the year to complete exams.

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Questions

8 marks questions

1. Choose one of the studies below and then answer all questions with reference to your chosen study:
 - a. Baron-Cohen et al.'s 1997 study of theory of mind
 - b. Samuel and Bryant's 1984 study of conservation
 - c. Reicher and Haslam's 2006 BBC prison study
2. Outline the apparatus and/or materials used in your chosen study. (OCR Psychology AS Unit 2; 8 marks)
3. Outline the results found in your chosen study. (OCR Psychology AS Unit 2; 8 marks)
4. . Discuss the ecological validity of your chosen study. (OCR Psychology AS Unit 2; 8 marks)
5. Describe and evaluate one are of improvement for your chosen study. (OCR Psychology AS Unit 2; 8 marks)

4 mark questions

1. Explain why Rosenhan's study 'sane in insane places' could be considered unethical. (OCR Psychology AS Unit 2; 4 marks)
2. Outline how may be considered low in ecological validity. (OCR Psychology AS Unit 2; 4 marks)
3. Describe the procedure followed in Bandura, Ross and Ross's study (1961) of aggression. (OCR Psychology AS Unit 2; 4 marks)
4. Outline results found by Dement and Kleitman's in their 1957 study about sleep and dreaming. (OCR Psychology AS Unit 2; 4 marks)
5. Describe the sample used in Griffiths's 1994 study into machine gamble and discuss the study's consequent generalizability. (OCR Psychology AS Unit 2; 4 marks)
6. Explain why Sperry (1968) argued that his studies gave considerable support to his



argument of lateralisation of function. (OCR Psychology AS Unit 2; 4 marks)

10 mark qns

1. Emily is a psychologist who is interested in the effects of noise level on children's concentration. To test her hypothesis, Emily uses stratified sampling to select students from a pool of schools in London. She uses a repeated measures design. First, participants are asked to read a passage in a noisy environment. Emily then tests their memory of the passage. Then, she puts all of the participants into a room that's quiet and has them read another passage. Emily then tests their memory of the passage in the quiet environment and compares her results.
 - a. Evaluate the reliability and validity of Emily's study. (OCR Psychology AS Unit 1; 10 marks)
 - b. A research team want to replicate Emily's study, looking at how noise affects memory recall. Describe and evaluate a way to measure 'memory recall' that could be used in this study. (OCR Psychology AS Unit 1; 10 marks)