

Psychology

A-Level AQA - 7182

Year 12

Social Influence:

- Conformity including Asch
- Obedience including Milgram
- Resistance to social influence and minority influence

Memory:

- The multi store model
- Working memory
- Forgetting
- Eyewitness testimony and the Cognitive Interview

Attachment:

- Learning theory of attachment and Bowlby's research
- Animal studies of attachment
- Ainsworth's research and cultural variation in attachment
- The effects of institutionalisation

Clinical psychology and mental health:

- Definitions in the field of mental health
- Characteristics, explanations and treatments for:
- Phobias, Depression and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

Research Methods:

- Scientific processes
- Maths skills and statistics
- Various methods and research designs including: Experimental method, Observations, Self report, Correlations, Content analysis, Case studies

Biopsychology:

- The nervous system & the endocrine system
- Brain localisation and lateralisation
- Brain plasticity and functional recovery after trauma
- Ways of studying the brain

Approaches:

- Behaviourist approach
- Social learning approach
- Cognitive approach and cognitive neuroscience
- The biological approach
- The psychodynamic approach
- The humanistic approach, and comparison of the approaches

Research project and scientific report

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Issues and debates:

- Gender and culture in Psychology – universality and bias.
- Free will and determinism
- The nature-nurture debate and the interactionist approach.
- Holism and reductionism:
- Idiographic and nomothetic approaches
- Social sensitivity in psychological research.

Relationships:

- Factors affecting attraction in romantic relationships
- Theories of romantic relationships: s
- Online relationships: self-disclosure; use of deception; effects of absence of gating
- Parasocial relationships

Schizophrenia:

- Positive and negative symptoms
- Issues in diagnosis
- Biological explanations and treatments
- Psychological explanations and treatments
- Cognitive explanations and treatments
- The interactionist approach

Forensic:

- Offender profiling
- Biological explanations for offending
- Psychological explanations for offending
- Dealing with offender behaviour

Revision of all content