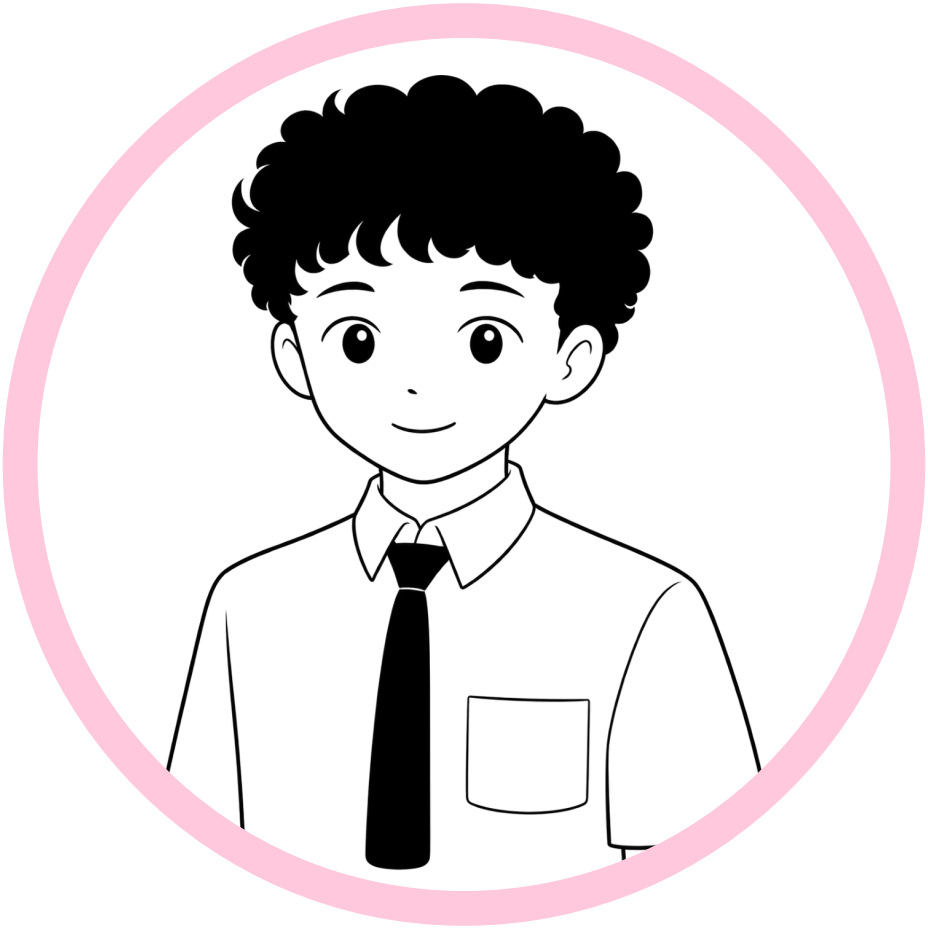
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EXAM QUESTION PACK

3.1.4 OCD: EXPLANATION AND TREATMENT

SCORE	PERCENTAGE
/86	%

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Q1.

Outline the use of **one or more** drugs in the treatment of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD).

(Total 4 marks)

Q2.

Two students were discussing their friend David who has recently been diagnosed with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD).

Melanie says, “It wasn’t a surprise to me that David has OCD because his mum is always tidying things, putting them in order and checking switches”.

Emma says, “Really, I didn’t know that. I always thought that people with OCD have something in their brains that makes them behave in that way”.

Outline and evaluate neural **and** genetic explanations for obsessive-compulsive disorder. Refer to the conversation above in your answer.

(Total 12 marks)

Q3.

Read the item and then answer the questions that follow.

> Researchers analysed the behaviour of over 4000 pairs of twins. The results showed that the degree to which obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) is inherited is between 45% and 65%.

(a) Distinguish between obsessions and compulsions.

(2)

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(b) With reference to the study described above, what do the results seem to show about possible influences on the development of OCD?

(4)

(Total 6 marks)

Q4.

Read the item and then answer the question that follows.

> Steven describes how he feels when he is in a public place.
>
> 'I always have to look out for people who might be ill. If I come into contact with people who look ill, I think I might catch it and die. If someone starts to cough or sneeze then I have to get away and clean myself quickly.'

Outline **one cognitive** characteristic of OCD and **one behavioural** characteristic of OCD that can be identified from the description provided by Steven.

(Total 2 marks)

Q5.

> Gavin describes his daily life.
>
> 'I sometimes get gripped with the thought that my family is in danger. In particular, I worry about them being trapped in a house fire. I now find that I can only calm myself if I check that every plug socket is switched off so an electrical fire couldn't start. I used to switch each socket on and off, but now I have to press each switch six times. It takes me ages to leave the house'.

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Outline **two** characteristics of obsessive-compulsive disorder. Refer to Gavin in your answer.

(Total 4 marks)

Q6.

Describe **one** drug therapy that has been used to treat obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). Identify **one** limitation of drug therapy.

(Total 4 marks)

Q7.

Outline and discuss **one** biological explanation for obsessive-compulsive disorder.

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(Total 6 marks)

Q8.

Outline and evaluate **one** biological explanation for obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD).

(Total 16 marks)

Q9.

Outline and evaluate **one** biological explanation for obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD).

(Total 12 marks)

Q10.

Discuss biological explanations of obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD). Refer to evidence in your answer.

(Total 16 marks)

Q11.

Two different drug therapies were tested on a group of patients. All the patients suffered with the same anxiety disorder. Half the patients were given **Therapy A** and the other half were given **Therapy B**. Improvement was assessed on a scale from 0-25, where 0 = no improvement.

The table below shows the improvement made between the start and the end of the treatment.

Average and range of improvement scores

	Average	**Range**
Therapy A	6.5	2 – 19
Therapy B	6	4 – 9

Explain what these findings suggest about the different therapies?

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(Total 4 marks)

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