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EXAM QUESTION PACK

3.2.1 ORIGINS OF PSYCHOLOGY

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Q1.

Which of the following statements best describes Wundt's use of the term introspection?

Shade **one** box only.

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|----------|---|-----------------------|
| A | Explaining behaviour by studying the biological bases of cognitive functions. | ☐ |
| B | Explaining behaviour without the need to consider thoughts and feelings. | ☐ |
| C | Investigating external events through observation and measurement. | ☐ |
| D | Investigating internal events by examining conscious thoughts and feelings. | ☐ |

(Total 1 mark)

Q2.

Discuss Wundt's role in the emergence of psychology as a science.

(Total 3 marks)

Q3.

Which of the psychologists A, B, C or D is best known in relation to the emergence of psychology as a science? Shade **one** box only.

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|----------|---------|-----------------------|
| A | Pavlov | ☐ |
| B | Skinner | ☐ |
| C | Bandura | ☐ |
| D | Wundt | ☐ |

(Total 1 mark)

Q4.

Millie is asked to do a class presentation on introspection. As part of her presentation she said, 'Introspection is thinking about our own thoughts.'

After the presentation, her classmates said they had learned very little about introspection.

Explain what else Millie could have said about the major features of introspection so that her classmates would be better informed.

(Total 4 marks)

Q5.

Describe Wundt's role in the development of psychology.

(Total 6 marks)

Q6.

Which of the following sentences best describes Wundt's method of introspection? Shade **one** box only.

Introspection involves ...

- A** performing mental calculations. ☐
- B** reporting present experience. ☐
- C** describing events from the past. ☐
- D** outlining hopes for the future. ☐

(Total 1 mark)

Mark schemes

Q1.

[AO1 = 1]

1 mark for D

[1]

Q2.

[AO3 = 3]

3 marks: Wundt's role discussed in detail with clarity and coherence, and with appropriate use of terminology.

2 marks: Wundt's role discussed with some clarity and / or coherence.

1 mark: there is limited understanding of Wundt's role in the development of psychology.

Candidates may focus on one point in detail or more than one point in less detail.

Possible discussion points:

- first to open a laboratory designated to the scientific study of psychological enquiry under controlled conditions facilitating accurate measurements and replication
- focus was on trying to understand psychological processes of perception etc and structuralism rather than philosophical or biological processes
- he later recognised that higher mental processes were difficult to study using his procedures and this encouraged others to look for more appropriate methods and techniques, paving the way for approaches such as scanning
- introspection still used today in areas such as therapy and studying emotional states demonstrating its value as one way mental processes can be investigated
- issues of determinism and predictability could be presented as a strength or limitation.

Credit other relevant discussion.

[3]

Q3.

[AO1 = 1]

D

Q4.

[AO2 = 4]

Level	Marks	Description
2	3 – 4	The explanation of what else could be said is clear and includes other relevant features of introspection. The answer is generally coherent with effective use of

		appropriate terminology.
1	1 – 2	The explanation of what else could be said about introspection is partial/limited. The answer lacks coherence and use of appropriate terminology.
	0	No relevant content.

Application could include reference to other features of introspection as follows:

- Focus on being objective
- Reflection on sensations, feelings and images
- Wundt would ask people to focus on an everyday object and look inwards noticing sensations and feelings and images
- Breaking thoughts about an object down into separate elements
- Systematic reporting of an experience of object
- Specific examples eg use of metronome

Credit other relevant application.

Q5.

[AO1 = 6]

Level	Marks	Description
3	5 – 6	Knowledge of Wundt's role in the development of psychology is generally accurate and mostly well detailed. The answer is clear and coherent. Specialist terminology is used effectively.
2	3 – 4	Knowledge of Wundt's role in the development of psychology is evident. There are some inaccuracies. There is some appropriate use of specialist terminology.
1	1 – 2	Knowledge of Wundt's role in the development of psychology is limited and lacks detail. There is substantial inaccuracy/muddle. Specialist terminology is either absent or inappropriately used.
	0	No relevant content.

Possible content:

Credit mediational processes relevant to Bradley's situation e.g.

- Wundt known as 'the father of psychology' – moved from philosophical roots to controlled research.
- Set up the first psychology laboratory in Leipzig, Germany in 1870s.
- Promoted the use of introspection as a way of studying mental processes.
- Introspection – systematic analysis of own conscious experience of a stimulus.

- An experience was analysed in terms of its component parts e.g. sensations, emotional reaction etc.
- His work paved the way for later controlled research and the study of mental processes e.g. by cognitive psychologists.

Credit other relevant information.

Q6.

[AO1 = 1]

B

Examiner reports

Q1.

There were many correct answers to this question and it was apparent that the majority of students had the knowledge to be able to identify the description of introspection.

Q2.

There were some excellent responses to this question and it was clear that many students had a secure and detailed knowledge of Wundt's role in the emergence of psychology as a science. Many students discussed more than one point but, on occasion, this led to some very long responses with excessive detail which was not required for full credit. Some responses were limited as they were not focused on discussion of Wundt's role and simply described who Wundt was. It is important to remind students that the command word discuss means 'present key points about different ideas or strengths and weaknesses of an idea.'