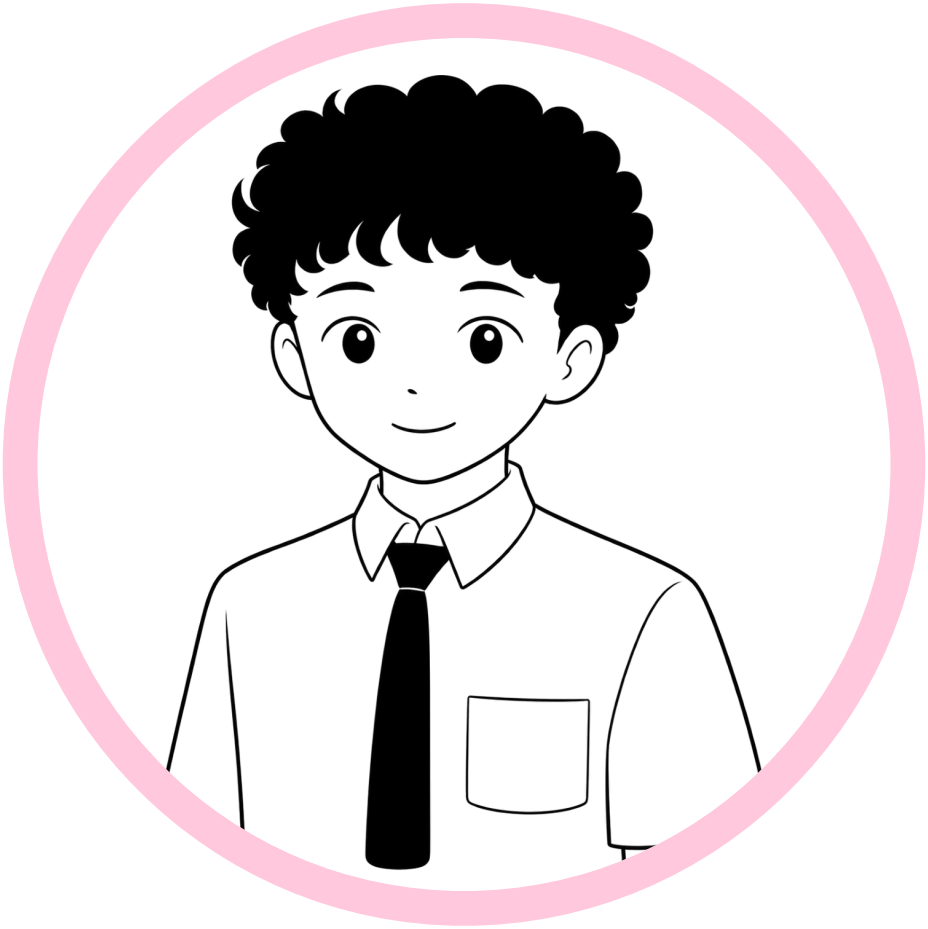
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3.3.5 EXPLANATIONS FOR SCHIZOPHRENIA

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Q1.

Discuss **one or more** biological explanations for schizophrenia.

(Total 16 marks)

Q2.

Which of the following best describes neural correlates as an explanation for schizophrenia? Write **A**, **B**, **C**, or **D** in your answer book.

A There is a correlation between brain plasticity and symptoms of schizophrenia.

B There is a correlation between brain structure and function and symptoms of schizophrenia.

C There is a correlation between dysfunctional thinking and symptoms of schizophrenia.

D There is a correlation between size of neurons and symptoms of schizophrenia.

(Total 1 mark)

Q3.

Jack has been diagnosed with schizophrenia.
He describes his family background to his therapist:

'I could never talk to mum. She fussed over me all the time. I tried to do what she said, but could never please her. One minute she seemed all affectionate and the next minute she would make nasty comments. My dad hated all the arguments and stayed out of it.'

Describe the family dysfunction explanation for schizophrenia and explain how Jack's experiences can be linked to the family dysfunction explanation.

(Total 8 marks)

Q4.

Read the item and then answer the questions that follow.

> Louise comes from a family with a history of schizophrenia, as both her grandfather and an aunt have been diagnosed with the disorder. Louise's father has recently died from cancer and she has just moved out of the family home to start a university course. Although she has always been healthy in the past, she has just begun to experience symptoms of schizophrenia, such as delusions and hallucinations.

Using your knowledge of schizophrenia, explain why Louise is now showing symptoms of schizophrenia.

(Total 4 marks)

Q5.

Discuss biological explanations for schizophrenia.

(Total 16 marks)

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Q6.

Briefly outline family dysfunction as an explanation for schizophrenia.

(Total 2 marks)

Q7.

Outline and evaluate **one or more** psychological explanations for schizophrenia.

(Total 16 marks)

Q8.

Discuss biological explanations for schizophrenia.

(Total 16 marks)

Q9.

Explain how family dysfunction might be involved in schizophrenia. Refer to **one or more** types of family dysfunction in your answer.

(Total 4 marks)

Q10.

Describe and evaluate biological explanations for schizophrenia. Refer to evidence in your answer.

(Total 16 marks)

Q11.

'There is considerable evidence that schizophrenia is caused by biological factors. These can be genetic, neuroanatomical, biochemical, viral or a combination of such factors'.

Discuss biological explanations of schizophrenia.

(Total 16 marks)

Q12.

Outline **one** psychological explanation of schizophrenia.

(Total 4 marks)

Q13.

Evaluate psychological explanations of schizophrenia.

(Total 16 marks)