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Paper 1 Approaches, Issues and Debates **February/March 2018**

1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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Answer **all** questions.

1 From the study by Dement and Kleitman (sleep and dreams):

(a) Name the technique used to measure brain activity.

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(b) Identify **one** reason for using this technique to measure brain activity.

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(c) Outline **one** of the dreams reported when vertical eye movement was recorded.

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2 The study by Bandura et al. (aggression) used a sample of children.

(a) Identify **two** features of this sample.

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(b) Outline **one** way in which this study has real world application for *adults*.

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3 From the Pepperberg study (parrot learning):

(a) Describe **one** result of the test on Alex the parrot which used familiar objects. You should include numerical data in your answer.

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(b) Describe **one** conclusion from this study.

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4 Two ethical guidelines are debriefing and informed consent.

Suggest how ethical issues raised in the Piliavin et al. study (subway Samaritans) relate to these two ethical guidelines.

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informed consent .....

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5 The study by Laney et al. is about false memories.

(a) Describe what is meant by ‘false memories’.

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(b) Outline how **one** result from this study supports the existence of false memories.

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6 From the Canli et al. study (brain scans and emotions):

(a) Describe the procedure of this study from the point when the participants returned three weeks after the fMRI (functional Magnetic Resonance Imagery) scans had taken place.

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(b) Explain **one** reason why the procedure was standardised in this study.

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7 **(a)** Describe **one** assumption of the social approach.

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(b) Studies in social psychology can be used to help train military personnel.

Describe how the procedure of the study by Milgram (obedience) could be applied to help with this training.

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(c) Outline **one** other real-world application based on the findings from the Milgram study.

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8 In the Schachter and Singer study (two factors in emotion), after each participant completed their session with the stooge they completed a questionnaire about their mood and their physical condition.

(a) **(i)** State **one** of the closed questions that was used to measure mood, including the answer choices.

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(ii) State **one** of the closed questions used to measure physical condition, including the answer choices.

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(b) Explain **one** similarity and **one** difference between the Schachter and Singer study and **one** other core study from the biological approach.

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9 Evaluate the Saavedra and Silverman study (button phobia) in terms of **two** strengths and **two** weaknesses. At least one of your evaluation points **must** be about ethics.

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