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PSYCHOLOGY – A level component 3
Psychology: Implications In The Real World

THURSDAY, 14 JUNE 2018 – MORNING

2 hours 15 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
Answer **three** questions in Section A and **one** question in Section B.
Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.
You are reminded of the need for good English and orderly, clear presentation in your answers.
Assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

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SECTION A: Applications

Answer **three** *questions in full.*

1. Addictive behaviours

(a) Natalie likes going to the casino. At first she would go only once a month. Now she goes at least four times a week. She realises she has an addiction to gambling, and is seeking help. Her psychologist has suggested a number of different methods of modifying this behaviour.

Describe **one** method of modifying addictive behaviour with reference to Natalie. [15]

(b) Evaluate **two** individual differences explanations of addictive behaviour. [10]

2. Autistic spectrum behaviours

(a) Outline the characteristics of autistic spectrum behaviour. [10]

(b) 'Biological explanations are the best way of explaining autistic spectrum behaviours.'

From your study of autistic spectrum behaviours, discuss to what extent this statement is true. [15]

3. Bullying behaviours

(a) Outline the characteristics of bullying behaviours. [10]

(b) 'Individual differences explanations of bullying are an effective means of explaining bullying behaviour.'

With reference to this statement, evaluate individual differences explanations of bullying behaviours. [15]

4. Criminal behaviours

(a) Describe **one** social psychological explanation of criminal behaviour. [10]

(b) 'Criminality is the clear outcome of biological processes.'

Evaluate biological explanations of criminal behaviour with reference to this statement. [15]

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5. Schizophrenia

(a) Ronald has not been feeling the same lately. He told his friend Rory what he has been experiencing. Rory suggested that the behaviours Ronald is showing could be characteristics of schizophrenia.

Describe the characteristics of schizophrenia that Ronald may have told Rory he was experiencing. [15]

(b) Evaluate social psychological explanations of schizophrenia. [10]

6. Stress

(a) Describe **two** biological explanations for stress. [10]

(b) Mehdi is highly stressed about his examinations, driving test and other personal issues. Various methods of modifying this behaviour have been suggested to him.

Evaluate **one** method of modifying Mehdi's stress. [15]

SECTION B: Controversies

Answer **one** *of the questions.*

Either,

7. Cultural bias

'Psychological research is culturally biased.'

Using your knowledge of psychology, discuss the extent to which this statement is true. [25]

Or,

8. Non-human animals

'Using non-human animals in psychology is useful but also problematic.'

To what extent do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer using your psychological knowledge. [25]

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