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Answer **all** questions.

1. Using examples from psychology, describe the following assumptions of the positive approach.

(a) Acknowledgement of free will. [4]

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(b) Focus on 'the good life'. [4]

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2. Explain why a relationship is formed according to the behaviourist approach. [5]

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3. Maria, an AS Psychology student, is learning about Loftus and Palmer's research. She has been talking about it with her father Richard, a police officer. He thinks the research sounds valuable, while Maria disagrees as it has methodological problems.

With reference to the scenario above, discuss Loftus & Palmer's (1974) '*Reconstruction of automobile destruction: an example of the interaction between language and memory*'. [10]

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4. Briefly describe the main components of either cognitive behavioural therapy **OR** rational emotive behaviour therapy. [5]

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5. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the psychodynamic approach. [10]

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6. (a) Describe the findings of Watson and Rayner's (1920) research '*Conditioned emotional reactions*'. [8]

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(b) Describe the conclusions of Watson and Rayner's (1920) '*Conditioned emotional reactions*'. [4]

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7. Evaluate Raine, Buschaum and LaCasse's (1997) research '*Brain Abnormalities in murderers indicated by positron emission tomography*'. [10]

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8. 'Social and economic implications have a significant impact on whether the mother should be the primary care-giver of an infant.'

Discuss the extent to which you agree with this viewpoint. You should use psychological knowledge in your answer. [20]

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