

Psychology Department

GCSE Psychology – 2022 UPDATE FOR YR11

GCSE Psychology has been impacted by the COVID pandemic in the same way it has impacted all other subject areas. With this in mind, the exam board has released advanced information prior to the exams. The advanced information informs students of what will be focused on in each section of their exam. It is important to note however, that there has been no advanced information released for the research methods sections of both papers and so anything in this topic could be assessed. It is also possible that there may be multiple choice or short answer marks awarded for other topics not mentioned below.

The advanced information is outlined below:

Criminal psychology:

- Key concepts
- Eysenck's Criminal Personality Theories (1964 and 1992) and the Biological Basis of Personality (1967)
- Criminal Personality Theory Research Study – Heaven (1996): Study into delinquency, extroversion, psychoticism and self-esteem.
- The Social Learning Theory of Criminality

Development:

- Key concepts
- Learning Research Study – Blackwell et al. (2007): study into fixed and growth mindsets.
- Cognitive Development Research Study – Piaget (1952): Study into the conservation of number (including evaluation).

Psychological problems:

- The clinical characteristics of schizophrenia as outlined in the International Classification of Diseases (ICD)
- Key statistics of schizophrenia including reference to prevalence; age; sex; ethnicity; and recovery rates
- Schizophrenia Research Study – the role of monoamines on cerebral function during specific prefrontal cognitive activation – Daniel, Weinberger, Jones et al. (1991): The effect of amphetamine on regional cerebral blood flow during cognitive activation in schizophrenia.
- Clinical Depression Research Study – Tandoc et al. (2015): Study into Facebook use, envy, and depression among college students: Is Facebooking depressing?

Social influence:

- Situational Factors Research Study - Bickman (1974): study into obedience and the social power of a uniform
- The effect of situational factors (other people and social) on behaviours
- The effect of dispositional factors (personality) on behaviours

Memory

- Key concepts
- The structure and process of the Multi-store Model of memory
- The structure and process of the theory of reconstructive memory
- Reconstructive Memory Research Study – Braun, Ellis and Loftus (2002): study into How Advertising Can Change Our Memories of the Past

Sleep and dreaming

- Key concepts
- The Freudian Theory of Dreaming
- The Activation Synthesis Theory of Dreaming: the process of synthesis as a function of the cerebral cortex

Research methods:

No advanced information released. All of research methods can be assessed.