



A-Level Psychology: OCR (H567)

Curriculum and Assessment Overview

Content Overview	Assessment Overview	
Planning, conducting, analysing and reporting psychological research across a range of experimental and non-experimental methodologies and techniques.	Research methods (01)* 90 marks written paper 2 hours	30% of total A level
Introduces some of the central areas of investigation in psychology organised in key themes. Each key theme is represented by a classic and a contemporary core study.	Psychological themes through core studies (02)* 105 marks written paper 2 hours	35% of total A level
Compulsory section on Issues in mental health. Learners will also study two out of the following applied options: Child psychology, Criminal psychology, Environmental psychology, Sports and exercise psychology.	Applied psychology (03) 105 marks written paper 2 hours	35% of total A level



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Curriculum Delivery Plan

Year 12 (AS)

Term 1: Research Methods (Component 01) and Psychological Themes (Component 02)	Content
Research methods (01)	1.1. Research methods and techniques 1.2. Planning and conducting research 1.5 Practical activities – self-report, observation, experiment, correlation
Psychological themes (02)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Areas, perspectives and debates• Individual Differences core studies – Understanding disorders• Cognitive core studies – Memory• Social core studies – Responses to people in authority
Term 2: Research Methods (Component 01) and Psychological Themes (Component 02)	Content
Research methods and techniques (01)	1.3 Data recording, analysis and presentation 1.4 Report writing 1.5 Practical activities – self-report, observation, experiment, correlation.
AS Paper 1 Mock	Preparation for Year 12 exams
Psychological themes (02)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Areas, perspectives and debates• Developmental core studies – External influences on children’s behaviour• Biological core studies – Regions of the brain
AS Paper 2 Mock	
Term 3: Revision and Applied Psychology	Content
Preparation for Year 12 Exams - AS Exam Paper 1 and 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revision of key concepts• Exam technique
Applied Psychology Section A - Issues in mental health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The historical context of mental health (Rosenhan 1973)• The medical model (Gottesman et al 2010)

Year 13 (A2)

Term 1 Applied psychology (Component 03)	Content
Section A - Issues in mental health Section B – Optional Child Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternatives to the medical model – behaviourist, cognitive, humanistic (Szasz 2011) • Biological – Intelligence. Pre-adult brain development. • Cognitive – Perceptual Development. Cognitive development and education.
Section B – Optional Child Psychology Section B – Optional Criminal Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social – Development of attachment. Impact of advertising on children. • Biological – What makes a criminal. The collection and processing of forensic evidence • Cognitive – Collection of evidence. Psychology and the courtroom. • Social – Crime prevention. Effect of imprisonment.
Term 2 Psychological themes (02) Year 2 core studies	Content
Psychological themes (02) Mock exam : Paper 1 and 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social core studies – Responses to people in need • Cognitive core studies – Attention • Developmental core studies – Moral development
Psychological themes (02) Mock exam paper 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biological core studies – Brain plasticity • Individual Differences – Measuring differences
Term 3	Content
Revision and Examination Preparation Mock papers 1,2,3	Paper 1, 2 and 3 exam preparation/ technique