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**PSYCHOLOGY
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PAPER 1**

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2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Section A: answer all the questions.
- Section B: answer one question.

SECTION A

Answer **all** questions in this section. When structured questions are set (that is, with parts a and b) candidates should clearly label each part of their answer a and b.

Biological Perspective

1. (a) Outline **one** key concept from the biological perspective. [2 marks]
- (b) Explain assumptions on which the concept chosen in part (a) is based. [6 marks]

Cognitive Perspective

2. Explain **one** historical or cultural condition that gave rise to the cognitive perspective. [8 marks]

Learning Perspective

3. (a) Outline **one** empirical research study from the learning perspective. [2 marks]
- (b) Discuss **two** ethical controversies related to the empirical study described in part (a). [6 marks]

Humanistic Perspective

4. (a) Outline **one** research method (e.g. self-report, case study, Q-sort) used by humanistic psychologists. [2 marks]
- (b) Explain **one** strength and **one** limitation of the research method outlined in part (a). [6 marks]

SECTION B

Answer **one** question in this section. Marks will be awarded for clear presentation of **theories**, inclusion of appropriate **empirical studies** and **evaluation**. When structured questions are set (that is, with parts a and b) candidates should clearly label each part of their answer a and b.

5. Use empirical studies to explain the extent to which determinism relates to the biological perspective. [20 marks]
6. (a) Describe a cognitive explanation of **one** psychological or social question. [10 marks]
- (b) Evaluate the cognitive explanation described in part (a). [10 marks]
7. “Different perspectives tend to use a range of research methods (e.g. experiments, case studies, interviews) to obtain data about behaviour.”
- To what extent are research methods used by the learning perspective similar to the research methods used by the biological perspective? [20 marks]
8. Discuss contributions of the humanistic perspective to the study of behaviour. [20 marks]
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