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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** psychological study from the biological perspective. [4 marks]
- (b) Explain one strength **or** one limitation of the method used in the study outlined in part (a). [4 marks]

Cognitive Perspective

2. Explain **one** methodological consideration related to a research study from the cognitive perspective. [8 marks]

Learning Perspective

3. Explain how **one** key concept from the learning perspective relates to determinism. [8 marks]

Humanistic Perspective

4. Explain **one** contribution of the humanistic perspective to the study of behaviour. [8 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**.

5. Discuss strengths **and** limitations of **one** explanation of behaviour from the biological perspective. *[20 marks]*

 6. Explain how cultural considerations may affect interpretation of behaviour from the cognitive perspective. *[20 marks]*

 7. To what extent is the learning perspective effective in explaining **one** psychological **or** social question? *[20 marks]*

 8. Evaluate one or more humanistic explanations of behaviour. *[20 marks]*
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