



**PSYCHOLOGY**  
**STANDARD LEVEL**  
**PAPER 2**

Tuesday 20 November 2007 (morning)

1 hour

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer one question.

Answer **one** question. 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.

### Comparative psychology

1. Describe and evaluate **two** studies that attempted to teach language to non-human animals. [20 marks]
  
2. (a) Describe **two** types of altruism that occur in non-human animals. [8 marks]  
(b) Discuss how **one** type of altruism is beneficial to the species that uses it. [12 marks]
  
3. Discuss the role of **male** parenting behaviour in non-human animals. [20 marks]

### Cultural psychology

4. (a) Define the term *culture*. [4 marks]  
(b) Assess how research findings from studies in cultural psychology have been applied. [16 marks]
  
5. Examine how the concept of self impacts on human behaviour. [20 marks]
  
6. Consider how ethical and methodological considerations may affect the interpretation of behaviour in cultural psychology. [20 marks]

### The psychology of dysfunctional behaviour

7. Describe and evaluate **one** model or theory of dysfunctional behaviour. [20 marks]
  
8. Discuss how methodological considerations may affect the interpretation of findings of **two** empirical studies related to the psychology of dysfunctional behaviour. [20 marks]
  
9. “Normality and abnormality are concepts that are defined the same way in all cultures.”  
Discuss this statement using research from the psychology of dysfunctional behaviour. [20 marks]

**Health psychology**

10. Discuss **one** physiological and **one** psychological aspect of stress. *[20 marks]*
11. Describe and evaluate **two** studies related to disordered patterns of eating. *[20 marks]*
12. To what extent is the use of placebos justified in health psychology studies? *[20 marks]*

**Lifespan psychology**

13. Describe and evaluate **one** research method (*e.g.* case study, longitudinal research) used in lifespan research. *[20 marks]*
14. Explain how cultural considerations may affect the interpretation of behaviour in lifespan psychology. *[20 marks]*
15. Discuss change and continuity during the lifespan. *[20 marks]*

**Psychodynamic psychology**

16. Discuss how historical or cultural context influenced the development of psychodynamic psychology. *[20 marks]*
17. Compare and contrast **two** psychodynamic theories of the development of personality. *[20 marks]*
18. (a) Outline **one** psychodynamic theory. *[8 marks]*
- (b) Explain how gender considerations may affect the interpretation of behaviour offered by **one** psychodynamic theory. *[12 marks]*

**Social psychology**

- 19.** Describe and evaluate empirical studies related to reduction of prejudice **or** discrimination. *[20 marks]*
- 20.** Discuss **two** theories of conformity. *[20 marks]*
- 21.** Discuss how ethical **or** methodological considerations may affect the interpretation of behaviour in social psychology. *[20 marks]*
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