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Paper 2 Core Studies 2 **May/June 2012**

1 hour 30 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

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Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.
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Answer **both** questions in Section A.
Answer **one** question in Section B.

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Section A (50 marks)

Answer **both** questions in this section.

1 Baron-Cohen et al (eyes test) used a natural experiment to test for advanced theory of mind in adults with either high-functioning autism or Asperger syndrome. One way to improve the ecological validity of this study would be by using actors rather than photographs of eyes.

(a) Describe different types of validity in psychology. [5]

(b) Design an alternative study using actors rather than photographs and describe how it could be conducted. [10]

(c) Evaluate this alternative way of studying advanced theory of mind in practical and methodological terms. [10]

2 Thigpen and Cleckley (multiple personality disorder) investigated Eve through hours of therapy and testing to find out more about her symptoms and help to treat her disorder.

(a) What is meant by a psychometric test? [2]

(b) Describe the results of the psychometric tests used in Thigpen and Cleckley's study. [3]

(c) Compare and contrast the psychometric testing approach as used by Thigpen and Cleckley with one other way of gathering data. [10]

(d) Discuss the extent to which individual and situational explanations of Eve's behaviour are supported by Thigpen and Cleckley's findings. [10]

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Section B (20 marks)

Answer **one** question from this section.

3 **(a)** Outline what is meant by the 'social approach' in psychology. [2]

Using the studies from the list below, answer the questions which follow.

Haney, Banks and Zimbardo (prison simulation)
Milgram (obedience)
Piliavin et al (subway Samaritans)

(b) Describe the social processes that were investigated in each of these studies. [9]

(c) What problems may psychologists have when they investigate the social approach? [9]

4 **(a)** Outline what is meant by 'application of psychology to everyday life'. [2]

Using the studies from the list below, answer the questions which follow.

Billington et al (empathising and systemising)
Rosenhan (sane in insane places)
Maguire et al (taxi drivers)

(b) Describe how each of these studies is useful. [9]

(c) What problems may psychologists have when they try to create useful studies? [9]

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