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Paper 2 Core Studies 2 **October/November 2017**

1 hour 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.



READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **both** questions in Section A.
Answer **one** question in Section B.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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Section A (50 marks)

Answer **both** questions in this section.

1 Thigpen and Cleckley used a case study to investigate multiple personality disorder. This method can have issues of validity.

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

(b) Design an alternative study of multiple personality disorder and describe how it could be conducted. You must **not** use the case study method. [10]

(c) Evaluate this alternative way of studying multiple personality disorder in practical and methodological terms. [10]

2 Loftus and Pickrell (false memories) conducted a study that used self reports.

(a) What is meant by 'quantitative data' in psychology? [2]

(b) Describe **two** quantitative results from the Loftus and Pickrell study. [3]

(c) Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of quantitative data, using the Loftus and Pickrell study as an example. [10]

(d) Compare the cognitive approach with **one** other approach in psychology using studies as examples. [10]

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Section B (20 marks)

Answer **one** question from this section.

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

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

Dement and Kleitman (sleep and dreaming)
Maguire et al. (taxi drivers)
Schachter and Singer (emotion)

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

(c) What problems may psychologists have when they investigate physiological processes? [9]

4 **(a)** Outline what is meant by the 'situational explanation of behaviour' in psychology. [2]

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

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

(b) Describe how the data were collected in each of these studies. [9]

(c) What are the advantages for psychologists when they investigate the effects of situations on behaviour? [9]

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