

Psychology: Curriculum Mapping

Paper 1: Social influence, memory, attachment and psychopathology

Paper 2: Approaches, biopsychology and research methods.

Paper 3: Issues and debates, gender, schizophrenia and addiction



Schizophrenia: The diagnosis and classification of schizophrenia with a focus on reliability and validity. Biological and psychological explanations and treatments for schizophrenia. The interactionist approach in explaining and treating schizophrenia.

Final Exams



Revision

Addiction: Physical and psychological dependence. Risk factors in the development of addiction. Explanations for nicotine and gambling addiction. Methods for reducing addiction. The theory of planned behaviour and Prochaska's six-stage model.

Summer Term



Year 13 Mocks

Issues and Debates: The nature-nurture and free-will and determinism debates. The issues of gender and culture bias. The issue of ethical implications in research. Holism and reductionism. Idiographic and nomothetic approaches.

Approaches: Comparison of the approaches.



Gender: Sex, gender and sex-role stereotypes. The role of chromosomes and hormones. Explanations of gender development, the influence of culture and media on gender roles. Biological and social explanations for gender dysphoria.

Spring Term



Year 13 Autumn Term

Biopsychology: A detailed look at the brain; localisation of function and hemispheric lateralisation, recovery of the brain and ways we can study the brain. Biological rhythms: the types and the regulators of the rhythms.

Biopsychology: A detailed look at the divisions of the nervous system and synaptic transmission.



Research Methods: An introduction to statistical testing.

Psychopathology: What are the clinical characteristics for depression, phobic disorders and OCD? How can we explain psychological disorders and what are the treatments?

Year 12 Mocks



Attachment: How do attachments form and what are the different types? Explanations for attachment and the consequences of disrupting attachments. The influence of early attachment on childhood and adult relationships.

Research Methods: Scientific processes in research and data handling and analysis.

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Summer Term

Memory: Models of memory. Why do we forget information? How does anxiety affect memory? How can the police benefit from research into eyewitness testimony?



Research Methods: Scientific processes in research and data handling and analysis.



Approaches: How does the biological approach explain behaviour?

Approaches: Where did psychology originate from? How does the cognitive approach explain behaviour?

Research Methods: Scientific processes in research and data handling and analysis.



Spring Term

Social Influence: Why do people comply or obey? Are certain personalities more or less likely to obey? How does the minority influence the majority?



Approaches: The psychodynamic approach and humanistic psychology.

An introduction to **essay writing** in psychology.



Approaches: How do the learning approaches explain behaviour?

Year 12 Autumn Term