

PSYCHOLOGY

Board: Pearson Edexcel

The Psychology A Level is structured into three units where we explore the main approaches in psychology, and how psychology can be applied in the real world

Through the study of Psychology it is hoped that students will

- develop an overall understanding of the main approaches to understanding behaviour
- be able to connect theories and research to real life behaviours in order to understand causes of that behaviour
- be aware of the debates in psychology, such as the nature/nurture debate
- acquire a range of relevant psychology and generic skills, including description, application, evaluation, research and methodology skills, debate and extended writing

The course structure

AS level		
Paper 1 Social and Cognitive Psychology 1 ½ hours 70 marks 50% of total qualification	Section A Social Psychology	29 marks, mixed question types
	Section B Cognitive Psychology	29 marks, mixed question types
	Section C Social and Cognitive Psychology	12 marks, EPQ covering both social and cognitive psychology
Paper 2 Biological Psychology and Learning Theories 1 ½ hours 70 marks 50% of total qualification	Section A Biological Psychology	29 marks, mixed question types
	Section B Learning Theories	29 marks, mixed question types
	Section C Biological Psychology and Learning Theories	12 marks, ERQ covering both biological psychology and learning theories

A level		
Paper 1 Foundations in Psychology 2 hours 90 marks 35% of total qualification	Section A Social Psychology	70 marks, mixed question types
	Section B Cognitive Psychology	
	Section C Biological Psychology	
	Section D Learning Theories	
	Section E Issues and Debates	20 marks, two ERQs
Paper 2 Applications of Psychology 2 hours 90 marks 35% of total qualification	Section A Clinical Psychology	54 marks, mixed question types
	Section B Criminological Psychology	36 marks, mixed question types
Paper 3 Psychological Skills 2 hours 80 marks 30% of total qualification	Section A Research Methods	24 marks, mixed question types
	Section B Psychological and Classic Studies	24 marks, mixed question types on psychological studies and one ERQ on classical study from Paper 1 and from Clinical Psychology
	Section C Issues and Debates	32 marks, two ERQs

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