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PSYCHOLOGY

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Paper 1 Approaches, Issues and Debates

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has **8** pages.

Answer **all** questions.

1 From the study by Milgram (obedience):

(a) State how many participants took part in the study.

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(b) State the highest voltage shock that was labelled on the shock generator.

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(c) The participant (teacher) was given a 'sample shock'.

Describe this procedure.

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2 From the study by Bandura et al. (aggression):

(a) Outline what Bandura et al. meant by 'imitative verbal aggression'.

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(b) Identify **two** examples that were recorded as imitative verbal aggression.

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(c) Describe **one** result about aggressive gun play in the aggressive experimental groups.

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3 From the study by Baron-Cohen et al. (eyes test):

(a) Identify **three** features of the sample used for Group 4.

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(b) Suggest **one** real-world application based on the results of this study.

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4 (a) Describe **two** assumptions of the learning approach, using examples other than the study by Saavedra and Silverman (button phobia).

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(b) Explain how **one** finding from the study by Saavedra and Silverman supports **one** of the assumptions of the learning approach that you have described in (a).

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5 From the study by Dement and Kleitman (sleep and dreams):

(a) From the dream-duration estimate part of the study:

State how Dement and Kleitman chose whether to wake a participant after 5 minutes or after 15 minutes of REM sleep.

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(b) Describe the dream-duration estimates for the participant DN whose responses did **not** follow the same pattern as others.

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(c) Outline **one** strength of the study.

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6 From the study by Laney et al. (false memory):

Describe the procedure for Experiment 1 from when the participants returned for Session 2 (approximately one week after Session 1) until they completed the Food History Inventory.

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7 From the study by Pepperberg (parrot learning):

(a) The 'model/rival technique' was used where one human acted as a trainer.

Describe this technique.

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(b) Describe what the secondary trainer did during the 'test procedures'.

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8 (a) Research in the laboratory has shown that people are more likely to help someone of a different race to themselves.

Explain **two** ways the study by Piliavin et al. (subway Samaritans) differs from this research.

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(b) Explain **one** similarity and **one** difference between the study by Piliavin et al. (subway Samaritans) and the study by Milgram (obedience).

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