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PSYCHOLOGY

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Paper 1 Approaches, Issues and Debates

February/March 2020

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 [].

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Answer **all** questions.

1 From the study by Andrade (doodling):

(a) State the experimental design used in this study. Include a reason for your answer.

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(b) Outline the materials used by participants in the doodling condition.

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(c) Outline the result for 'false alarms for places' (incidental information) in the study.

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2 From the case study by Saavedra and Silverman who gave therapy to a 9-year old boy after his negative experience with buttons:

(a) Outline **one** psychological concept that was investigated in this study.

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(b) Outline **one** result from the posttreatment assessment session.

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3 From the study by Pepperberg (parrot learning):

(a) Outline **one** result of the test on Alex the parrot which used familiar objects.

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(b) Outline **one** methodological strength of this study.

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(c) Outline **one** ethical weakness of this study.

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

(a) Identify **two** characteristics of the sample used in Group 1.

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(b) Describe how the participants were recruited for Group 1.

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(c) Outline **one** conclusion from this study.

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

(a) Outline **one** aim of this study.

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(b) Suggest **one** real-world application of this study.

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8 The study by Piliavin et al. (subway Samaritans) is from the social approach.

(a) Outline **two** assumptions of the social approach, using any example for each.

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(b) Explain how **one** result from the study by Piliavin et al. supports the situational explanation of behaviour and how **one** result does **not** support diffusion of responsibility.

Result that supports the situational explanation of behaviour:

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Explain how:

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Result that does **not** support diffusion of responsibility:

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Explain how:

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