



GCSE

PSYCHOLOGY



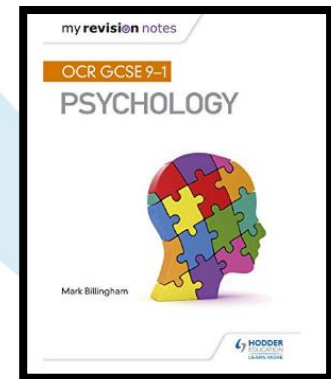
Key Information

Exam Board: OCR

Requirements: Good prior achievement in KS3 English, Maths and Science

100% Examinations: 2 x 1 hour 30 minute

Cost: Recommended to buy 'My Revision Notes: OCR GCSE (9-1) Psychology' to help with revision



Overview

Paper 1	Paper 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Criminal Psychology• Development• Psychological Problems• Research Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Influence• Memory• Sleep and Dreaming• Research Methods

Criminal Psychology: Focuses on the different types of crime including: violent, drug related, acquisitive, sexual and anti-social offences, criminal behaviour as a social construct and how crime is measured. Key theories behind why individuals commit crime, exploring the nature vs nurture debate.



Development: Focuses on the stages of development; pre-natal, childhood, adolescence and adulthood. It also explores the development of the brain and the nervous system.



Psychological Problems: Explores the ways mental health is defined and the current prevalence of mental health problems. It will focus particularly on the explanations and treatments for Schizophrenia and Depression.



Research methods: There is a research methods section within each paper. In paper 1, the focus will be on designing an investigation and for paper 2, the questions will relate to a novel source. Specific research methods content may also be assessed within all the topic areas.



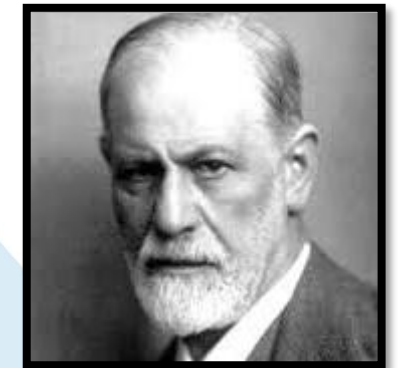
Social influence: This topic looks at the way people conform, crowd behaviour including pro-social and anti-social behaviour, as well as, the concept of obedience including obeying the orders of authority figures.



Memory: Focuses on the stages of information processing, types of forgetting, and the structure and functions of the brain and how the brain works in the formation of memories.



Sleep and Dreaming: The functions, features and benefits of sleep, the stages of sleep and when dreaming occurs. The causes of sleep disorders, sleep onset and sleep maintenance insomnia. Freud's theories on what our dreams mean.



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What are Psychology lessons like?

Multi-layered approach to teaching including:

- ✓ Writing
- ✓ Group Discussions
- ✓ Mini games and quizzes
- ✓ Exam question activities
- ✓ Creative tasks
- ✓ Research Projects

Further Opportunities

- ✓ Students who achieve a grade 6 in GCSE Psychology will be able to study a Humanities subject at A level.
- ✓ Psychology GCSE provides students with skills that are transferable across the curriculum at a higher level and in the workplace.

This subject would be useful for anyone considering a career where the main focus of the work is dealing with people.

Social Work

Counselling

Therapy

Medicine

Law

Teaching

Journalism

