

Edexcel A-Level Psychology Content

Social Psychology

Part 1 - Obedience:

- Agency Theory.....
- Social Impact Theory.....
- Milgram’s Baseline Study.....
- Milgram’s Variation Studies.....

Part 2 - Factors Affecting Obedience and Dissent:

- Individual Differences (Personality and Gender)
- Situation and Culture.....

Part 3 - Prejudice:

- Social Identity Theory.....
- Realistic Conflict Theory.....

Part 4 - Factors Affecting Prejudice:

- Individual Difference (Personality)
- Situation and Culture.....

Part 5 - Studies:

- **Classic Study:** Sherif *et al.* (1954/1961)
- **Contemporary Study:** Burger (2009)

Cognitive Psychology

Part 1 - Memory:

- The Working Memory Model.....
- The Multi-Store Model of Memory.....
- Explanation of Long-Term Memory.....
- Reconstructive Memory.....

Part 2 - Studies:

- **Classic Study:** Baddeley (1966b)
- **Contemporary Study:** Schmolck *et al.* (2002)

Biological Psychology

Part 1 - Content:

- The Central Nervous System and Human Behaviour.....
- Neurons, Synaptic Transmission and Neurotransmitters.....
- Effects of Recreational Drugs.....
- The Structure of the Brain and Aggression.....
- Evolution, Natural Selection, and Aggression.....
- Freud’s Psychodynamic Explanation of Aggression.....
- Role of Hormones in Human Behaviour.....

Part 2 - Studies:

- **Classic Study:** Raine *et al.* (1997)
- **Contemporary:** Brendgen *et al.* (2005)

Learning Theories

Part 1 - Conditioning:

- Classical Conditioning – The Main Features.....
- Pavlov (1997)
- Operant Conditioning – The Main Features.....
- Reinforcement and Behaviour Modification.....
- Social Learning Theory – The Main Features.....
- Bandura *et al.* (1961)
- Bandura *et al.* (1963, 1965)

Part 2 - Phobias:

- Learning Theories as Explanations of Phobias.....
- Treatments based on Phobias.....

Part 3 - Studies:

- **Classic Study:** Watson and Rayner (1920)
- **Contemporary Study:** Becker *et al.* (2002)

Clinical Psychology

Part 1 - Diagnoses and Classification:

- Diagnosis of Mental Disorders.....
- Classification Systems: The DSM.....
- Classification Systems: The ICD.....

Part 2 - Schizophrenia:

- Symptoms and Features.....
- Neurotransmitters as an Explanation.....
- One Other Biological Explanation.....
- One Non-Biological Explanation.....
- One Biological Treatment.....
- One Non-biological Treatment.....

Part 3 - Studies:

- **Classic Study:** Rosenhan (1973)
- **Contemporary Study:** Carlsson *et al.* (2000)

Part 4 - Anorexia Nervosa:

- Symptoms and Features.....
- One Biological Explanation.....
- One Non-Biological Explanation.....
- One Biological Treatment.....
- One Non-Biological Treatment

Part 5 - Studies:

- **Contemporary Study:** Guardia *et al.* (2012)

Criminological Psychology

Part 1 – Explanations of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour:

- Biological Explanations.....
- Personality.....
- Social Explanations.....

Part 2 – Understanding the Offender, Offence Analysis and Case Formulation:

- Cognitive Interview and Ethical Interview Techniques.....
- The use of Psychological Formulation.....

Part 3 – Treatments for Offenders:

- Cognitive-Behavioural Treatment.....
- Biological Treatment.....

Part 4 – Factors:

- Factors Influencing EWT: Reliability.....
- Factors Influencing Jury Decisions-Making.....

Part 5 – Studies:

- **Classic Study:** Loftus and Palmer (1974).....
- **Contemporary Study:** Valentine & Mesout (2009).....