

A Level Psychology 2025-27

AQA (7182)

Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology

Paper 2: Psychology in Context

Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology



YEAR 12

Term		Teacher 1 – MGS
Autumn 1 7 weeks	Paper 1 96 marks 33.3% of A Level	Introductory topics in psychology Social influence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Types of conformity - Explanations for obedience - Resistance to social influence - Minority influence Memory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multi-store and working memory models - Explanations for forgetting - Factors affecting eyewitness testimony - The Cognitive Interview Attachment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explanations of attachment - Types of attachment - Effects of institutionalisation - Animal studies Clinical psychology and mental health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Behaviourist approach to explaining and treating phobias - Cognitive approach to explaining and treating depression - Biological approach to explaining and treating OCD
Autumn 2 7 weeks		
Spring 1 6 weeks	Paper 2 96 marks 33.3% of A Level	Psychology in context Approaches in Psychology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning approaches (behaviourist and social learning theories) - The cognitive approach and cognitive neuroscience - The biological approach and neurochemistry - The psychodynamic approach and Freud - Humanistic psychology and Maslow's hierarchy of needs Biopsychology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The nervous system - The endocrine system and adrenaline - Structure and function of the brain - Studying the brain and brain scanning
Spring 2 5 weeks		
Students will be prepared for full mock Paper		
Mock revision	Focus of revision	Paper 1: social influence, memory attachment and clinical psychology and mental health
Summer 1 6 weeks		Research methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experiments and observations - Correlations - Case studies - Content analysis Scientific processes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aims and hypotheses - Sampling and pilot studies - Experimental and observational design - The role of peer reviews - Validity and reliability - Features of science - Reporting psychological investigations
Summer 2 7 weeks		Data handling and analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interpreting, analysing and presenting data - Content analysis and coding

		Inferential testing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Probability and significance - Factors affecting the choice of statistical tests
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Which series paper is being used for the Year 12 mock?	June 2025
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YEAR 13

Term		Teacher 1 – MGS
Autumn 1 7 weeks	<i>Paper 3 96 marks 33.3% of A Level</i>	Issues and Options in Psychology Issues and debates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gender and culture - Freewill and determinism - The nature-nurture debate - Holism and reductionism - Idiographic and nomothetic approaches - Ethical issues and social sensitivity
Autumn 2 7 weeks		Gender: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The role of chromosomes and hormones - Gender identities - Biological, cognitive and learning theory explanations of gender development - Gender incongruence
Spring 1 6 weeks		Schizophrenia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive and negative symptoms - Biological, cognitive and social explanations of schizophrenia - Drug and cognitive behaviour therapy - Diathesis-stress model - Issues in diagnosis of schizophrenia
Students will be prepared for full mock Paper 2		
Mock revision	Focus of revision	Paper 2 – Psychology in Context: approaches in psychology, biopsychology, research methods and scientific processes.
Spring 2 5 weeks		Forensic Psychology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offender profiling - Explanations of offending behaviours - Dealing with offending behaviours - Anger managements and restorative justice programmes
Summer 1 6 weeks		Revision
Summer 2 7 weeks		

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