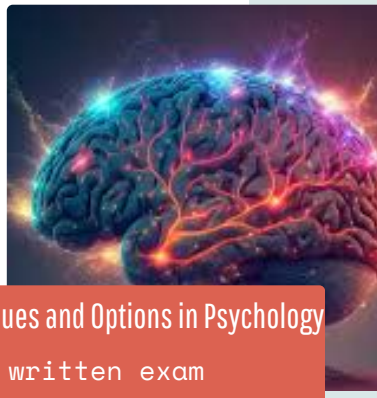
A-LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

WHAT IS THE COURSE ABOUT?

Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour. Studying psychology at A-Level involves learning about different theories, evaluating these using research evidence, and understanding how psychologists study different phenomena through the use of different methodologies.



HOW IS THE COURSE STRUCTURED?

PAPER 1 - Introductory Topics in Psychology

- 2 hour written exam
- 96 marks
- 33.3% of A-level

Section A: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks - MEMORY

Section B: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks - SOCIAL INFLUENCE

Section C: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks - ATTACHMENT

Section D: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks - CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND MENTAL HEALTH

PAPER 2 – Psychology in Context

- 2 hour written exam
- 96 marks
- 33.3% of A-level

Section A: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks - APPROACHES

Section B: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks - BIOPSYCHOLOGY

Section C: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 48 marks - RESEARCH METHODS

PAPER 3 – Issues and Options in Psychology

- 2 hour written exam
- 96 marks
- 33.3% of A-level

Section A: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks- ISSUES AND DEBATES

Section B: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks - SCHIZOPHRENIA

Section C: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks - RELATIONSHIPS

Section D: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks - AGGRESSION

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW BEFORE TAKING THE COURSE?

Psychology uses a variety of skills from English, Maths and Science, therefore it is essential you have good grades in these at GCSE. You do not need to have studied Psychology at GCSE, although if you have, you can use the knowledge you have gained as a foundation to the A- Level material. Psychology is all about research, therefore it is important to be interested in how research is conducted and be critical in making informed analytical judgements. In the exam, you will be asked to carry mathematical and statistical calculations. **You need a 5 in GCSE Maths, English and Science (Biology/Combined Science) to study Psychology.**

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HOW CAN PSYCHOLOGY DEVELOP MY FULL RANGE OF SKILLS?

Visit the AQA website:

Check out the course in greater detail to see what content is included in each topic.

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During the Psychology A-Level course you will:

- Learn how to use evidence from research to support your arguments
- Learn research skills
- Develop your ability to explain your point of view fluently
- Learn how to evaluate and analyse scientific research

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Psychology is a really good choice for students who would like a career working with people. For example, marketing, advertising, human resources, teaching, social care and in the sports industry. You can also specialise in different psychological fields, for example: clinical, educational, health, counselling, neurocognition, climate and environmental, developmental, forensic.

The British Psychological Society:

Have a look at what Psychology is all about and the potential career opportunities.

Is there anything you would like to do?

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WHAT CAN I DO TO SEE IF PYSCHOLOGY IS FOR ME?

Have a look at some of these famous Psychology experiments and make a mind-map on what was found.

YouTube: The Bobo Doll Experiment

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YouTube: Milgram's Obedience Study

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YouTube: Harlow's Monkeys

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