

AQA Paper 3 Exam Analysis



SCHIZOPHRENIA

2025

Family therapy as a treatment for schizophrenia (8)

Diathesis-stress model as a way of explaining schizophrenia (16)

2024

Meta-analysis (1)

How antipsychotic drugs work (1)

Limitation of drugs (2)

Difference between positive and negative symptoms (4)

Family dysfunction as an explanation – scenario (16)

2023

Matching key terms and definitions (4)

Reducing demand characteristics & investigator effects – scenario (4)

Explanations for schizophrenia - scenario (16)

2022

Definition of diathesis-stress model (1)

Token economy example (1)

Cognitive explanation and one limitation (6)

Data in a table – scenario (4)

Levels of data (nominal and ordinal) – scenario (4)

Evaluate antipsychotics (8)

2021

Definitions of comorbidity and symptom overlap (2)

Evaluate one psychological explanation for schizophrenia (6)

Family therapy and cognitive behaviour therapy – scenario (16)

2020

One study of validity in relation to diagnosis (4)

Cognitive behaviour therapy – scenario (4)

Outline biological explanation(s) for schizophrenia and compare with the family dysfunction explanation (16)

2019

Negative symptom of schizophrenia (2)

Why a Mann-Whitney test is an appropriate choice of statistical test in stats scenario (2)

Bias and generalisation in stats scenario (4)

Interactionist approach in explaining and treating schizophrenia (16)

2018

Co-morbidity (2)

Symptom overlap & problems with the diagnosis and/or classification of schizophrenia (2)

Distribution of scores – scenario (4)

Biological explanations for schizophrenia (16)

2017

Neural correlates as an explanation for schizophrenia (1)

Token economies as a treatment (1)

Describe the family dysfunction explanation for schizophrenia – scenario (8)

Briefly discuss two limitations of the family dysfunction explanation for schizophrenia (6)

Outline and evaluate the use of antipsychotic drugs to treat schizophrenia (8)

Specimen Practise Papers

Symptoms of schizophrenia – scenario (4)

CBT to treat schizophrenia (4)

Discuss biological explanations for schizophrenia (16)

Discuss reliability and/or validity in relation to the diagnosis and classification of schizophrenia (8)

Interpret data in a table for effectiveness of typical and atypical antipsychotics (4)

One limitation of drug therapy (2)

Outline family dysfunction as an explanation for schizophrenia (2)

Discuss token economies as a method used in the management of schizophrenia (8)

