

AQA Paper 3 Exam Analysis



ADDICTION

2026

Behavioural category with face validity – scenario (1)

Reliability of observations in content analysis (3)

Limitations of behavioural interventions to reduce addiction (4)

Brain neurochemistry explanation for nicotine addiction (16)

2025

The role of cue reactivity in addiction (1)

The role of dopamine in nicotine addiction (1)

Risk factors in addiction (2)

Evaluate the role of risk factors in addiction (4)

Cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) as a way of reducing addiction – scenario (16)

2024

Harvard referencing (1)

Questionnaire modification – scenario (2)

Prochaska's model of behaviour change (3)

Ways of reducing addiction – scenario (16)

2023

Reasons for choosing a chi squared test - scenario (4)

Learning theory for gambling - scenario (4)

Control over participant variable - scenario (4)

Describe cue reactivity for nicotine addiction (6)

Evaluate cue reactivity for nicotine addiction (6)

2022

Theory of planned behaviour (4)

Evaluate the theory of planned behaviour (4)

Risk factors in the development of addiction (16)

2021

Testable hypothesis (1)

Therapy for addiction – scenario (1)

Advice for gambling addiction – scenario (4)

Limitation of way of reducing addiction (2)

Brain neurochemistry or learning theory as an explanation for nicotine addiction (16)

2020

How brain neurochemistry is involved in nicotine addiction (6)

Covert sensitisation – scenario (4)

One strength and one limitation of covert sensitisation (6)

Cognitive bias as a way of explaining gambling addiction (8)

2019

How two sets of images could be used in this study and why this would be an improvement (4)

Participants who had a score < the median in the before condition – stats scenario (4)

Learning theory as applied to gambling (8)

Personality as a risk factor in the development of addiction (8)

2018

Effects of tolerance (2)

Evaluate Prochaska's model of behaviour change (6)

Reducing addiction – scenario (16)

2017

Explain how dopamine is involved in nicotine addiction (2)

Difference between primary and secondary data (4)

Thematic analysis of the interview recordings (2)

Describe and evaluate cognitive theory as an explanation for gambling addiction (16)

Specimen Practise Papers

Outline one method for reducing addiction and explain one limitation of this method (4)

Risk factors relevant to addiction to smoking (4)

Discuss explanations for gambling addiction (16)

Outline the theory of planned behaviour (2)

One limitation of this theory (2)

Why use the median as a measure of central tendency rather than the mean (4)

Outline and evaluate behavioural interventions aimed at reducing addiction (16)



* **NOTE:** Some of the topics have been removed so will not appear in exams from 2027 onwards,
see specification for details.



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