

AQA Paper 3 Exam Analysis



RELATIONSHIPS

2026

One phase of Duck's model of relationship breakdown (4)

Co-variables in correlation – scenario (2)

Level of measurement – scenario (3)

Choosing a statistical test – scenario (1)

Draw and label a scattergram – scenario (2)

Factors affecting attraction study – procedure and findings (4)

Attachment theory explanation of parasocial relationships (8)

2025

Rusbult's investment model – scenario (4)

Absence of gating as a factor in virtual relationships (4)

Filter theory of romantic relationships – scenario (16)

2024

Random allocation – scenario (3)

Conclusion from median data – scenario (2)

Method section of a psychological report (1)

Self-disclosure – scenario (2)

Matching hypothesis (8)

Role of sexual selection in human reproductive behaviour (8)

2023

Self-disclosure definition (2)

Strength & weakness of self-disclosure (6)

Duck's phase model (8)

Absorption addiction model – parasocial relationships (8)

2022

Theories of romantic relationships – scenario (8)

Self-disclosure and the absence of gating in virtual relationships (16)

2021

Duck's phase model of relationship breakdown (4)

Self-disclosure in virtual relationships – scenario (4)

Parasocial relationships (16)

2020

Definition of social exchange theory (1)

Choice of statistical test and why - scenario (5)

Improving the study – scenario (2)

Filter theory of attraction (8)

Rusbult's model of romantic relationships and one/ more strengths (8)

2019

Relationship between sexual selection and human reproductive behaviour (8)

Social exchange theory (16)

2018

Equity theory (2)

Evaluation evolutionary explanations - scenario (6)

Stratified sample – scenario (4)

Debriefing statement – scenario (4)

Attachment theory explanation for parasocial relationships (8)

2017

Filter theory of attraction (2)

Write the full reference for a book - scenario (2)

Outline two phases of relationship breakdown proposed by Duck (4)

Discuss what psychological research has told us about virtual relationships in social media (16)

Specimen Practise Papers

One other feature of the investment model of relationships (not investment) (1)

Sketch a graph and label the axes (3)

What distribution does the graph show? (1)

Explain one limitation of a self-report technique (2)

Correct order of Duck's phases (1)

Discuss evolutionary explanations for partner preferences (16)

Outline the absorption addiction model of parasocial relationships (2)

Two limitations of the absorption addiction model of parasocial relationships (6)

Discuss factors affecting attraction in romantic relationships – scenario (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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