

## AQA Paper 3 Practise Questions

### Issues and Debates

Using an example of a research study you have learned about in psychology, outline what is meant by a nomothetic approach to psychological investigation.

[4 marks]

Referring to the example used in your answer to Question **04**, briefly explain how **the same** behaviour might be studied using an idiographic approach to psychological investigation.

[2 marks]

'Psychologists sometimes adopt a reductionist approach to their investigations when they want their research to be objective and empirical.'

Discuss reductionism in psychological research. Refer to the statement above in your answer.

[16 marks]

### Cognition and Development

Discuss theory of mind **and** Selman's levels of perspective-taking in the development of social cognition.

[16 marks]

Outline and briefly discuss the role of the mirror neuron system in social cognition.

[8 marks]

Discuss what Baillargeon's research has told us about early infant abilities.

[16 marks]

### Schizophrenia

Evaluate antipsychotics as a therapy for schizophrenia.

[8 marks]

Discuss **one or more** biological explanations for schizophrenia.

[16 marks]

## Forensic Psychology

Jack has been convicted of a burglary and attends Betterway centre for young offenders. At Betterway, case workers aim to change how offenders think about their crimes by involving victims. The case workers encourage offenders to consider the wider effects of their crimes and appreciate how they should make up for what they have done wrong.

Which way of dealing with offending involves victims?

[1 mark]

Referring to your answer to Question <sup>↑</sup> describe what a case worker might recommend in order for Jack to deal with his offending.

[4 marks]

Outline **one** limitation of the way of dealing with offending you have described in your answer to Question above.

[2 marks]

A group of probation and prison officers attended a training session on how to deal with offenders. They each offered suggestions and the group leader wrote some of the suggestions on a flip chart. **Table 6** below shows some of the suggestions.

**Table 6**

Get him to talk about what makes him angry Make him do something to help the victim Give him points for TV time when he behaves well Teach him how to calm himself down Teach him the link between behaviour and consequences
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Discuss **one or more** ways of dealing with offending behaviour. Refer to some of the suggestions in **Table 6** in your answer.

[16 marks]