

EDEXCEL Paper 2 Exam Analysis



CRIMINOLOGICAL

2026

Weapon focus in EWT (2)

Strength of weapon focus (2)

State non-directional hypothesis – scenario (2)

Calculate Mann Whitney test – scenario (4)

Reason for independent groups design – scenario (2)

Conducting a case study – scenario (8)

Evaluate factors that may influence jury decision-making – scenario (16)

2025

Results from Loftus & Palmer (2)

Evaluation of Loftus & Palmer (4)

Calculate standard deviation – scenario (4)

Explain standard deviation – scenario (2)

Assess one theory of personality for crime (8)

Evaluate one biological treatment – scenario (16)

2024

Results of your practical investigation (2)

Strength of your practical investigation (2)

Improvement to your practical investigation (2)

Volunteer sampling – scenario (2)

Weakness of volunteer sampling – scenario (2)

Strength of independent groups design - scenario (2)

Evaluate self-fulfilling prophecy (8)

Assess effectiveness of cognitive-behavioural treatment – scenario (16)

2023

Biological treatment for offenders (2)

One strength of biological treatment (2)

Weakness of collecting quantitative data – scenario (2)

Calculate Wilcoxon test – scenario (4)

Improvement – scenario (2)

Psychological formulation – scenario (8)

Evaluate XYY syndrome – scenario (16)

2022

One strength/ one weakness of sampling technique – scenario (4)

Calculate mean – scenario (1)

Calculate median – scenario (1)

Statement of significance – scenario (1)

One improvement – scenario (2)

Theory of personality for crime (3)

Amygdala & aggression – scenario (8)

Factors influencing EWT – scenario (16)

2021

Two findings of your contemporary study (2)

One strength of your contemporary study in terms of reliability (2)

Risk management – scenario (3)

Experimental design – scenario (1)

Why qualitative data better than quantitative data (2)

One weakness of investigation – scenario (2)

Development affected anti-social behaviour – scenario (8)

Evaluate ethical interview techniques – scenario (16)

2020

Aim of your practical (1)

Procedure of your practical (4)

Sampling technique – scenario (1)

Draw a graph – scenario (3)

Compare independent groups and matched pairs experimental designs (3)

Brain injury & aggression – scenario (8)

Jury decision making – scenario (16)

2019

Post-event information – scenario (3)

Cognitive interview – scenario (4)

Calculate the range – scenario (1)

Using the mean rather than the mode – scenario (2)

One improvement to field study – scenario (2)

Evaluate Loftus and Palmer (1974) (8)

Labelling theory – scenario (16)

2018

Calculate the mean – scenario (2)

How the findings could improve eyewitness testimony (2)

One cognitive-behavioural treatment for offenders– scenario (4)

One strength and one weakness of one cognitive-behavioural treatment for offenders (4)

Self-fulfilling prophecy as an explanation – scenario (8)

Cognitive interview be effective – scenario (16)

2017

Identify statistical test (1)

Give reasons for statistical test (3)

Random sampling (2)

XYY Syndrome (4)

Strength of personality in crime (2)

Evaluate biological treatment for offenders (8)

Key question for criminal (16)



Specimen Practice Papers

Two areas in crime (4)

Identify level of measurement (1)

Explain median (2)

Calculate Mann-Whitney U statistical test (4)

Psychological formulation (8)

Evaluate SLT for crime (16)

Weapon focus in EWT (3)

Factors affecting EWT – not weapon focus (3)

Calculate Chi-squared statistical test (4)

Explain Chi-squared result (2)

Social explanations of crime (scenario) (8)

Characteristics affecting jury decision making (16)



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