

## **AQA Paper 3 Exam Analysis**



# **SCHIZOPHRENIA**

### **2026**

Neural correlates (1)

Cognitive explanations for schizophrenia – scenario (6)

Typical antipsychotic drugs (1)

Evaluation of drug therapy for schizophrenia (8)

How comorbidity, bias and symptom overlap affects the diagnosis of schizophrenia (8)

### **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)



\* **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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