

AQA Paper 1 Exam Analysis



SOCIAL INFLUENCE

2026

Definition of minority influence (2)

Legitimacy of authority as an explanation of obedience (3)

Strength of legitimacy of authority as an explanation of obedience (3)

Two explanations for resistance to social influence – scenario (16)

2025

Definition of flexibility in minority influence (2)

Authoritarian personality as explanation of obedience (4)

Limitation of authoritarian personality (2)

Two explanations for conformity – scenario (16)

2024

Ethical issue in social influence research (4)

Explanations of conformity – scenario (6)

Explanations of obedience – scenario (6)

Consistency and flexibility in minority influence (8)

2023

Zimbardo prison study method (2)

Obedience research – scenario (6)

Research into minority influence (16)

2022

Minority influence examples (3)

Explanation of resistance to social influence (1)

Explanation of resistance to social influence – scenario (4)

Situational variables – scenario (16)

2021

Zimbardo procedure (4)

Social influence processes in social change – scenario (6)

One limitation of primary data - scenario (2)

How the validity of the questionnaire could be improved – scenario (4)

Legitimacy of authority (8)

2020

Informational social influence (1)

Minority influence processes – scenario (4)

How Asch's conformity research features science (3)

Legitimacy of authority and agentic state explanations – scenario (16)

2019

Resistance to social influence (4)

Calculate the ratio in scenario (2)

Statistical test choice in scenario (4)

Social influence processes in social change (6)

Ethical issues in social influence research (8)

2018

Agentic state obedience (2)

Minority influence – scenario (6)

Psychological research about conformity (16)

2017

Type of data in experiment (2)

Knowledge of SI to explain the outcome (3)

Problem with different participants in conditions (4)

Two reasons for Chi Squared test (2)

Interpretation of Chi Squared result/ significance (2)

Authoritarian Personality (8)

Alternative explanation for obedience (3)

Specimen Practice Papers

Mix and match for Identification, Informational social influence, Normative social influence, Compliance, Internalisation (4)

Outline and evaluate the findings of any one study of social influence (4)

Discuss two explanations of resistance to social influence – scenario (16)

Two explanations for obedience (6)

Evaluate one of the explanations (3)

Knowledge of conformity and minority influence – scenario (7)

Procedures and findings of Zimbardo (4)

Two criticisms of Zimbardo (4)



* 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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