

AQA Paper 1 Exam Analysis



MEMORY

2026

Two types of misleading information in EWT (2)

Explanations for forgetting – scenario (6)

Multi-store model of memory (16)

2025

Characteristics of long-term memory (2)

Procedure/ findings of one study on coding (4)

Revision strategy based on retrieval failure (2)

Interference as an explanation of forgetting (6)

Reasons for choosing a stats test – scenario (6)

Research into EWT - scenario (4)

2024

Inferential statistics in correlation – scenario (3)

Reasons for correlation stats test – scenario (5)

Differences between episodic and semantic memories (4)

Describe and give one limitation of retrieval failure (4)

Post-event discussion and EWT (8)

2023

Standardisation definition – scenario (2)

Randomisation definition – scenario (2)

Multi-store model – scenario (4)

Research into anxiety on EWT (16)

2022

Research into capacity of short-term memory (2)

Research into duration of short-term memory (2)

Cognitive interview techniques – scenario (4)

Working memory model – scenario (16)

2021

Two components of the working memory model (4)

Evaluate the central executive (4)

Retrieval failure and interference – scenario (16)

2020

Types of long-term memory – episodic, procedural, semantic (3)

Advantage of an independent groups design -scenario (1)

Measure of central tendency - scenario (3)

Retroactive interference example (3)

Cognitive interview – scenario (6)

Outline and evaluate research into duration in memory (8)

2019

Two factors in the cognitive interview technique (2)

Evaluate the cognitive interview (6)

Multi-store model of memory (16)

2018

Two components of working memory model – scenario (2)

How working memory model could be improved (4)

Strength of working memory model (4)

Cognitive interview (6)

Explanation of forgetting (interference) (4)

Evaluate explanation of forgetting (interference) (4)

2017

Difference between procedural and episodic memory (4)

Coding in memory – scenario (4)

Outline & evaluate effects of misleading information on eyewitness testimony (16)

Specimen Practice Papers

Measure of central tendency for calculating the average (2)

Calculate the measure of central tendency (4)

Knowledge of forgetting to explain why – scenario (2)

Describe and evaluate the working memory model of memory (16)

Complete table on Capacity, Duration, Coding in Sensory Register, STM, LTM (4)

Working memory model – scenario (4)

Two or more factors that affect the reliability of eyewitness testimony – 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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