

Qualification: GCSE Psychology

What will be assessed in 2022?

Everything could be assessed. But the main focus of higher tariff questions are:

Paper 1

Development

- Topic 1.1.1 Early brain development
- Topic 1.1.2 Piaget's Theory of Cognitive Development
- Topic 1.1.4 Willingham's learning theory
- Topic 1.2.2 Study – Gunderson et al. (2013)
- Topic 1.3 Issues and Debates

Memory

- Topic 2.1.1 The structure and process of memory and information processing
- Topic 2.1.5 Multi-store of memory (Atkinson & Shiffrin, 1968)

Psychological problems

- Topic 3.1.1 Symptoms and features of unipolar depression and addiction
- Topic 3.1.3 How mental health problems affect individuals and society
- Topic 3.1.8 Drug treatments for Psychological Problems
- Topic 3.2.1 Study – Caspi et al. (2003)
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The brain

- Topic 4.1.1 Structure and function of the brain
- Topic 4.1.2 Lateralisation of function in hemispheres
- Topic 4.1.3 Neurons and synapses
- Topic 4.1.4 Impact of neurological damage on cognitions and behaviour
- Topic 4.2.2 Study – Sperry (1968)
- Topic 4.3 Issues and Debates

Social Influence

- Topic 5.1.3 Conformity to majority influence
- Topic 5.1.4 Obedience to authority figures
- Topic 5.2.2 Study – Haney, Banks, and Zimbardo (1973)
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What will be assessed in 2022? (continued)

Paper 2

Research Methods

- Questions may be asked on any area of the specification linked to this topic so students need to learn ALL of the research methods content.

Criminal

- Topic 6.1.1 Understanding learning theories as an explanation of criminality, including strengths and weaknesses of each theory
- Topic 6.1.3 Understand the effects of punishments on recidivism, including strengths and weaknesses of each punishment

Sleep and Dreaming

- Topic 9.1.2 Understand the internal and external influences on sleep, including strengths and weaknesses of each explanation
- Topic 9.2.1 Understand the aims, procedures and findings (results and conclusions), strengths and weaknesses of: Freud (1909) Little Hans, analysis of a phobia in a five-year-old boy

What won't be assessed in 2022?

Everything could be assessed. But topics not listed to the left of above will be the focus of low tariff questions.

Additional support provided by the exam board for the 2022 year only?

None