

A-level psychology summer homework

Welcome to the start of your Psychology A-level!!

A Level Psychology course:

Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3
Social influence Memory Attachment Clinical psychology and mental health	Approaches in psychology Biopsychology Research methods	Issues and debates Relationships Schizophrenia Aggression

You are required to complete ALL of the activities in this transition pack for submission in the first week of the new academic year.

Task 1: Approaches in psychology

There are some core approaches to Psychology that you need to know for your A level – they are different ways of explaining human behaviours. Your job is to do some research on them using the internet (good websites- simply psychology, tutor2u). There are also plenty of great videos on YouTube including Psychboost. Complete the following tables to ensure you are familiar with the approaches in psychology:

The Behaviourist Approach

What does this approach suggest about human behaviour?

Key researchers in this area

Key psychological study in this area (methods and findings)

Does this approach have a deterministic view on behaviour? Explain this.

The Social Learning Theory Approach

What does this approach suggest about human behaviour?

Key researchers in this area

Key psychological study in this area (methods and findings)

Does this approach have a deterministic view on behaviour? Explain this.

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The Cognitive Approach

What does this approach suggest about human behaviour?

Key researchers in this area

Key psychological study in this area (methods and findings)

Does this approach have a deterministic view on behaviour? Explain this.

The Biological Approach

What does this approach suggest about human behaviour?

Key researchers in this area

Key psychological study in this area (methods and findings)

Does this approach have a deterministic view on behaviour? Explain this.

The Psychodynamic Approach

What does this approach suggest about human behaviour?

Key researchers in this area

Key psychological study in this area (methods and findings)

Does this approach have a deterministic view on behaviour? Explain this.

The Humanistic Approach

What does this approach suggest about human behaviour?

Key researchers in this area

Key psychological study in this area (methods and findings)

Does this approach have a deterministic view on behaviour? Explain this.

Task 2- Key studies in psychology (social influence)

Complete the tasks below:

Social Influence: Solomon Asch's conformity experiment

Asch's experiment: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYIh4MkcfJA> (study video)
<https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology/reference/conformity-asch-1951> (notes on the study)

Make some brief notes as to what this experiment is about – think aims, procedures, results and conclusions.

Social Influence: Milgram's study on obedience

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kzd6Ew3TraA> (study video)
<https://simplypsychology.org/milgram.html> (study notes)

Make some brief notes as to what this experiment is about – think aims, procedures, results and conclusions.

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Task 3: Research methods in psychology

Define the following:

Aim	
Directional hypothesis	
Non-directional hypothesis	
Extraneous variables	
Demand characteristics	
Independent groups	
Repeated measures	
Matched pairs	
Lab experiment	
Natural experiment	
Natural experiment	

Quasi experiment	
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We look forward to seeing you in September!

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