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PSYCHOLOGY

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Paper 3 Specialist Options: Theory

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **four** questions in total:
Answer questions from **two** options.
For each chosen option, answer **all** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Psychology and abnormality

Answer **all** questions.

- 1 (a) Outline **two** characteristics of schizophrenia. [2]
- (b) Describe token economy (Paul and Lentz, 1977) as a treatment for schizophrenia and delusional disorder. [4]
- (c) Discuss the ethics of using token economies as a treatment for schizophrenia and delusional disorder. [6]
- 2 (a) Describe explanations of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). [8]
- (b) Evaluate explanations of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), including a discussion of determinism. [10]

Psychology and consumer behaviour

Answer **all** questions.

- 3 (a) Identify **two** common menu design mistakes, as outlined by Pavesic (2005). [2]
- (b) Describe **two** findings of the study by Gil et al. (2009) on shopper movement patterns. [4]
- (c) Explain **one** strength and **one** weakness of the study by Gil et al. [6]
- 4 (a) Describe what psychologists have discovered about choice heuristics in consumer decision-making (availability/representativeness, anchoring and purchase quantity decisions, pre-cognitive decisions). [8]
- (b) Evaluate what psychologists have discovered about choice heuristics in consumer decision-making (availability/representativeness, anchoring and purchase quantity decisions, pre-cognitive decisions), including a discussion of ecological validity. [10]

Psychology and health

Answer **all** questions.

- 5 (a) Explain what is meant by 'acute' pain. [2]
- (b) Describe the UAB pain behaviour scale as a measure of pain. [4]
- (c) Explain **two** strengths of the UAB pain behaviour scale. [6]
- 6 (a) Describe what psychologists have discovered about practitioner and patient interpersonal skills (non-verbal communications and verbal communications). [8]
- (b) Evaluate what psychologists have discovered about practitioner and patient interpersonal skills (non-verbal communications and verbal communications), including a discussion of quantitative and qualitative data. [10]

Psychology and organisations

Answer **all** questions.

- 7 (a) Explain what is meant by a 'continental rota' in shiftwork. [2]
- (b) Outline **two** types of bullying at work from the study by Einarsen (1999). [4]
- (c) Explain **two** weaknesses of the study by Einarsen (1999). [6]
- 8 (a) Describe what psychologists have discovered about group decision-making in organisations. [8]
- (b) Evaluate what psychologists have discovered about group decision-making in organisations, including a discussion of generalisations. [10]

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