PSYCHOLOGY A LEVEL

Course Content

Paper One:
Introductory Topics in Psychology – social influence, memory, attachment, psychopathology
Paper Two:
Psychology in Context – approaches in Psychology, biopsychology, research methods
Paper Three:

Compulsory section:

- Issues and debates

Optional section:

- Relationships/Gender/Cognitive Development
- Forensic Psychology/Aggression/Addiction
- Schizophrenia/Stress/Eating Behaviour

Knowledge and understanding of research methods, practical research skills and mathematical skills will be assessed in both papers
Overall, at least 10% of the marks in assessments for Psychology will require the use of mathematical and biological skills. These skills will be applied in the context of Psychology A-Level and will be at least the standard of **higher tier GCSE Mathematics**

Teaching and Learning

Visits may include Chester Zoo to practise an observation and attend lectures on animal behaviour, and also Liverpool Crown Court, to observe criminal cases and jury behaviour
Revision conferences are also offered prior to examinations

Assessment

Paper 1: 2 hour exam, 96 marks, 33.3% of A Level award. Multiple choice, short and extended writing style questions. Each section worth 24 marks

Paper 2: 2 hour exam, 96 marks, 33.3% of A Level award. Multiple choice, short and extended writing style questions. Section A & B: 24 marks
Section C – Research methods: 48 marks

Paper 3: 2 hour exam, 96 marks, 33.3% of A Level award. Multiple choice, short and extended writing style questions. Each section worth 24 marks
***** ***one topic will be taught from each group***

Progression

Psychology is a very well established and popular subject at A Level and is a good foundation for further study in Higher Education; it has now been fully defined as a science. With this scientific background, it can lead to careers in Medicine, Teaching, Social Services, Personnel, Accounting, Nursing, the Police and Advertising

Entry into most of these careers usually requires a higher degree, which may or may not include the study of Psychology, depending on the nature of the degree and the demands of the intended career

Entry Requirements

Grade C/4 in English, in Science Biology desirable Grade C and Maths GCSE grade 4

Examination Board

AQA

Further Details

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