



Psychology Ψ



"The whole is greater than the sum of its parts."

Kurt Koffka

Exam Board:



Components:

1. **Research Methods**
2. **Psychological themes through core studies**
3. **Applied Psychology**

Assessment:

Unit 1:

- 90 marks
- written paper
- 2 hours
- 30% of A Level

Component 2:

- 105 marks
- written paper
- 2 hours
- 35% of A Level

Component 3:

- 105 marks
- written paper
- 2 hours
- 35% of A Level

Content overview

Unit one involves planning, conducting, analysing and reporting psychological research across a range of experimental and non-experimental methodologies and techniques.

Unit two introduces some of the central areas of investigation in psychology organised in key themes. Each key theme is represented by a classic and a contemporary core study.

Unit three contains a compulsory section on:

Issues in mental health, plus

Learners will also study **two** out of the following applied options:

- Child psychology,
- Criminal psychology,
- Environmental psychology,

Looking Ahead

Students studying Psychology at A Level have gone on to careers in a extensive and wide variety of fields. Famous Psychology graduates include the Hugh Hefner, founder of the Playboy empire; Mark Zuckerberg, founder of Facebook; and Johnathon Kellerman, author. Psychology is a fascinating subject for UCAS and can provide breadth to a science/literature based pathway. It can open the doors to careers in social work, health/clinical work, counselling, probation/police work, criminology, sports studies, media Studies, Occupational/Management training, Education and Art.

Key Skills Developed

- ⇒ Methodology
- ⇒ Literacy/Debate
- ⇒ Analysis

Link Subjects

Psychology compliments a range of subjects including; Sociology, English, Religious Studies, Business & History.

Student view

"Awesome and thought provoking studies."

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