

PSYCHOLOGY

Time Allowed – 1.5 hours

Instructions for Students:

SECTION A (40%): You must answer all FOUR (4) questions

SECTION B (60%): You must answer ONE (1) question from a choice of six

SECTION A (40%)

Read the following research outline, and answer all FOUR (4) questions below.

A researcher wished to investigate whether university students prefer learning about research methods and statistics through face-to-face lectures and workshops, or via an on-line course. To do this, the researcher handed out 1000 questionnaires to third-year university students, who had already completed a research methods and statistics course in their second year of study. Participants were asked about their learning experience in a 10-item questionnaire.

1. Why might it be useful to answer such a research question?
2. What kind of questions might the researchers ask in the questionnaire?
3. Is the design implemented suitable for this type of research question? How could it be improved? Give reasons for your answer.
4. What are the ethical considerations?

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SECTION B (60%)

Answer ONE (1) question from the choice of six below.

1. Climate change is a very worrying and important topic that should concern us all. How might psychologists help people behave more responsibly towards the environment?
2. It is estimate by 2025 there will be over 1 million people with dementia in the UK, but what is the impact of this cognitive disorder on an individual's or carers (including relatives) well-being or emotions and subsequently the progression of the disorder.
3. Why are some people more vulnerable to encounter mental health problems?
4. How would you structure and advertise a public exercise group in order to motivate retired people to join and persistently engage with the group?
5. Discuss two areas where psychology is useful in a courtroom.
6. Evaluate the use of talking therapies for treating mental illness in the health care system.

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