

## A Level Psychology revision plan Easter to June 2018

*You will have 7 weeks of 'school' time for revision (as well as 2 weeks at Easter and 1 week for half term). During the 'school' time you will have 5 hrs per week of lesson time, plus you should plan 5 hours in your own time to use for revision for each subject now you are in the final push to the exams. This means, in those 7 weeks alone you will have 70hours to revise!!!*

*With 11 topics to revise (social influence, memory, attachment, psychopathology, approaches, biopsychology, methods, issues and debates, schizophrenia, gender and forensic) that means you have at least 6 hours per topic to revise, plus an extra 4 hours of revision. This is PLENTY of time for you to do something really positive!*

*This plan is a guide to help you with the 7 weeks of 'school' time between Easter and Half term including your own revision time outside of lessons. What you do during the holidays is up to you to plan based on the time you have available.*

*The specification for your exams can be found here: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182>*

<b>Date w/c</b>	<b>Topic/s to cover</b>	<b>Resources or activity</b>
09.04	<p>Methods: Recap on data handling including qual/quant data; primary/secondary data; central tendency and dispersion; percentages; graphs; distributions (normal and skewed); correlational data; nominal, ordinal and interval data types; content analysis and coding including thematic analysis.</p> <p>Approaches: Biological, Social Learning and Psychodynamic</p> <p>Forensic</p>	Methods topic companion on student shared area
16.04	<p>Methods: Recap on scientific processes including aims and hypotheses; variables; sampling; experimental designs; ethical issues; control in research (random allocation, counterbalancing, randomisation, standardisation).</p> <p>Approaches: Cognitive, Behaviourist and Humanistic PLUS comparing all the approaches</p> <p>Schizophrenia</p>	Methods topic companion on student shared area
23.04	<p>Methods: Recap on scientific processes including pilot studies; demand characteristics and investigator effects; the role of peer</p>	Methods topic companion on student shared area

	<p>review; reliability; validity; features of science and reporting psychological investigations.</p> <p>Biopsychology: Divisions of the nervous system; structure and function of neurons PLUS synaptic transmission; functions of the endocrine system; fight or flight response</p> <p>Gender</p>	Biopsychology topic companion on student shared area
30.04	<p>Methods: Recap on inferential testing including choosing the right test; probability and significance; critical and observed values PLUS Type 1 and Type 2 errors.</p> <p>Biopsychology: Localisation of function in the brain and hemispheric lateralisation; split brain research; plasticity and functional recovery after trauma.</p> <p>Social influence</p>	<p>Methods topic companion on student shared area</p> <p>Biopsychology topic companion on student shared area</p> <p>Social influence topic companion on student shared area</p>
07.05	<p>Methods: Focus on experimental research and correlations. Explain the difference between an experiment and a correlation.</p> <p>Biopsychology: Ways of studying the brain (fMRI; EEGs; ERPs; post-mortem examinations); Biological rhythms and the role of internal pacemakers and external zeitgebers on the sleep-wake cycle.</p> <p>Memory</p>	<p>Methods topic companion on student shared area</p> <p>Biopsychology topic companion on student shared area</p> <p>Memory topic companion on student shared area</p>
14.05	<p>Methods: Focus on observational research and self-report methods.</p> <p>Issues and debates: Gender bias; culture bias; ethical implications and social sensitivity; free will vs determinism.</p> <p>Attachment</p>	<p>Methods topic companion on student shared area</p> <p>Issues and debates topic companion on student shared area</p> <p>Attachment topic companion on student shared area</p>
21.05	<p>Methods: Focus on content analysis and case studies.</p>	Methods topic companion on student shared area

	Issues and debates: nature vs nurture; holism vs reductionism; idiographic vs nomothetic.  Psychopathology	Issues and debates topic companion on student shared area  Psychopathology topic companion on student shared area
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