YEAR 12

Week	Topic	Assessment
1	Introduction to psychology: key ideas, theoretical approaches and methods.	• Verbal assessment • Methods exam questions • Group work • Research tasks
2	Introduction to psychology: key ideas, theoretical approaches and methods.	• Verbal assessment • Methods exam questions • Group work • Research tasks
3	Attachment: intro, key terms, animal studies, role of father.	• 2 essays • Short answer questions • Mindmaps • End of module test • + on mock exam
4	Attachment: stages, strange situation, and types of A	
5	Attachment: cultural variations and the influence of early A on later relationships.	
6	Attachment: Theories of attachment	
7	Attachment: Bowlby's theory of maternal deprivation. Romanian orphan studies and institutionalisation.	
8	Approaches: bio psych	• 2 essays • Short answer questions • Mindmaps • End of module test • + on mock exam
9	Approaches: behaviourism and SLT (learning theories)	
10	Approaches: cognitive approach	
11	Biopsychology: nervous system	• SAQs • Group work
12	Biopsychology: neurons – structure and function. Synaptic transmission and neurotransmitters.	
13	Biopsychology: endocrine system, the fight or flight response, role of adrenaline.	• SAQs • Group work
14	Memory: Intro and MSM	• 2 essays • Short answer questions • Mindmaps • Presentations • May mock exam • End of module test
15	Memory: Types of LTM & WM	
16	Memory: WM and forgetting	
17	Memory: EWT	
18	Psychopathology : Intro and definitions	• 2 essays • Short answer questions • Mindmaps • End of module test • May mock exam
19	Psychopathology: Clinical characteristics of OCD, phobias and depression. Explaining and treating OCD	
20	Psychopathology: OCD continued. Explaining and treating depression.	
21	Psychopathology: Explaining and treating depression.	
22	Psychopathology: Explaining and treating phobias.	

Week	Topic	Assessment
23	Research methods & statistics	• Short answer questions • Multiple practice exam questions and bespoke activities • May mock exam
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27	Research methods & statistics	
28	Social influence: key terms. Conformity research and explanations.	• Short answer questions • Mindmaps • May mock exam
29	Social influence: Obedience and resistance to social influence.	
30	Social influence: minority influence and social change.	
31	START A2 COURSE: INTRODUCTION TO SYLLABUS	•
32	A2: Relationships: Intro + factors affecting attraction in romantic relationships:	• 2 essays • Short answer questions • Mindmaps • End of module test
33	A2: Relationships: Factors affecting attraction in romantic relationships:	
34	A2: Relationships: psychological theories: attraction, maintenance, breakdown.	
35	A2: Relationships: psychological theories: attraction, maintenance, breakdown	
36	A2: Relationships: HRB and SS	
37	A2: Relationships: Virtual relationships	
38	A2: Relationships: Parasocial relationships	

YEAR 13

Week		Assessment
1	Introduction to Issues and Debates - overview	
2	Approaches: humanistic	
3	Approaches: psychodynamic	
4	Issues and Debates: free will and determinism	1 essay Short answer questions Mindmaps
5	Issues and Debates: reductionism & holims	
6	Issues and Debates: nature-nurture	
7	Issues and Debates: gender and culture bias	
8	Issues and Debates: idiographic vs nomothetic research. Ethics and socially sensitive research.	
9	Aggression: neural and hormonal explanations	2 essays Short answer questions Mindmaps
10	Aggression: genetic factors and evolutionary explanations.	
11	Aggression: ethological explanation. Social psychological explanations – frustration aggression.	
12	Aggression: SLT, de-individuation. Computer games.	
13	Aggression: computer games (desensitisation, disinhibition, priming). Institutional aggression.	
14	Bio-psychology: localisation of function ,	1 essay Short answer questions Mindmaps Presentations
15	Biopsychology: lateralisation and split-brain research.	
16	Biopsychology: functional recovery from brain trauma.	
17	Biopsychology: Ways of studying the brain	
18	Biopsychology: biological rhythms	
19	Schizophrenia: intro, symptoms, causes	1 essay Short answer questions Mindmaps End of module test
20	Schizophrenia: causes and treatment	
21	Schizophrenia: reliability and validity of classification and diagnosis.	
22	Research methods & inferential statistics	Short answer questions Multiple practice exam questions and bespoke activities from research methods booklets.
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28	Research methods & inferential statistics	
29	Revision	
30	Revision	