

**Psychology**  
**Higher level**  
**Paper 1**

SPECIMEN PAPER

2 hours

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**Instructions to candidates**

- Do not turn over this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Section A: answer all the questions.
- Section B: answer one question.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[49 marks]**.

## Section A

**Answer all questions in this section.** Marks will be awarded for focused answers demonstrating accurate knowledge and understanding of research.

### **Biological approach to understanding behaviour**

1. Describe one evolutionary explanation of behaviour. [9]

### **Cognitive approach to understanding behaviour**

2. Outline one ethical consideration related to studies in the cognitive approach to understanding human behaviour. [9]

### **Sociocultural approach to understanding behaviour**

3. Explain how and why one research method is used to study cultural origins of behaviour and/or cognition. [9]

## Section B

**Answer one question in this section.** Marks will be awarded for demonstration of knowledge and understanding (which requires the use of relevant psychological research), evidence of critical thinking (for example, application, analysis, synthesis, evaluation), and organization of answers.

4. Discuss one or more ethical considerations related to research in the biological approach to understanding human behaviour. [22]
5. Discuss how emotion may affect one or more cognitive processes. [22]
6. Discuss one or more ways culture may influence behaviour and/or cognition. (22)