

IB Psychology - New Syllabus (First Assessment 2027)

Section A Question Bank

Biological Approach

1. Describe/explain one animal model used in the study of human behaviour. [4]
2. Describe/explain one ethical consideration in the use of animals in research. [4]
3. Describe/explain the biological reductionist approach to the study of behaviour. [4]
4. Describe/explain the use of one brain imaging technique in investigating human behaviour. [4]
5. Describe/explain the role of one chemical messenger in human behaviour. [4]
6. Describe/explain the diathesis-stress model of human behaviour. [4]
7. Describe/explain genetic inheritance of human behaviour. [4]
8. Describe/explain the role of localization of function in explaining human behaviour. [4]
9. Describe/explain the process of neuroplasticity. [4]
10. Describe/explain the process of neurotransmission. [4]

Cognitive Approach

1. Describe/explain the role of anchoring bias in decision-making. [4]
2. Describe/explain the process of classical conditioning. [4]
3. Describe/explain the role of cognitive load theory in understanding human cognition. [4]
4. Describe/explain the role of one cognitive model in understanding a cognitive process or behaviour. [4]

5. Describe/explain the role of confirmation bias in decision-making. [4]
6. Describe/explain the role of the dual processing model in understanding decision-making. [4]
7. Describe/explain the process of operant conditioning. [4]
8. Describe/explain the role of schema theory in understanding a cognitive process. [4]

Sociocultural Approach

1. Describe/explain the role of cognitive dissonance in understanding human behaviour. [4]
2. Describe/explain the role of one compliance technique in changing human behaviour. [4]
3. Describe/explain the process of conformity. [4]
4. Describe/explain the role of one cultural dimension in understanding cross-cultural similarities and differences. [4]
5. Describe/explain the value of emic approaches in researching human behaviour. [4]
6. Describe/explain one theory of enculturation. [4]
7. Describe/explain one limitation of etic approaches to researching human behaviour. [4]
8. Describe/explain one model of acculturation. [4]
9. Describe/explain social identity theory. [4]
10. Describe/explain social learning theory. [4]

