



PSYCHOLOGY



1. ORIGINS OF PSYCHOLOGY

- Psychodynamic approach
- Learning approaches
- Social learning theory
- Humanistic approach
- Cognitive approach
- Biological approach
- Comparison of approaches

2. ISSUES AND DEBATES (PART 1)

- Gender and culture bias
- Free will vs determinism
- Nature vs nurture
- Holism vs reductionism
- Idiographic vs nomothetic approaches
- Ethics

3. RESEARCH METHODS

- Features of science
- Variables and hypothesis
- Experiments
- Sampling
- Ethical issues
- Pilot studies
- Observational techniques
- Self-report methods
- Correlations
- Case studies
- Choosing statistics
- Probability and significance
- Reporting research

7. ATTACHMENT

- Caregiver infant interactions
- Stages of attachment
- Animal studies
- Types of attachment
- Explanations of attachment
- Cultural variations in attachment
- Maternal deprivation
- Influence of early attachment

6. BIOPSYCHOLOGY

- The brain and localisation of function
- Split-brain research
- The endocrine system
- The nervous system
- Neural transmission
- Plasticity and functionality
- Biological rhythms
- Endogenous pacemakers and exogenous zeitgebers

5. SOCIAL INFLUENCE

- Conformity
- Obedience
- Resisting social influence
- Minority influence
- Social change

4. MEMORY

- Coding, capacity and duration
- Models of memory
- Types of long-term memory
- Forgetting
- Eyewitness interviews
- Cognitive Interviews

8. PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

- Defining abnormality
- Phobias
- Behavioural treatments for phobias
- Depression
- The cognitive approach to depression
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- The biological approach to OCD

9. RESEARCH PROJECT

- Designing, planning, conducting, analysing and presenting a project of your own choice

10. GENDER

- Sex and gender
- Androgyny
- Biological explanations for gender development
- Cognitive explanations of gender development
- Psychodynamic explanations of gender development
- Social learning explanations of gender development
- Culture and media influences on gender roles
- Atypical gender development

11. AGGRESSION

- Neural and hormonal mechanisms
- Genetic factors
- Biological explanations for aggression
- Social explanation of aggression
- Institutional aggression
- Effects of the media on aggression

12. SCHIZOPHRENIA

- Diagnosis and characterisation of schizophrenia
- Biological explanations of schizophrenia
- Biological treatments for schizophrenia
- Psychological explanations for schizophrenia
- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) for schizophrenia
- The interactionist approach and schizophrenia

13. ISSUES AND DEBATES PART 2

- Gender and culture bias studies
- Free will vs determinism studies
- Nature vs nurture studies
- Holism vs reductionism studies
- Idiographic vs nomothetic approaches studies
- Ethical implication of research studies

