



Question & Answer document

Higher Psychology webinar (19 October 2017)

What command/skill terms need to be focused on?

The command terms assessed at Higher are describe, explain, evaluate and analyse.

Can candidates use 'compare and contrast' in an analyse question?

They can; making comparisons between studies / approaches / theories / concepts is one way to access 'analyse' marks.

Can correlation be used for the assignment if it is the appropriate design for the aim?

Although correlation is not in the Course Assessment Specification anymore, it can still gain credit for the assignment if used appropriately, and if candidates are comfortable providing an analysis of results of a study using correlation (in the Discussion section).

Can the 'line of best fit' be used as a statistical measure?

It can, if a correlational design is used (see answer to previous question).

Can candidates use Excel to complete calculations?

They can. They should include a printed copy of the spreadsheet in appendices.

Should original data sheets be included in the appendices?

One anonymised copy in Appendices, along with a raw data table.