

Instructions for candidates

This assignment is worth a maximum of 30 marks. Your report should be between 800 and 1,200 words long, excluding references, footnotes, and appendices. You must provide the word count of your completed report, excluding references, footnotes, and appendices. Your report is marked by SQA. If the word count exceeds the maximum by 10%, a penalty will be applied.

Please note that one mark is awarded for using terminology accurately, and providing references. Your references must enable your marker to find the same sources.

A Describe behaviour associated with a chosen psychological topic. (maximum of 2 marks available)

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B Explain features of the topic with reference to psychological research evidence
(maximum of **8** marks available)

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C Describe an aim for research on this topic (maximum of 1 mark available)

D Give an experimental / alternative hypothesis for the proposed research study (maximum of 2 marks available)

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E Describe a suitable research plan, including method, sampling, variables and procedures (maximum of 12 marks available)

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F Describe ethical issues and ways of addressing these in the research plan (maximum of 4 marks available)

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G References (maximum of **1 mark** available)

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