

Assessment criteria for paper 1: Section B – Long Essay

A Knowledge and comprehension

- 0 The answer does not reach a standard described by the descriptors below.
- 1–3 The answer demonstrates limited knowledge and understanding that is of marginal relevance to the Question. Little or no psychological research is used in the response.
- 4–6 The answer demonstrates limited knowledge and understanding relevant to the question or uses relevant psychological research to limited effect in the response.
- 7–9 The answer demonstrates detailed, accurate knowledge and understanding relevant to the question, and uses relevant psychological research effectively in support of the response.

B Evidence of critical thinking: Application, analysis, synthesis, evaluation

- 0 The answer does not reach a standard described by the descriptors below.
- 1–3 The answer goes beyond description but evidence of critical thinking is not linked to the requirements of the question.
- 4–6 The answer offers appropriate but limited evidence of critical thinking or offers evidence of critical thinking that is only implicitly linked to the requirements of the question.
- 7–9 The answer integrates relevant and explicit evidence of critical thinking in response to the question.

C Organization

- 0 The answer does not reach a standard described by the descriptors below.
- 1–2 The answer is organized or focused on the question. However, this is not sustained throughout the response.
- 3–4 The answer is well organized, well developed and focused on the question.