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**PSYCHOLOGY
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PAPER 1**

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2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Section A: answer all the questions.
- Section B: answer one question.

SECTION A

Answer **all** questions in this section. When structured questions are set (that is, with parts a and b) candidates should clearly label each part of their answer a and b.

Biological Perspective

1. Describe **one** contribution that the biological perspective has made to the scientific study of behaviour. [8 marks]

Cognitive Perspective

2. (a) Define *ecological validity*. [2 marks]
- (b) Explain how **one** research study from the cognitive perspective lacks ecological validity. [6 marks]

Learning Perspective

3. Describe **one** theory of behaviour from the learning perspective. [8 marks]

Humanistic Perspective

4. Explain **one** strength and **one** limitation of **one** research method (e.g. case study, interview) used by humanistic psychologists. [8 marks]

SECTION B

Answer **one** question in this section. Marks will be awarded for clear presentation of **theories**, inclusion of appropriate **empirical studies** and **evaluation**. When structured questions are set (that is, with parts a and b) candidates should clearly label each part of their answer a and b.

5. Examine how any **one** biological correlate of behaviour (e.g. genes, neurotransmitters, hormones) contributes to our understanding of behaviour. [20 marks]
6. Describe and evaluate **two** theories from the cognitive perspective. [20 marks]
7. “Findings from psychological research are often applied to address behaviour in real-world settings.”
Discuss **two** or more applications of **one** theory from the learning perspective. [20 marks]
8. (a) Outline **one** theoretical explanation of behaviour from the humanistic perspective. [6 marks]
(b) Discuss strengths and limitations of **one** theoretical explanation of behaviour from the humanistic perspective. [14 marks]
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