

Psychology

HEALTH & WELLBEING



Content

The course has three areas of study:

- Individual behaviour
- Social behaviour
- Research



Skills

Learners will be able to:

- develop knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, approaches and terminology
- use thinking skills when analysing, evaluating and applying knowledge and understanding of psychology
- understand the role of research evidence in explaining human behaviour
- select, organise, interpret and evaluate information
- plan and carry out psychological research, using appropriate methods and according to ethical and scientific standards
- develop communication and numeracy skills used in psychology



Opportunities for Learners

Learners will be able to:

- understand psychological approaches to analysing the human mind and behaviour
- investigate psychological knowledge and research
- analyse and evaluate concepts, theories and approaches
- draw on research evidence to explain human behaviour



Assessment

- The course will be assessed through a question paper (exam) and an assignment, which will be marked by SQA and graded A to D.
- The question paper makes up 67% of the total assessment mark. Learners show their knowledge and understanding of psychological theories, concepts and topics, using psychological explanations and research evidence to respond to questions.
- The assignment makes up 33% of the total assessment mark. Learners use research and communication skills appropriate to psychology.



Question Paper

Section 1: individual behaviour (40 marks)

Section 2: social behaviour (40 marks)

In each section learners answer one mandatory question plus one selected from a choice of three questions.

2 hours 40 minutes

80 marks

Specimen Paper

www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm

Assignment

Learners carry out their own primary research, based on a topic they have studied, and produce a psychological research report.

40 marks



Progression Higher courses can stand alone or follow on from National 5 qualifications and may lead to Advanced Highers, the Scottish Baccalaureate and a range of qualifications within Further and Higher Education.



For course information, specimen question papers and past paper guidance visit:

Higher Psychology: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47902.html

Curriculum for Excellence Key Terms and Features Factfile

Education Scotland: <https://education.gov.scot/nationalqualifications>

Further Information for Parents and Learners Information on assessment, skills,

progression, revision resources and summaries of National Qualifications

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