

APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY



**Pearson – BTEC Level 3 National – Extended
Certificate – Equivalent to one A Level**

PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH AND APPLICATIONS



Unit One - Mandatory - Examined

CONDUCTING PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH



Unit Two - Mandatory - Project Work

Summary of unit

| Learning aim | Key content areas | Recommended assessment approach |
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| A Understand research methods and their importance in psychological inquiry | A1 Principles of research A2 Key terms used in research A3 Research process | A report discussing the importance of research in informing and improving practice and provision, detailing the way in which research is organised and giving an evaluation of different research methods and their usefulness in answering specific questions. |
| B Plan research to investigate psychological questions | B1 Research methods B2 Developing research proposals | A report discussing a proposal for a pilot study that takes account of research questions, methods, participants, procedures, time and organisational management. |
| C Carry out a pilot study to explore current issues in psychology | C1 Data collection C2 Data analysis C3 Presenting findings to an audience. | A pilot study, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a report on procedures followed for conducting research and collecting and analysing data• a report that discusses the findings and success of the pilot study, the implications of research on practice and provision, and the impact, through self-reflection and feedback from others, on personal and professional development. |
| D Review implications of research into psychological inquiry | D1 Reviewing research process and findings D2 Implications of research into psychological inquiry | |



CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGY



Unit 3 Option

Summary of unit

| Learning aim | Key content areas | Recommended assessment approach |
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| A Understand different psychological approaches to explaining criminal behaviour | A1 Biological explanations of criminality A2 Individual differences explanations of criminality A3 Social psychological explanations of criminality | A report detailing different theories and research used to explain criminal behaviour. |
| B Investigate punishment strategies and behaviour modification of criminal behaviour | B1 Punishing criminal behaviour B2 Modifying criminal behaviour | A report exploring the effectiveness of different methods and punishments of criminal behaviour. |
| C Apply different methods to create an offender profile | C1 Methods of offender profiling C2 Offender profiling, purpose and techniques C3 Limitations of offender profiling | An offender profile based on a case study of a real or imagined event. This should include the different profiling methods and an evaluation of the methods used when creating the profile. |



HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY



Unit 4 - Mandatory - Examined