A-Level Psychology Learning Journey

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University/Work

11 Forensic Psychology

- Anger Management
- Custodial Sentencing
- Restorative Justice
- Differential Association Theory
- Level of Moral Reasoning and Cognitive Distortions
- Eysenck's Criminal Personality
- Offender Profiling

10 Schizophrenia

- Family Therapy
- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
- Cognitive Explanations
- Family Dysfunction
- Interactionist Approach
- Drug Therapy
- Genetics and Neural Correlates
- Symptoms of Schizophrenia

9 Relationships

- Holism and Reductionism
- Idiographic and Nomothetic Approaches
- Social Sensitivity in Research
- Physical Attractiveness
- Theories of Romantic Relationships: social exchange, investment model, equity theory
- Duck's Phase Model of Relationship Breakdown
- Self-Disclosure
- Filter Theory
- Online Relationships
- Parasocial Relationships

8 Issues and debates

- Nature-Nurture Debate.
- Free Will and Determinism
- Gender and Culture Bias

7 Research methods

- Descriptive Statistics
- Features of Science
- Assessing and Improving Reliability and Validity
- Types of Variable
- Sampling
- Pilot Studies
- Content Analysis
- Correlations
- Interviews and Questionnaires
- Observations
- Experimental Method
- Inferential Statistics
- Distributions: Normal and Skewed
- Types of Graphs
- Types of Data
- Reporting Psychological Investigations
- Implications on the Economy
- Peer Review
- Ethics
- Aims and Hypothesis
- Case Studies

6 Biopsychology

- Split Brain Research
- Plasticity and Functional Recovery
- Localisation of Function
- Ways of Studying the Brain: fMRI, EEG, ERP
- Structure of the Nervous System
- Sensory, Motor and Relay Neurons
- Endocrine System
- Fight or Flight Response

5 Approaches

- Humanistic Approach: Maslow's Hierarchy of Need,
- Comparison of Approaches
- Biological Approach: evolution, genotype, phenotype
- Cognitive Approach: schemas, use of models
- Social Learning Theory: Bandura
- Psychodynamic Approach: Freud
- Behaviourist Approach: Pavlov and Skinner

4 Clinical Psychology and Mental Health

- Biological Approach to Treating and Explaining OCD
- Cognitive Approach to Explaining and Treating Depression
- Behavioural Approach to Explaining and Treating Phobias
- Behavioural, Emotional and Cognitive Characteristics of Phobias, Depression and OCD
- Definitions of Abnormality

3 Attachment

- Influence of Early Attachment on Later Relationships
- Bowlby's Theory of Maternal Deprivation
- Ainsworth's Strange Situation
- Cultural Variations of Attachment
- Animal Studies
- Learning Theory and Bowlby's Monotropic Theory

2 Memory

- Explanations for Forgetting: interference and retrieval failure
- Cognitive Interview
- Multi-Store Model of Memory
- The Working Memory Model
- Factors affecting accuracy of EWT: Leading Questions and Post-Event Discussion
- Factors affecting accuracy of EWT: Anxiety

1 Social Influence

- Minority Influence
- Resistance to Social Influence: social support and locus of control
- Situational Variables of Obedience: proximity, location and uniform
- Asch's Line Task
- Explanations for Conformity: normative and informational
- Authoritarian Personality
- Agentic State and Legitimacy of Authority
- Variables affecting Conformity: group size, unanimity and task difficulty
- Types of Conformity: internalisation and compliance.