



Psychology
Independent Study Requirements
Half-Termly Programme
Mrs Taylor's Topics

Week Commencing	Task to be completed in your independent study time and resources available to you	To be completed by	Date checked	Teacher comments
3rd Sept	Using the internet resources, go to www.prisonexp.org . You are required to read through each slide, look at the accompanying video and thoroughly learn all about this infamous study. Make notes. Complete a key study sheet (both sides front A01 and back A03). Then to consolidate your learning and maybe add further information read up on this study in your textbook.	10th Sept		
10th Sept	Your task this week is to thoroughly learn the BPS ethical guidelines. Using your textbook and other sources, including https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/bps-code-ethics-and-conduct and https://www.bps.org.uk/sites/bps.org.uk/files/Policy%20-%20Files/BPS%20Code%20of%20Ethics%20and%20Conduct%20%282018%29.pdf , read and make notes on the code of conduct and ethical guidelines that all psychologists must follow – you included! Prepare an information leaflet telling the reader why we have the code of ethics and outline the main ethical guidelines that must be followed. To be handed in on 17 th September	17th Sept		
17th Sept	Using your textbook and other sources, read up on the study of administrative obedience by Meeus and Raaijmakers 1986. Write this up on a yellow key study sheet. Watching the following Youtube clips may help you with your understanding of this study: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2jW4ho8sWE And https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KKGI7hTnhRs	24th Sept		

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1 st Oct	Exam style questions. Q1 Explain how Social Impact Theory can explain some of Milgram's results (6 marks) Q2 Evaluate Social Impact Theory as an explanation of obedience (8 marks). The second question is an essay style questions and you MUST read the Taxonomy Mark Grid and make a note of what you have to do in order to achieve top marks. It is really important that you get to grips with exactly how the examiner expects you to answer 8 mark questions. You will get a lot of these in your final and mock examinations. Embedding A01 with A02 and A03 is essential and your conclusion is the most important paragraph. You should NOT repeat what you have already said and do what the TMG instructs you to do.	8 th Oct		
8 th Oct	Research into the effects of Gender on obedience. You need to read and makes notes from textbooks and internet sources. Make sure you find at least two research studies showing gender similarities and differences in obedience between the two genders. You then need to prepare a powerpoint presentation to present your findings to the class.	15 th Oct		
15 th Oct	Research into the factors that are involved with dissent and resistance to obedience. What makes people disobey orders? You will need to read and make notes on the different situational and dispositional factors. Use your textbooks and internet resources to research. Watching https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svlajJe4SYPc my help you with your understanding of the different factors. Prepare a poster (A4) showing the different factors with a brief explanation. Try to incorporate images. This poster will prove really useful when it comes to revision of this topic. Also, prepare an A4 sheet showing disobedient individuals from history who have changed our world.	29 th Oct		

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29 th Oct	Understanding prejudice - http://www.understandingprejudice.org/apa/english/ Using the link, read and make notes on this article (27 internet pages) . You can download it and print it off. It is important that you learn the different types of prejudice and know some examples of each from history.	5 th Nov		
5 th Nov	Examination questions. Q1 Explain how Social Identity Theory explains prejudice (6 marks) Q2 Evaluate Social Identity Theory as an explanation of prejudice (8 marks)	12 th Nov		
12 th Nov	Independent research into Football Hooliganism. Using internet and other resources, research the problems caused by football hooliganism in this country (and other countries) today. Find out about the different 'firms' or 'crews'. You need to be able to explain how this issue affects different groups of people, e.g. those that live nearby football stadiums, the NHS, the Police, the football clubs etc. Try to find out the cost of this behaviour to society. Download and print off some examples of the damage football hooliganism has caused. Have a look into the work of Peter Marsh on Careers on the Football Terraces.	19 th Nov		
19 th Nov	Read and make notes on Peter Leeson's research report on Football Hooliganism. http://www.peterleeson.com/Hooligans.pdf Download and print his report – Highlight the key points made.	26 th Nov		
26 th Nov	Watch the following BBC Documentary and make a comprehensive set of notes on the problems of football violence. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jd_Zapz2bh0 What do you understand as the cause of this behaviour? Summarize this documentary. Warning: This documentary contains swearing and violence.	3 rd Dec		
3 rd Dec	Using your textbook, page 312 to 313, read and make a good set of notes on Risk Management when carrying out psychological research. Write out the diagram on page 313 on the process of risk management. This will prove useful when revising for your final and mock examinations.	10 th Dec		
10 th & 17 th Dec	Examination Style Question 'Compare Sherif et al (1954/61) with one other study that you have studied in Social Psychology with regard to the procedures, sampling findings and conclusion. (16 marks)			

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7 th Jan 2019	Revision for forthcoming assessment			
14 th Jan	Watch the following YouTube clips and make notes on Neural Transmission and Action Potential : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPix_X-9t7E Part 1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZG8M_IdA1M&t=627s Part 2 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VitFvNvRIIY Part 3	21 st Jan		
21 st Jan	To reinforce your learning of neural transmission, watch the following Ted Talk and make a good set of notes on the role of the different brain components, e.g. neurons, neurotransmitters etc. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yr6kh_QOk0s	28 th Jan		
28 th Jan	Examination questions Q1 Using a diagram in your answer, explain how synaptic transmission takes place (8 Marks) Q2 Evaluate the process of synaptic transmission as a means of passing messages in the brain (12 marks)	4 th Feb		
4 th Feb	You will need to use your textbook and internet resources to research the mode of action of Cannabis and Cannabinoids on the process of neural transmission and how does this drug affect our brain and behaviour in both the short term and long term? Prepare a powerpoint presentation to present your findings to the rest of the class. What have Psychiatrists and Psychologists found regarding mental health issues and this drug? Have a look at the following to help you with this task : https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/healthadvice/problemsdisorders/cannabis.aspx https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC135489/ https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/link-between-adolescent-pot-smoking-and-psychosis-strengthens/ https://nutritionfacts.org/video/does-marijuana-cause-permanent-brain-damage-in-adults/	11 th Feb		

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11th Feb	Brain Scanning – How does Positron Emission Tomography work? Your task this week is to learn about PET scanning techniques. Use your textbook page 344 onwards and internet resources. Prepare an information leaflet explaining the purpose of a PET scan, how it works e.g all of the procedures involved with carrying out a PET scan and describe the strengths and weaknesses of this form of scan. You must include a colour image on your leaflet.	25th Feb		
25th Feb	Brain Scanning – How does fMRI as a brain scanning technique work? How does this differ to the PET scan? Your task this week is to learn about fMRI scanning techniques. Use your textbook page 347 onwards and internet resources. It will help with your understanding to read the previous pages on MRI first. Prepare an information leaflet explaining the purpose of a fMRI scan, how it works e.g all of the procedures involved with carrying out this type of scan and describe the strengths and weaknesses of fMRI. You must include an image on your leaflet. Draw up a chart comparing fMRI and PET scanning.	4th March		

4th March	Examination Style question ‘Discuss biological psychology in terms of how biology affects an individual ‘s behaviour’. In your answer, include at least two strengths and two weaknesses of the biological explanation you have offered. (12 marks) Use your textbook and other resources to help you answer this question.	11th March		
11th March	Watch the following documentary on the work of Sigmund Freud (Psychodynamic Psychology). Make notes on his life, his work on psychoanalysis and most importantly, his theory on personality. When you understand the life of this genius, you will be able to understand his theories and ideas about human behaviour. Remember this man revolutionised therapies for dealing mental health. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ySsLRwE3Lk&t=1831s	18th March		
18th March	Prepare a Powerpoint presentation on two biological explanations of aggression. You must include a discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of each explanation. Use your textbook and other resources to complete this task.	25th March		

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25th March	Examination Style Question ' Evaluate the Contemporary Study you have learned from the Social Approach in terms of its reliability and validity (16 marks) Use your textbook and other resources to answer this essay style question	1st April		
1st April	Research the latest research into explanations of aggressive behaviour. What is the current thinking of the cause of aggression? Link your notes to the Nature / Nurture debate. This is good – Mark Levine Social Psychologist and may help you with this task: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= 8PToeR7Fgs	23rd April		
23rd April	Spend time this week getting your folders completely up to date. Any unfinished work should be completed. Ensure that your Classical and Contemporary Studies booklet is fully up to date and that you have really good evaluation points for each study. Use the Folder Checklist and your PLCs for each approach. Anything that you don't have notes on, you need to read and make a set of notes. Any missing handouts collect these from Mrs Taylor or Miss Patel. Update your PLC and tell your teachers of anything you do not understand.	29th April		
29th April	Independent reading and research to find out all about the HCPC. Why does it exist? Who must register? What are the HCPC guidelines that must be followed by all of its members? What happens if these guidelines are broken? Make up a poster A3 size outlining the 10 main guidelines .	6th May		
6th May	Completion of the Social Psychology Section and the Biological Section of a past examination paper. See Mrs Taylor for a copy of this. Answer all questions and remember no generic answers, relate your answer to stem/context and ensure that you give a powerful conclusion to the essay style questions.	13th May		
13th May	Practise answering application type examination questions – See Mrs Taylor for Stem Questions booklet. Answer 4 questions.	20th May		

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3rd June	Ensure Key Question booklet is fully up to date. Ensure Practicals booklet is fully up to date. Ensure Classical and contemporary booklet is fully up to date. Revise from these three booklets. You will certainly get exam questions on these in your final and mock examinations.	10th June		
10th June	Revision for forthcoming Mock Examinations – Social Psychology and Research Methods	24th June		
17th June	Revision for forthcoming Mock Examinations – Biological Psychology and Research Methods	24th June		
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