

## Paper 4 Exam Specialists Options: Application

- On this paper you answer **ONLY** the questions relating to Abnormal Psych and Health Psych
  - CROSS OUT the other options of Consumer Behavior and Organisations.
- Paper 4 is 90 minutes and is worth 60 marks. The question for each option is broken down as follows:

| Section   | Parts                  | Marks                                    | Timings                                    |
|---|------------------------|--|--|
| Section A (two questions)- both abnormal and health | (a), (b), (c), and (d) | 2, 4, 4, and 5 marks<br>(30 marks total) | 45 minutes (22 ½ abnormal and 22 ½ health) |
| Section B (one question)- EITHER abnormal or health | Design<br>(b) Explain  | 8 marks<br>10 marks                      | 15 minutes<br>10 minutes                   |
| Section C (one question)- EITHER abnormal or health | Discuss                | 12 marks                                 | 20 minutes                                 |
| Total   |                        | 60 marks                                 | 90 minutes                                 |

### Section A- General Topics- BOTH Abnormal & Health

- Answer **two** questions from the options you studies (abnormality and health)
- Questions are short answer ones in four parts (a), (b), (c), and (d)

#### Part A

- Explanation of a term or method, or of results present in the stimulus material appearing at the beginning of the question
  - A sentence or two is sufficient usually

#### Part B and C

- Look for two similarities or two differences plus examples or for two suggestions plus examples
- Questions will be from a sub-topic (or even a study)

#### Part D

- Advantages/strengths and disadvantages/weaknesses (note the plural)
- 4 things and a conclusion
- Some detail is required in your answer

## Section B-Design-A-Study (EITHER Abnormal or Health)

- \*\*Refer to the separate document on 'How to Design-a-Study for Paper 4'
- You answer **ONE QUESTION ONLY**- choose either the **Abnormal one OR the Health one**
- The question is two parts (a) design your **own** study and (b) explain the psychological and methodological evidence for your design. (similar to what the Design-a-Study was in AS Paper 2)

### **Part A**

- You **cannot** describe a research study that has already been conducted. Cambridge wants you to show them that after two years of the course, that you have the knowledge in how to design an original study.
- You must design an investigation using the named method if it is stated. Your answer should include the **research method** (experiment/case study) and **methodological aspects** (*sampling techniques and sample, type of data, ethics, reliability, validity, data analysis*) of the research process.
- Example: if you are designing an experiment, it is expected that you will include the **type of experiment** (laboratory, field or natural), **IV, DV, one or more controls, and experimental design** (independent or repeated). Methodological aspects will include things like the **sample and sampling technique, type of data** (qualitative or quantitative), **ethics, reliability or validity**. A comment could also be made about how your data would be analyzed (e.g. using a bar chart).

### **Part B**

- Explain the psychological and methodological evidence on which your study is based. This question asks you to say **WHY** you did what you did in part a.
- This carries 8 marks. 4 marks for explaining appropriate psychological evidence (the study that supports your study) and 4 marks for explaining methodology. Include the advantages and disadvantages of the methods and methodological parts.

## Section C- Discuss to what extent (EITHER Abnormal or Health)

- Again, you will choose **ONE** question to answer
- This is a discuss question where you must present two sides of a debate in relation to a named statement
- Present **two arguments or points in support** of the statement and **two arguments against** the statement. These arguments could be:
  - What is written in a specific study
  - Methodological: sampling technique and sampling; type of data; ethics, reliability, validity, data analysis
  - Related to approaches, issues or anything psychological
- Credit is given for detail; understanding and drawing a conclusion. There is **NO** correct or incorrect conclusion.
- Example Question: "Arousing fear is the most effective way to promote health."
  - To what extent do you agree with this statement? Use example of research you have studied to support your answer. [12]