



PSYCHOLOGY GCSE COURSE



The **Psychology GCSE Syllabus** is brought to life in an entertaining course that looks at questions such as: Why do we like some people and not others? How can an individual overcome a fear of spiders? Can you improve your memory?

Psychology is the science of the mind and behaviour. No matter who we are or what we do, some greater insight into this field will be relevant, and this is one reason why Psychology is one of the most popular of all our courses.

The syllabus focuses on the methods of psychology and its practical applications. Step by- step guidance is given with the necessary research projects.

Each lesson of the Psychology GCSE begins with a set of clearly stated objectives and an explanation of its place in the overall programme of study. Effective learning is encouraged through frequent activities and self-assessment questions, and there is guidance for the preparation of coursework and a large number of simply drawn and easy-to-copy illustrations.

There are eight tutor-marked assignments, including one practice exam paper. No previous knowledge of the subject is assumed or required.

The Syllabus:

Our Psychology GCSE course prepares students for AQA GCSE Psychology syllabus 4180, for exams in 2011 and later years. Assessment is by two written papers (50% each).

- **Exam Paper 1 - Making Sense of Other People** (1 Hour, 30 Minutes) is 50% of the total marks. The exam consists of: five compulsory questions. Questions 1 to 4 are topic-based questions carrying 15 marks each and question five is a research methods question carrying 20 marks.

Summary of Content:

- Memory
- Non-verbal communication
- Development of personality
- Stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination
- Research methods

Price:
£295.00

Instalment Options:
You can spread the payments for this course over 4 monthly payments. 1 initial payment of £145.00, followed by 3 monthly payments of £50.00.

Course Format:
Paper Based Course Materials

Assessment:
2 Examinations

Approximate Study Time:
200 Hours of Self Study

- **Exam Paper 2 - Understanding Other People** (1 Hour, 30 Minutes) is 50% of the total marks. The exam consists of: five compulsory questions. Questions 1 to 4 are topic-based questions carrying 15 marks each and question five is a research methods question carrying 20 marks.

Summary of Content:

Learning
Social influence
Sex and gender
Aggression
Research methods

Coursework:

No Coursework Required.

Additional Reading:

No additional textbook is required, although there are some suggestions for supplementary reading in the course introduction.

Technical Support:

Every student receives a personal tutor with whom they need to keep in regular contact. The essential relationship between student and tutor begins with an introductory letter and a telephone call to help decide on a study plan. All tutors are fully qualified teachers holding either a Postgraduate Certificate in Education or a degree in education. So when you enrol on a course you can be assured of the assistance of a professionally qualified subject specific tutor.

We don't set a limit on how often you can contact your tutor. The advice and encouragement our tutors provide are an important part of your learning experience. You can contact your tutor by Phone, Post or Email. There are tutor-marked assignments (TMA's) in every course. These help the student consolidate the learning he or she has done and prepare for examinations. All tutors have a local rate telephone number such as a 0845 number. This means that when you phone your tutor it will only cost you the price of a local call. Whilst you are still actively submitting assignments, you should expect to be in contact with your tutor regularly. Remember, to get the most out of your tutor, you will need to tell them when you need assistance.

Examination Centres:

There are approximately 300 testing centres in the UK, so finding one close by should not be very difficult. In December/January we contact you to start arranging your examination dates.

We always try to give whatever help we can with examination information, but the entering of students for examinations and any dealings with the examination centre's are entirely the responsibility of the student.

GCSE Examination Fees:

On average the GCSE examination fee is approximately £30 per subject regardless of the amount of examinations, plus an administration fee which is at the discretion of the exam centre.

Studying from Abroad:

It is possible to study GCSE Courses from anywhere in the world. However some courses are easier to study from abroad than others and some restrictions to the type of tuition available apply.

If you wish to study a GCSE then you will need to sit the examinations in the UK. Please remember that most of our GCSEs have several examinations which may well be spread over several weeks.