

Introduction

The specification for Psychology A2 in a “normal” year comprises of 2 units which together count towards the overall award of the Geography GCSE.

Unit 3 – Implications in the real world. This is a written examination of 2 hours 15 minutes

Unit 4 – Applied research methods. This is a written examination of 1 hour 30 minutes

In June 2020 WJEC announced amendments to the course due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Some of the content of the Applied Research Methods module was moved from the qualification. The specification was altered to include only Personal Investigation instead of the usual 2. This has been reflected in the content that has been taught to year 13 and is reflected in the assessment points shown below.

Sources of evidence for Centre Determined Grades in Psychology

Assessment point 1 = Past paper exam questions completed in lesson under **high control** (a timed 25-mark essay) on theoretical explanations for Stress. Completed the week beginning the 9th of November.

Assessment point 2 = Past paper question on theoretical explanations for schizophrenia completed in lesson under **high control** using WJEC past papers and mark schemes in the week beginning the 14th of December.

Assessment point 3 = Past paper question on Controversies in psychology completed outside of the classroom without direct supervision following an online lesson. This was completed in students own time under **low control** due to a period of /lockdown in the week beginning 8th March.

Assessment point 4 = Past paper question describing and evaluating two explanations of Stress completed in lessons under **high control** conditions in the week beginning the 22nd of March.

Assessment point 5 = Standardised assessment materials provided by WJEC (Past Papers) to assess all covered content in Unit 3 This assessment was completed over 3 lessons under **high control**. (27th of April)

Assessment point 6 = Standardised assessment materials provided by WJEC (Past Papers) to assess all covered content in Unit 4. This assessment was completed over 2 lessons under **high control**. (11th May)

Class work = A range of knowledge and skills are demonstrated by students in psychology lessons through their performance in low stakes summative assessment which includes recall tests, quizzes, verbal answers to question, small tasks carried out that are not necessarily graded or levelled, longer independent learning tasks and other low stakes tests such as use of online resources. Students Psychological skills in assessment, analysis, critical thinking and evaluation have been closely monitored by teachers this year.

Non-Examined Assessment = There has been some research work completed by students to be considered in a portfolio of evidence in June 2021.

Students have also completed a personal investigation under medium control conditions.

This will be assessed in AP5.