Coombe Wood Year 12 Bridging Work 2026/27

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SUBJECT: A-Level Psychology
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We recommend you purchase the following textbook for this subject area:

The Complete Companions for AQA Psychology A Level: Year 1 and AS Student Book, 6th Edition (The Complete Companions for AQA, 6th Edition)

All bridging work must be completed by 25/9 and forms part of your Pupil Passport at Coombe Wood Sixth Form.

Books

- AQA Psychology for A Level Year 1 & AS Student Book: 2nd Edition
- The Psychology Book: Big Ideas Explained Simply – Nigel Benson
- The man who mistook his wife for a hat – Oliver Sacks
- Psychology: The Science of Mind and Behaviour by Richard D. Gross
- Opening Skinner's Box - Lauren Slater
- Bad Science - Ben Goldacre
- The Memory Illusion - Julia Shaw
- Influence - Robert Cialdini
- The Lucifer Effect - Philip Zimbardo

Podcasts

- BBC Radio 4 All in the Mind - *exploring the limits and potential of the human mind.*

Websites

- The British Psychological Society - https://www.bps.org.uk/public/what-is-psychology
- Psychology Today - www.psychologytoday.com
- The Sigmund Freud Museum -https://www.freud.org.uk/learn/discover-sigmund-freud/life-and-work

BRIDGING TASKS

1.Introduction to Psychology

Watch the following introduction to psychology video.

https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=what+psychology+and+it+is+important+for+society+youtube&&view=detail&mid=448B23BD193A103AA4EC448B23BD193A103AA4EC&&FORM=VDRVSR

Task 1: What is Psychology the study of?
Why is Psychology important for society?
Which jobs would you apply for if you did a Psychology degree?

2. Social Psychology

Watch the Milgram Experiment on Obedience
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W147ybOdgpE
Questions to answer having watched the video:

1. Why was Milgram interested in studying obedience?
2. What factors do you think make people obey? Do the same factors lead everyone to obey in the same way?
3. In which way was this experiment important for society?
4. In which way was this experiment unethical?
5. Would you carry out an experiment like this? If so, would you change anything to make it more ethical? What would you change?

3. Psychodynamic Approach – Sigmund Freud

Visit:

- Freud Museum Virtual Tour
- Freud's Life and Work

Answer the following:

- How did Freud explain mental illness?

MATHS SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

A-level Psychology 7182 | Specification | Mathematical Requirements And Exemplifications | AQA

As you can see from the link above, Psychology A level involves a fair amount of Research Methods and Statistics, due to the scientific nature of the subject.

Using your prior knowledge, answer the following research methods questions to the best of your ability:

Q1. Julia decided to record how many hours her baby slept for in the day and in the night for one week.

The number of hours slept in the day and the number of hours slept in the night over one week

	Mon	**Tues**	**Wed**	**Thur**	**Fri**	**Sat**	**Sun**
Number of hours slept in the day	8.5	9.0	7.0	9.5	10.5	6.5	8.5
Number of hours slept in the night	9.0	8.0	8.5	7.0	7.5	10.5	8.0

(1a) Calculate the **mean** number of hours slept in the night. Show your workings. Give your answer to **two** significant figures.

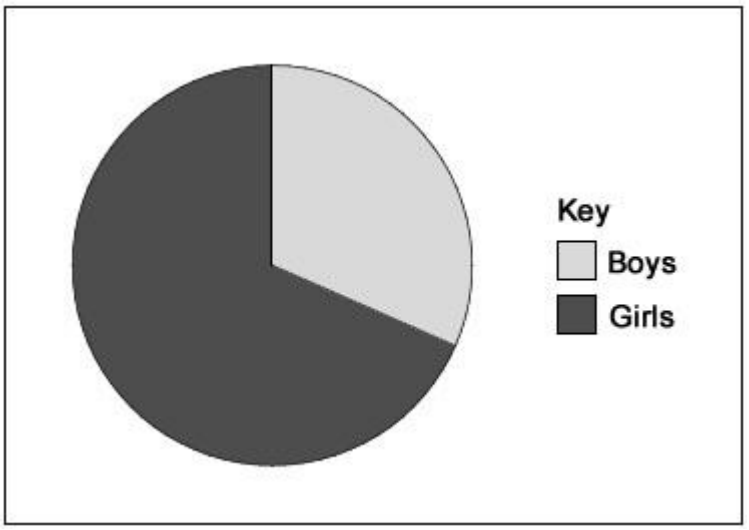
(1b) Explain **one** reason why the mean is the **most appropriate** measure of central tendency for this set of data.

Q2. A psychologist wanted to investigate the types of play parents engaged in with their children. Ten children and one parent of each child took part in the study.
The researcher asked each parent to keep a diary for a month about the types of play their child engaged in.

Is the **diary** *primary* or *secondary* data? Justify/explain your answer.

Q3. A researcher is investigating gender differences in classification of attachment. They conduct a study using Ainsworth's 'Strange Situation'. The results are shown in the figure below.

The proportions of boys and girls who are classified as securely attached:



(a) Using the information in the figure above, **estimate** the **percentage** of boys and girls that are securely attached.

(b) In a different study, 150 children were classified as securely attached. Of these, **40% were boys**. *How many of the 150 children were girls?* Show your workings.