

# PEARSON EDEXCEL A-LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY: PAPER 3 PSYCHOLOGICAL SKILLS

CODE **8068**

## ABOUT THIS COURSE

This course is aimed specifically at paper 3 content and will focus on key challenging topics that are trickier to teach and which students traditionally struggle with.

It will focus on what outstanding achievement looks like in terms of assessment objectives from the specification. The course will outline the most up to date guidance in how to teach and prepare students for the 2023 Paper 3 exam.

The day will focus on the 3 topic areas that make up this Psychology Skills paper; *Review of Methods; Review of Studies and Issues and Debates*. Delegates will have the chance to share good practice, ideas and strategies from their current teaching.

Delegates will be sent out some exemplar exam responses for to mark before the course and then to review these during the day with feedback. These will help teachers calibrate their own marking to examiner standard.

## PROGRAMME

TIME

### Paper 3 The Key challenges - Lessons to learn from previous exams 10.00 – 11.15am

- Using the key messages from the examiners reports to help adapt your teaching in particular getting to grips with 'logical chains of reasoning', balanced conclusions and 'competing arguments' as these are still misunderstood by some centres
- The AO2 challenge- How candidates can meet the requirements for the frequent stimulus type questions and how to give fully contextualised answers related to the novel scenarios given in the questions

Discussion: coffee break

11.15 – 11.30am

### Paper 3 – Review of Methods section

11.30 – 12.30pm

- Understanding how methods questions on Paper 3 differ to those on Paper 1 and Paper 2 so as not to duplicate responses
- How to write identify and most importantly justify appropriate conclusions to unseen data given rather than just summarise it
- How to suggest improvements for research in novel scenarios and contextualise answers rather than just give generic responses

Lunch and informal discussion

12.30 – 1.30pm

### Paper 3 – Review of Issues and Debates section

1.30 – 2.30pm

- Understanding what is required within each of the 11 issues and debates as this is sometimes misunderstood by candidates
- Focus on top mark band requirements by using real candidates' scripts from Issues and Debates section and avoid common faults and mistakes from previous answers candidates have given
- Look at some possible brand new 20-mark essays on Issues and Debates and how to address these

Discussion: afternoon tea

2.30 – 2.45pm

### Paper 3 – Review of Studies section

2.45 – 3.45pm

- How to compare the 5 studies from the classic study section in terms of a given set criteria
- Reviewing the 5 classic studies in terms of issues and debates
- How to prepare best for the unseen stimulus / novel scenario question

LOCATION/DATE

**London**

**Monday 21 November 2022**

## COURSE LEADER

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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- All teachers of Edexcel A-Level Psychology

## BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

- Discuss lessons learnt from the previous Paper 3 A-Level exams and ensure similar mistakes are not made by your students
- Develop an understanding of how to score highly on all three sections of the Paper3 exam
- Enhance your understanding of applying the assessment objectives in your planning
- Engage with and interpret the mark schemes for Paper 3
- Understand examiner insight and teaching ideas to raise student attainment for the 2023 Paper 3 exam