

Assessment outline—HL

First assessment 2019

Assessment component	Weighting
External assessment (5 hours)	80%
Paper 1 (2 hours)	40%
Section A: Three short-answer questions on the core approaches to psychology (27 marks)	
Section B: One essay from a choice of three on the biological, cognitive and sociocultural approaches to behaviour. One, two or all of the essays will reference the additional HL topic (22 marks)	
(Total 49 marks)	
Paper 2 (2 hours)	20%
Two questions; one from a choice of three on each of two options	
(Total 44 marks)	
Paper 3 (1 hour)	20%
Three short-answer questions from a list of six static questions on approaches to research	
(24 marks)	
Internal assessment (20 hours)	20%
This component is internally assessed by the teacher and externally moderated by the IB at the end of the course.	
Experimental study	
A report on an experimental study undertaken by the student	
(22 marks)	