

Paper 3

Paper 3 assesses the approaches to research in psychology. The paper consists of a research scenario followed by three short-answer questions for a total of 24 marks.

Question 1

Question 1 will consist of **all** of the following questions, for a total of 9 marks. The questions will be assessed using an analytical markscheme.

Questions	Marks
Identify the research method used and outline two characteristics of the method.	3
Describe the sampling method used in the study	3
Suggest an alternative or additional research method giving one reason for your choice.	3

Question 2

Question 2 will consist of **one** of the following questions, for a total of 6 marks. The question will be assessed using an analytical markscheme.

Questions	Marks
Describe the ethical considerations that were applied in the study and explain if further ethical considerations could be applied.	6
Describe the ethical considerations in reporting the results and explain additional ethical considerations that could be taken into account when applying the findings of the study.	6

Question 3

Question 3 will consist of **one** of the following questions, for a total of 9 marks. The question will be assessed using the rubric below.

Questions	Marks
Discuss the possibility of generalizing/transferring the findings of the study.	9
Discuss how a researcher could ensure that the results of the study are credible.	9
Discuss how the researcher in the study could avoid bias.	9

Rubric for question 3

Markband	Level descriptor
0	The answer does not reach a standard described by the descriptors below.
1–3	<p>The question is misunderstood and the central issue is not identified correctly, resulting in a mostly irrelevant argument.</p> <p>The response contains mostly inaccurate references to the approaches to research or these are irrelevant to the question.</p> <p>The reference to the stimulus material relies heavily on direct quotations from the text.</p>
4–6	<p>The question is understood, but only partially answered resulting in an argument of limited scope.</p> <p>The response contains mostly accurate references to approaches to research which are linked explicitly to the question.</p> <p>The response makes appropriate but limited use of the stimulus material.</p>
7–9	<p>The question is understood and answered in a focused and effective manner with an accurate argument that addresses the requirements of the question.</p> <p>The response contains accurate references to approaches to research with regard to the question, describing their strengths and limitations.</p> <p>The response makes effective use of the stimulus material.</p>