



Knowledge Organiser: Year 12

Psychology; APPROACHES

ORIGINS OF PSYCHOLOGY

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WUNDT'S LAB:

- First psychology lab. Opened in Germany – introduced structuralism.

CONTROLLED METHODS:

- Standardised instructions made Wundt's research reliable.

THE EMERGENCE OF PSYCHOLOGY AS A SCIENCE:

- Wundt focused on using introspection as his method of investigating the mind.
- Early behaviourist psychologists rejected introspection.

THE LEARNING APPROACH: BEHAVIOURISM

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ASSUMPTIONS:

- All behaviour is observable
- Our behaviour is LEARNT

CLASSICAL CONDITIONING: PAVLOV

- Classical conditioning – learning through association
- $NS + UCS = CR$
- Pavlov's dogs

OPERANT CONDITIONING: SKINNER

- Operant conditioning – learning through reinforcement
- Skinner's box

EVALUATION:

- + Objective and replicable which gives the approach scientific credibility
- Issues with generalising findings from animal studies to humans

THE LEARNING APPROACH: SOCIAL LEARNING THEORY

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ASSUMPTIONS:

- All behaviour is observable
- Our behaviour is LEARNT
- We learn behaviour through observation and imitation of role models

VICARIOUS REINFORCEMENT:

- Imitation will occur if an individual observes a behaviour being rewarded
- Bandura's bobo doll study

MEDIATIONAL PROCESSES:

- Cognitive aspect of behaviour
- Attention
- Retention
- Motivation
- Motor reproduction

EVALUATION:

- + Takes cognitive aspects of behaviour into account.
- Underestimates the role of biology in influencing behaviour

THE COGNITIVE APPROACH

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ASSUMPTIONS:

- Behaviour is explained through our internal mental processes
- These are studied using inferences

SCHEMAS:

- Beliefs and expectations influence our thoughts and behaviours

COMPUTER ANALOGY:

- The human brain is similar to a computer
- Input – process – output

COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE:

- The study of how brain structure influences mental processes.

EVALUATION:

- + Research is highly controlled and therefore scientific.
- Ignores the influence of emotions

THE BIOLOGICAL APPROACH:

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ASSUMPTIONS:

- Our biology influences our behaviour
- Behaviour is genetic – twin studies
- Phenotype and genotype – influence of nature
- Evolution

EVALUATION:

- + Real-world application – has led to drug therapies
- Cannot create cause and effect relationships

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THE PSYCHODYNAMIC APPROACH	THE HUMANISTIC APPROACH
6 ASSUPMTIONS: • Our behaviour is controlled by our unconscious mind. TRIPARTITE PERSONALITY: • ID – works on the pleasure principle • Ego – works on the reality principle • Superego – works on the morality principle PSYCHOSEXUAL STAGES: • Five stages that children go through • If there is conflict at a stage, this will impact behaviour later on in life EVALUATION: + This approach has great explanatory power - This approach is based on untestable concepts (you cannot test if the unconscious is real)	7 ASSUMPTIONS: • Behaviour is controlled by free will – we have choice over our own behaviour MASLOW’S HIERARCHY OF NEEDS: • Individuals work their way up a hierarchy throughout life • The goal is to reach self-actualisation ROGERS: THE SELF • Behaviour occurs due to incongruence – the distance between our actual self and our ideal self • Incongruence can be overcome through using person centred counselling EVALUATION: + Not reductionist – looks at the individual as a whole - Limited research to support humanistic theory

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How do we use Knowledge Organisers in Psychology

How can you use knowledge organisers at home to help us?

- **Retrieval Practice:** Read over a section of the knowledge organiser, cover it up and then write down everything you can remember. Repeat until you remember everything.
- **Flash Cards:** Using the Knowledge Organisers to help on one side of a piece of paper write a question, on the other side write an answer. Ask someone to test you by asking a question and seeing if you know the answer.
- **Mind Maps:** Turn the information from the knowledge organiser into a mind map. Then reread the mind map and on a piece of paper half the size try and recreate the key phrases of the mind map from memory.
- **Sketch it:** Draw an image to represent each fact; this can be done in isolation or as part of the mind map/flash card.
- **Teach it:** Teach someone the information on your knowledge organiser, let them ask you questions and see if you know the answers.

How will we use knowledge organisers in Psychology?

- **Test:** We will do regular low stakes tests to check your ability to retrieve information from memory.
- **Mark our answers:** Once you have done a low stake test you can mark your work using the knowledge organiser.
- **Improve our work:** Once you have finished a piece of work you may be asked to check your knowledge organiser to see if there is any information on it that you could add into an answer.

<u>ASSESSMENT</u>	<u>SECTION ON KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Learning Check point 1			/10
16 marker exam question			/16
MID UNIT			/20
Learning Check point 3			/10
16 marker exam question			/16
END OF UNIT			/40