

# AQA A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

## TOPIC - PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

### LESSON 3 – DEVIATION FROM SOCIAL NORMS

#### Section A

COMPLETE THE TASKS BELOW

1 Suggest behaviors that adults might do that deviate from social norms.

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2 Suggest behaviors that students might do that deviate from social norms.

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3 Read the story on the screen, about Brooke. Suggest reasons why this person may be considered abnormal according to deviation from social norms.

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- 4 Read the story on the screen, about Masood. Suggest reasons why this person may be considered abnormal according to deviation from social norms.

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## Section B

### DEVELOP YOUR CRITICAL SKILL SKILLS BY COMPLETING THE TASKS BELOW

- 1 Look at the examples below and consider contexts where they may be considered 'normal' behaviour.
  - a. Drinking alcohol at 11am on your day off work
  - b. Laughing at a funeral

- 2 Write a conclusion about what the 'thumbs up' hand gesture suggests about culture and defining abnormality.

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- 3 Use your knowledge of deviation from social norms and statistical infrequency to answer the questions below:
  - a. Which definition of abnormality is the most objective?
  - b. Which definition of abnormality is the most scientifically credible?
  - c. Which definition of abnormality allows some flexibility in interpreting behavior?



## Section C

### DEVELOP YOUR EVALUATION SKILLS BY COMPLETING THE TASKS BELOW

- 1 Write the evaluation point on the screen, followed by an elaboration of the point, and an explanation of why it is a limitation.

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- 2 Write effective elaboration for each of the evaluation points below:

One limitation of deviation from social norms is that it relies on the context of behavior	
One limitation of deviation from social norms is that they can be culturally relative	
One strength of deviation from social norms is that it can help to keep society orderly	



- 3 Develop a counter criticism for the point on the screen and write a conclusion about why this counter criticism is noteworthy.

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### Section D

#### DEVELOP YOUR EXAM SKILLS BY COMPLETING THE TASKS BELOW

- 1 Read the exam style questions on the screen and the candidate answers. Award a mark out of 3, to each of the candidate answers.

Candidate A -

Candidate B -

Candidate C -

- 2 Read the exam style questions on the screen and the candidate answers. Award a mark out of 3, to each of the candidate answers.

Candidate A -

Candidate B -

Candidate C -



## Section E

### PRACTICE INTERPRETING EXAM QUESTIONS BY COMPLETING THE TASKS BELOW

- 1 Read the question below and identify the key words in the question

Outline and evaluate deviation from social norms as an explanation of abnormal behavior (8)

- 2 Read the question below and identify the key words in the question

Outline what is meant by deviation from social norms as an explanation of abnormal behavior. Refer to Georgia in your answer (4)

- 3 Read and rank the four candidate responses and rank them in order from best to worst.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

