

AQA A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

TOPIC - PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

LESSON 5 – FAILURE TO FUNCTION ADEQUATELY

Section A

COMPLETE THE TASKS BELOW

- 1 Write down any areas of everyday life, where someone may not be able to function adequately, causing concern for their welfare.

- 2 Read the three scenarios on the screen and for each one, write down suggestions of a maladaptive response.

- 3 Suggest examples of behaviours that could cause observer discomfort in others.



- 4 Using the information on the screen, suggest what each points of the GAF scale, may use as criteria for defining abnormality and if someone is failing to function or not.

90 - 81	
50 - 41	
30 - 21	
10 - 0	

Section B

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS BY COMPLETING THE TASKS BELOW

- 1 Decide if you consider 'failure to function adequately' to be an objective definition of abnormality or not.

- 2 Write a summary of what is meant by 'observer discomfort'.

- 3 Suggest reasons why this is not an objective way of defining abnormal behaviour.



4 Summarise what is meant by 'personal distress'.

5 Suggest reasons why this may not be a good way to identify failure to function.



Section C

- 1 Elaborate on the following evaluation point:

One limitation of failure to function adequately is that it relies on subjectivity.

- 2 Read the evaluation point on the screen, and see if you can make improvements on it yourself.

- 3 Organise the points on the screen into two columns. One for strengths, and one for limitations.



Section D

DEVELOP YOUR EXAM SKILLS BY COMPLETING THE TASKS BELOW

- 1 Decode the following exam question, and then create a response to the question.

Outline what is meant by the term 'failure to function' in relation to definitions of abnormality (3 marks)

- 2 Decode the following exam question and then create a response to the question.

Explain one strength of the failure to function adequately definition of abnormality (3 marks)



3 Read the scenario on the screen and answer the following question.

Using your knowledge of failure to function adequately, explain why Gavin may be considered abnormal (4 marks)

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Section E

DEVELOP YOUR ASSESSMENT SKILLS BY COMPLETING THE TASKS BELOW

- 1 Read the question on the screen and use the space below to create a mark scheme / criteria that the candidates will need to meet to earn full marks.

- 2 What mark would you award the candidates? Justify your decision.

A =

B =

- 3 Read the question on the screen, and use the space below to create a mark scheme / criteria that the candidates will need to meet to earn full marks.

- 4 What mark would you award the candidates? Justify your decision.

A =

B =



- 5 Read the question on the screen and use the space below to create a mark scheme / criteria that the candidates will need to meet to earn full marks.

- 6 What mark would you award the candidates? Justify your decision.

A =

B =

