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### **SAMPLE ASSESSMENT**

RESOURCE BOOKLET

**QUESTION ONE: Develop solutions to a given issue using psychological approaches**

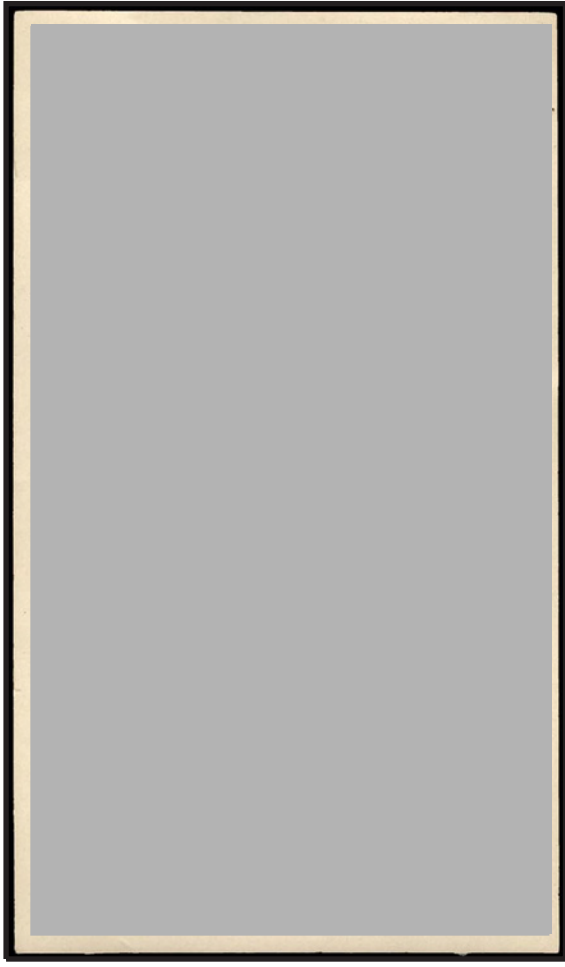
**Resource A: Erikson's Stages of Development: 5. identity vs confusion**

The fifth psychosocial stage takes place during the often turbulent teenage years.

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Our personal identity gives each of us an integrated and cohesive sense of self that endures through our lives.

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**Resource B: Coming of age**

Mead's work had taken shape against a backdrop of broader anxieties about American youth generally and female adolescents specifically who were openly challenging social and sexual mores.



Largely relieved of the baby-tending responsibilities that had burdened them as little girls, Samoan adolescents revelled in their freedom and deferred marriage during this "best period" in their lives.

Source: (text) <https://worldhistorycommons.org/margaret-mead-coming-age-samoa>

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## Resource C: The Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health & Development Study (The Dunedin Study)

The Dunedin study is the Goldilocks of longitudinal studies.

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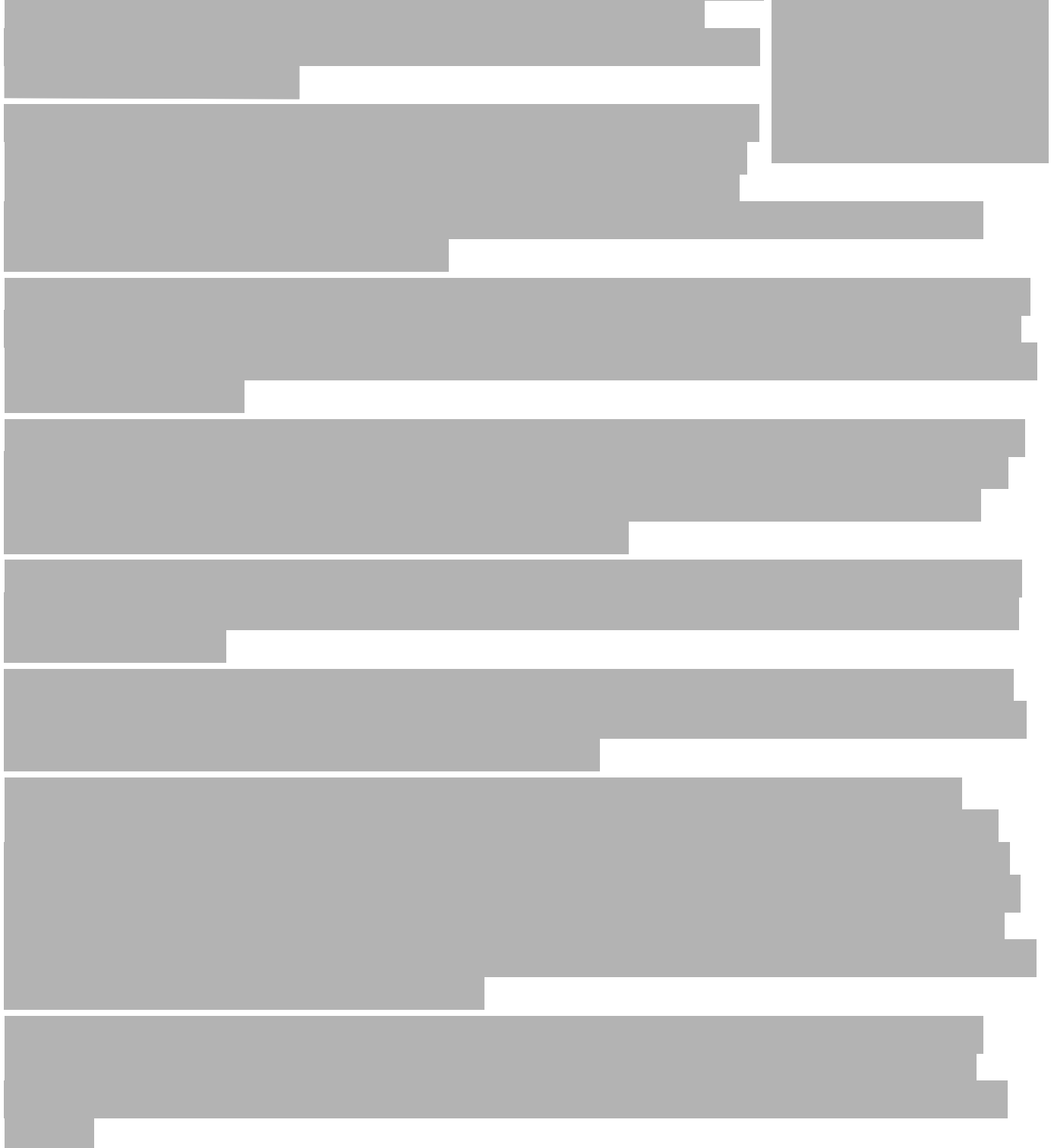
The work had important implications for social work and law, and won Moffitt the 2007 Stockholm Prize in Criminology.

Source: (text) <https://www.science.org/content/article/two-psychologists-followed-1000-new-zealanders-decades-here-s-what-they-found-about-how>

## Resource D: Excessive TV in childhood linked to long-term antisocial behaviour

Tuesday 19th February 2013

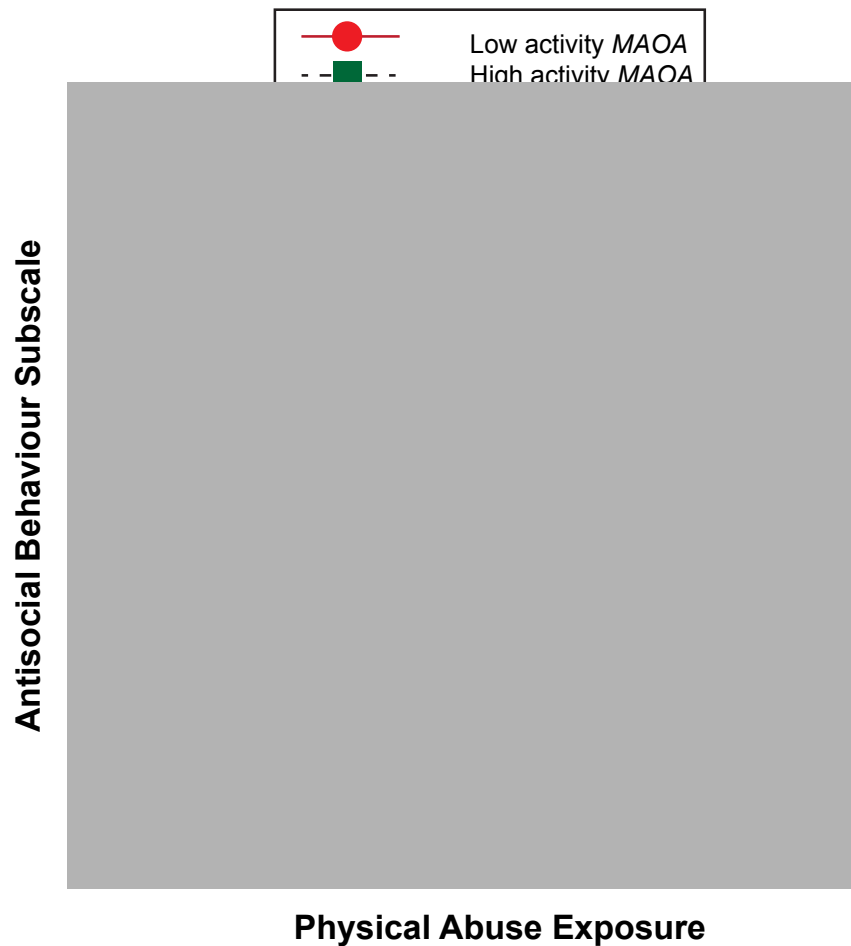
Children and adolescents who watch a lot of television



Source: (text) <https://dunedinstudy.otago.ac.nz/news-and-events/2013/excessive-tv-in-childhood-linked-to-long>  
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## Resource E: Physical abuse exposure

Monoamine oxidase A (MAOA) degrades serotonin, norepinephrine, and dopamine following reuptake from the synaptic cleft, and, therefore, plays a key role in regulating behaviour.



Source: (image) [https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Gene-by-physical-abuse-exposure-interaction-predicting-subcales-of-childrens-a\\_fig1\\_6982612](https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Gene-by-physical-abuse-exposure-interaction-predicting-subcales-of-childrens-a_fig1_6982612)

**Resource F: Child offending**

Early on Saturday morning, a group of youths stole about \$50,000 worth of clothing from the Icebreaker outlet near Auckland Airport.

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The report made a number of recommendations that mainly concluded the child welfare system is reactive not proactive.

Source: (text) <https://www.1news.co.nz/2022/05/01/child-offending-is-a-solvable-manageable-problem-expert/>

**QUESTION TWO: Critique research methods****Resource G: Fung et al. (1999)**

Few people doubt that social embeddedness is integrally related to psychological well-being.



Fung, H. H., Carstensen, L. L., & Lutz, A. M. (1999). *Influence of time on social preferences: implications for life-span development*. *Psychology and aging*, 14(4), 595.



**Resource H: Riley's study**

**Hypotheses:**

H1: The number of people a person has emotionally meaningful relationships with is significantly negatively correlated with the amount of time the person expects to live for.

H2: People who live in nursing homes do not have significantly more emotionally meaningful relationships than people of similar age who live independently.

**Method:**

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