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Scholarship 2025 Psychology

Time allowed: Three hours Total score: 24

SAMPLE ASSESSMENT

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NOTE

The specified context is Developmental Psychology. For this sample assessment candidates are expected to have an in-depth knowledge of human behaviour in *early childhood development*, *adolescent development*, and *adult development and aging*.

INSTRUCTIONS

You must answer ALL three questions.

The Resource Booklet contains a variety of resources based on a theme: **developmental psychology**.

The Resource Booklet has resources that relate specifically to Questions One and Two. The resource booklet may be used, but is not required, for Question Three.

Space for planning has been provided on pages 4, 10, and 16.

The questions on page 3 are repeated above their respective planning pages.

3 **QUESTION ONE:** Develop solutions to a given issue using psychological approaches Analyse how resources A–F examine an issue in developmental psychology. Provide your own insight into possible solutions to complex adolescent behavioural problems. Use page 4 to plan your ideas, and begin your answer on page 5.

QUESTION TWO: Critique research methods

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Discuss realistic improvements to Riley's research. Explore how the findings of an improved study could impact future elderly care practices or future research.

Use page 10 to plan your ideas, and begin your answer on page 11.

QUESTION THREE: Critique debates in psychology

Select ONE of the statements below. Use your own knowledge of psychology to address the statement, including links to debates within psychology, and an analysis of different sides of the argument.

Statements (Choose ONE)

- 1. The first 1000 days of your life are the most important in determining your cognitive and emotional development.
- 2. Child welfare is at the intersection of eugenics and public health.
- 3. Modern institutions/orphanages can develop humans just as well as families.

Use page 16 to plan your ideas, and begin your answer on page 17.

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