

# Access to HE Diploma

## Assignment Brief (Form AP3)



<b>Provider name:</b>	Sunshine College
<b>Access Diploma title:</b>	Access to HE Diploma (Social Sciences)
<b>Unit title and code:</b>	Psychology – PK1//3/AA/11G
<b>Assignment title and number, e.g. 1 of 1 or 1 of 2 etc:</b>	Assignment 3 of 3 Key Figures and Methods in Psychology
<b>Assessor name:</b>	Jane Brown

### Assignment briefing and mapping to unit:

#### Task 1:

You are to produce an essay of approximately 1500 words with the following title:

“Critically discuss the work of two prominent psychologists within **two** central themes of psychology, evaluating the contribution of one psychologist to the understanding of human behaviour” (1.1, 3.1 and 3.2).

Remember an essay should have an introduction, main body of text and a conclusion.

#### Task 2:

A report of approximately 1000 words providing an overview of the research methods used in psychology and a discussion of the research methods used in a psychological experiment of your choice. (1.2) and (1.3)

Your report should use psychological terminology throughout. (4.1)

This is a report therefore it should include a title page, contents page, headings and sub headings throughout. All work should be clearly referenced and include a bibliography.

<b>Assignment hand out date:</b>	
<b>Assignment submission deadline date:</b>	
<b>Draft(s) permitted: Yes/No</b> <i>If yes, include deadline date(s) for draft(s)</i>	No

### Mapping to Unit

This assignment covers the following learning outcomes & assessment criteria.

LO 1: Understand the scientific nature of psychology

1.1 Evaluate two central themes within psychology

1.2 Explain methods of research used in psychology

1.3 Explain scientific methods used in a given piece of psychological research

LO 3: Understand the work of prominent psychologists

3.1 Critically discuss the work of two prominent psychologists

3.2 Evaluate the contribution of one named psychologist to the understanding of human behaviour

LO 4: Understand terminology used in psychology

4.1 Apply psychological terminology appropriately

## Grading information for this assignment

<b>Grade descriptor:</b>	<b>1a and c Understanding of the Subject</b>
The student, student's work or performance:	
<b>For a pass:</b>	Meet the assessment criteria to achieve the learning outcomes for the unit
<b>For Merit:</b>	<p>a. demonstrates a <b>very good</b> grasp of the relevant knowledge base</p> <p>c. demonstrates a <b>very good</b> understanding of the different perspectives or approaches used within the area of study</p> <p>Contextualisation: The essay should highlight your clear understanding of psychological perspectives, tracing the work of prominent psychologists in that field. The report should highlight your clear understanding of research methods when applied to a piece of specific research</p>
<b>For distinction:</b>	<p>a. demonstrates an <b>excellent</b> grasp of the relevant knowledge base</p> <p>c. demonstrates <b>excellent</b> understanding of the different perspectives or approaches used within the area of study</p> <p>Contextualisation: The essay should highlight your excellent understanding of psychological perspectives, tracing the work of prominent psychologists in that field. There should be excellent levels of knowledge. The report should highlight your excellent understanding of research methods with excellent application to a specific piece of research</p>

<b>Grade descriptor:</b>	<b>2a b and c Application of knowledge</b>
The student, student's work or performance:	
<b>For a pass:</b>	Meet the assessment criteria to achieve the learning outcomes for the unit
<b>For Merit:</b>	<p>a makes use of relevant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• facts</li> <li>• theories</li> <li>• perspectives</li> </ul> <p>with <b>either</b></p> <p>b breadth <b>or</b> depth that goes beyond the minimum to Pass and</p> <p>c <b>very good</b> levels of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• analysis</li> </ul> <p>Contextualisation: The essay should demonstrate a very good understanding of the different theories and perspectives associated with the subject. You should be able to make use of the relevant psychological theories which you have covered in class and probably researched yourself. You should not restrict yourself to descriptive</p>

	accounts where evaluation and analysis is required. The report should demonstrate a very good application of research methods to a specific piece of research.
<b>For Distinction:</b>	<p>a makes use of relevant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>facts</li> <li>theories</li> <li>perspectives</li> </ul> <p>with <b>both</b></p> <p>b breadth and depth</p> <p>and</p> <p>c <b>excellent</b> levels of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>analysis</li> </ul> <p>Contextualisation: The essay should demonstrate excellent understanding of the different theories and perspectives associated with the subject. You should be able to make use of the relevant psychological theories which you have covered in class and probably researched yourself. Excellent evaluation and analysis should be clearly evident. The report should demonstrate an excellent application of research methods to your chosen piece of psychological research.</p>

<b>Grade descriptor:</b>	<b>7a and c Quality</b>
The student, student's work or performance:	
<b>For a pass:</b>	Meet the assessment criteria to achieve the learning outcomes for the unit
<b>For Merit:</b>	<p>a is structured in a way that is <b>generally</b> logical and fluent</p> <p>c taken as a whole, demonstrates an <b>very good</b> response to the demands of the brief/assignment</p> <p>Contextualisation: The essay includes a clear introduction and conclusion and has a logical structure. The critical evaluation is evident although is limited in places. Most sections of the essay clearly flow in order to demonstrate fluency of understanding and expression. The report is written in a logical way with the application of research methods, to a piece of psychological research, clearly flowing to demonstrate fluency of understanding.</p>
<b>For distinction:</b>	<p>a is structured in a way that is <b>consistently</b> logical and fluent</p> <p>c taken as a whole, demonstrates an <b>excellent</b> response to the demands of the brief/assignment</p> <p>Contextualisation: The essay is well presented and the critical evaluation is detailed and comprehensive. All sections of the essay flow, and are linked to each other demonstrating fluency of understanding and expression. The report is written in a consistently logical way with excellent application of research methods that demonstrates an excellent response to the demands of the assignment brief.</p>

**Declaration:** I confirm that this assignment is my best attempt and all my own work and that it conforms to the course policy on plagiarism.

Print name:

Student signature:

Date:

Example only