Paper 3 Curriculum Map

TOPIC: ISSUES & DEBATES (A LEVEL)

Calendar	Big Question/Theme	Small Questions	Assessment Opportunities and Criteria. Teacher Feedback point (TFP)	Homework
TERM 2	To explore the issues associated with gender and culture in psychology.	 Gender and culture in psychology – universality and bias. Gender bias including androcentrism and alpha and beta bias. Cultural bias, including ethnocentrism and cultural relativism. 	Short examination style questions (MCQ, structured questions, STEM questions). 6-mark essay: WCOS Summative assessment.	Analysis, synthesis and consolidation with firefly pages. Short examination questions. Short essay question. Extended reading Compare and contrast
	To examine the free will and determinism debate in psychology.	 Free will and determinism. Hard determinism and soft determinism. Biological, environmental and psychic determinism. The scientific emphasis on causal explanations. 	Short examination style questions (MCQ, structured questions, STEM questions). 4-mark essay: WCOS Summative assessment.	Analysis, synthesis and consolidation with firefly pages. Short examination questions. Short essay question. Extended reading Compare and contrast
	To examine the nature-nurture	 The nature-nurture debate: the relative importance of heredity and environment in determining behaviour. The interactionist approach. 	Short examination style questions (MCQ, structured	Analysis, synthesis and consolidation with firefly pages.

debate in psychology.		questions, STEM questions). 16-mark essay: WCOS Summative assessment.	Short examination questions. Short essay question. Extended reading
To examine the holism and reductionism debate in psychology.	 Holism and reductionism: levels of explanation in psychology. Biological reductionism and environmental (stimulus-response) reductionism. 		Compare and contrast Analysis, synthesis and consolidation with firefly pages. Short examination questions.
			Short essay question. Extended reading Compare and contrast
To explore issues with idiographic and nomothetic approaches in psychological research.	 Idiographic and nomothetic approaches to psychological investigation. 	4-mark essay: WCOS Summative assessment.	Analysis, synthesis and consolidation with firefly pages. Short examination questions. Short essay question. Extended reading
To investigate the ethical implications of research studies and theory.	Ethical implications of research studies and theory, including reference to social sensitivity.		Compare and contrast Analysis, synthesis and consolidation with firefly pages. Short examination questions.

		Extended reading
		Compare and contrast
		Short essay question.