

## **A-Level Psychology Transition Task 1**

### **Task 1a)**

In 70-100 words, summarise what you believe Psychology to be.

### **Task 1b)**

Watch the video below and now summarise what Psychology is.

<https://youtu.be/OwQvmuk5K1Q>

**Task 1c) Define the following key terms:**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>1. Laboratory experiment</b>	
<b>2. Field experiment</b>	
<b>3. Natural experiment</b>	
<b>4. Quasi experiment</b>	
<b>5. Independent variable</b>	
<b>6. Dependent variable</b>	
<b>7. Extraneous variable</b>	
<b>8. Confounding variable</b>	

<b>9. Covert observation</b>	
<b>10. Overt observation</b>	
<b>11. Standardised procedures</b>	
<b>12. Hypothesis</b>	
<b>13. Self-report techniques</b>	
<b>14. Content analysis</b>	
<b>15. Reliability</b>	

<b>16. Validity</b>	
<b>17. Informed consent</b>	
<b>18. Social desirability bias</b>	
<b>19. Demand characteristics</b>	
<b>20. Mundane realism</b>	
<b>21. Ecological validity</b>	
<b>22. Population validity</b>	
<b>23.Reductionism vs holism debate</b>	

<b>24. Determinism vs free will</b>	
<b>25. Nature vs nurture</b>	

### A-Level Psychology Transition Task 2

Use the textbook / appropriate psychological resources to help you answer the following 'biopsychology' questions:

1. Outline the structure of the nervous system

2. Outline the function of the endocrine system

**3. Outline the structure of a neuron**

**4. Describe synaptic transmission**

**5. Outline the fight or flight response**

## **A-Level Psychology Transition Task 3**

### ***Key Psychological studies***

#### **3a)**

1. Milgram's experiment on obedience
2. Loftus and Palmer car crash experiment
3. Ainsworth's strange situation experiment
4. Phineas Gage: his accident and impact on psychology

Please research the above studies which you will learn in Psychology at A-Level (Simply Psychology is a useful website which may help you). For each study, you must summarise the following in approx. 150 words:

- Aim of study
- Method (procedure and details of sample used)
- Results and findings
- Conclusion

The information above is called **AO1** – Knowledge and understanding of psychology. It is outlining, describing and explaining a study, model or theory.

**3b)** You must now evaluate **each** study in terms of strengths and/or limitations in approx. 80 words.

This skill is called **AO3** - Analyse, interpret and evaluate scientific information, ideas and evidence (You should use key terms from transition task 1 to evaluate these studies).