

Psychology IB Objectives

There are twelve assessment objectives for the psychology course at HL and nine at SL. Having followed the course at HL or at SL, students should expect questions asking them to:

1. explain, where appropriate, how cultural, ethical, gender and methodological considerations may affect the interpretation of behaviour

Perspectives

2. describe, compare and evaluate the four content topics of the perspectives: development and cultural contexts, framework, methodologies, application
3. describe and evaluate theories and empirical studies of the perspectives
4. identify and explain the strengths and limitations of explanations of behaviour of each perspective

Options

5. describe and evaluate theories related to the selected options
6. identify, explain and evaluate empirical studies relevant to the selected options
7. apply theories and findings of empirical studies to explanations of human behaviour
8. analyse and compare issues within the selected options

Research Methodology

9. demonstrate the acquisition of knowledge and skills required for experimental design, data collection, data analysis and interpretation.

In addition to the above, students studying the course at HL will be expected to be able to:

10. explain and evaluate qualitative methods
11. identify and select appropriate qualitative methods relevant to specified investigations
12. demonstrate an understanding of the concept and use of triangulation in qualitative research.