

PRACTICE:
**6. RIGHT, WRONG,
RIGHT**

**"IMITATION IS NOT JUST
THE SINCEREST FORM OF
FLATTERY - IT'S THE
SINCEREST FORM OF
LEARNING."
-GEORGE BERNHARD SHAW**

**"ACQUIRING
KNOWLEDGE IS A FORM
OF IMITATION."
JIDDU KRISHNAMURTI**

**"THROUGH OTHERS WE
BECOME OURSELVES."
-LEI S. VYGOTSKY**



**ONE WAY TO BURN UNDERSTANDING INTO YOUR BRAIN,
PARTICULARLY SKILL, IS TO FIND SOMEONE WHO DOES IT
WELL.**



**...IT MIGHT BE A TEACHER OR FELLOW STUDENT, MAYBE IN
YOUR OWN CLASS OR THE YEAR ABOVE.**



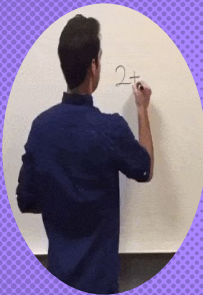
...FIRSTLY FIND AN EXAMPLE OF THEM DOING IT RIGHT!

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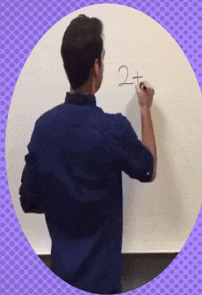
...IT MIGHT BE A COMPLEX MATHS PROBLEM WORKED THROUGH; A DEFINITION AND QUESTION IN SOCIAL SCIENCE, A PERFECT PARAGRAPH OR CALCULATION IN CHEMISTRY.

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**ONCE YOU HAVE YOUR
EXAMPLE COMPLETE THE
FOLLOWING ACTIVITY:**

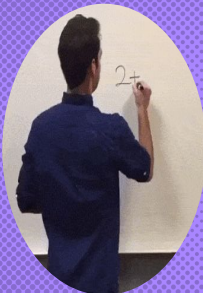
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**1 - USING THE EXAMPLE,
COPY THE SKILL**

You **MUST** do it right first. It might be that you write a paragraph borrowing the best bits from the example, or you might solve a similar maths problem, following your example.

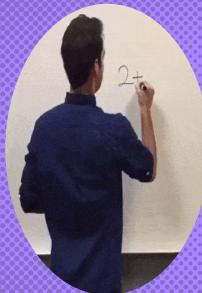
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2 - DO IT WRONG!

Do it the way you have been doing it.
Examine the differences.
Where exactly do you go wrong?
What is the result of that error?
Where does it lead?
How does 'wrong' look different?

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3 - DO IT RIGHT AGAIN!

Repeat the correct version again.
You do this to burn it into your brain!

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**THE ORDER MUST BE:
RIGHT, WRONG, RIGHT!**

**THE TWO RIGHTS HELP
BURN THE
UNDERSTANDING INTO
YOUR BRAIN...**

**THE WRONG IN THE
MIDDLE HELPS YOU SEE
WHY THE WRONG IS
WRONG!**

High level answer – 6 marks

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**HERE IS AN EXEMPLAR
ANSWER TAKEN FROM THE
APPLIED A LEVEL
PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINERS
REPORT 2017.
THIS EXAMPLE SCORED 6
MARKS**

Examiner commentary

Very good answer including details of the cultural location – Rosenhan – and the fact that it cannot be applied to other cultures making it ethnocentric. Both elements are present in correct for 2 marks.

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"WHY" THIS IS A GOOD
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Examiner commentary
 Very good answer including details of the ethical consideration, and the fact that it cannot be applied together with the other ethical considerations. Both elements are present in correct language.

APPLYING THE RIGHT, WRONG, RIGHT TECHNIQUE. YOU WOULD COPY THIS EXAMPLE OUT, USING THE KEY EXAMPLES, BUT ALSO YOUR OWN STYLE / LANGUAGE.

Low level answer – 2 marks

1 b One ethical consideration of the research by Rosenhan was the seriousness of illness which could harm participants in the future when being released from the hospital. Pseudopatients were labelled 'schizophrenic' in response to their behaviour after hospital could always be related to being diagnosed with schizophrenia and participants could suffer believe many were schizophrenic. In participants could be harmed. Another ethical consideration was protection of participants this was not an current as the pseudo-patients found it very distressing and uncomfortable having human rights taken away and their freedom participants were not protected from harm.

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 The candidate has identified ethical considerations (2 marks). Further to analysis or discussion.

THIS SECOND EXAMPLE, SHOWS THE LOWER LEVEL ANSWER, SCORING ONLY 1 MARK, REPRESENTING THE WRONG ANSWER.

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APPLYING THE RIGHT, WRONG, RIGHT TECHNIQUE. YOU WOULD THEN WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER, COPY THIS EXAMPLE OR EVEN USE A PREVIOUS RESPONSE FROM YOUR FILE.

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USING THE COMMENTARY AT THE BOTTOM, AND YOUR EXPERIENCE YOU CAN NOW "ISOLATE" THE ERRORS.

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FINALLY, YOU WOULD RE-WRITE, OR COPY OUT, THE CORRECT ANSWER AGAIN – THIS TIME USING MORE OF YOUR OWN WORDS.

ISOLATING THE ERRORS

- Once you have completed this task it's important to look closely at the differences between the two rights and wrong.
- Make a list of 3 or 4 things that the right is doing that the wrong wasn't.
- Make a note of them and keep them with your notes on that particular topic.
- Here is an example using the same psychology essay:

ISOLATING THE ERRORS

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THE EXAMPLES BELOW ARE TAKEN FROM THE EXAMINERS REPORT

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FINAL THOUGHTS.

- × A simple way to summarise your learning here is to record:
 - Something you need to do more of, eg:
 - × More regular quotations
 - × More academic terminology
 - × More references to studies
 - × More evaluation of sources
 - × More careful checking of calculations
 - Something you need to do less of, eg:
 - × Use non-technical language
 - × Only identify when asked to discuss and analyse

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