

## ASSESSMENT TASK 4 – IN-CLASS ESSAY

### THE PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE PRO-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

NAME

WRITE-UP DATE: Friday 17 May 2019

TASK

(33 marks) (7% Response)

Pro-social behaviour is sometimes called helping behaviour or acts of kindness that benefit others. This task requires you to use a variety of resources (books, journals, internet and the media) to research the psychological factors that influence participation in pro-social behaviour.

CONTENT:

- Biological Influences
- Developmental psychology
- Psychology of Personality
- Social Psychology
- Relational Influences

OUTCOMES:

- Outcome 1:* Psychological understandings;
- Outcome 3:* Applying and relating psychological understandings;
- Outcome 4:* Communication in psychology

**ALLOCATED TIME FOR THE TASK:** You will have 1½ weeks to prepare your response. Your response will be written in class *under test conditions* in one period

#### Activity Details: What you need to do ....

1. Read this task sheet carefully
2. Research and prepare *notes* on each of the points on your framework/planning sheet
3. Write the final version of your essay following the structure below:

#### Introduction:

Fully define the term *pro-social behaviour*.

Describe one example of a *pro-social behaviour* engaged in by:

- the individual
- a group
- at a societal/national level

Briefly identify the factors influencing pro-social behaviour you will be referring to in your essay

#### Psychological characteristics:

Discuss whether individuals who engage in pro-social behaviour have psychological characteristics that make them *different* from individuals who do not engage in pro-social behaviour. Discuss pro-social behaviour in relation to **two (2)** of the dot points below:

- biological differences in the brain
- cognitive differences
- age and development differences
- personality differences

#### Group & societal characteristics:

Discuss how other factors influence participation in pro-social behaviour, specifically:

- group factors – discuss **two (2)**
- societal factors – discuss **two (2)**

#### Conclusion:

After critically reviewing the above research, conclude your essay with a paragraph about the extent to which psychological factors related to *self, others and society* explain peoples participation in pro-social behaviour.

#### What do I need to hand in?

- This marking key
- Final version of essay
- Draft notes used to write final version

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	Possible Mark	Allocated Mark
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>		
Correctly defines the term pro-social behaviour	1	
Describes relevant examples of pro-social behaviours	6	
<b>PSYCHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS</b>		
Displays a logical argument throughout the discussion that demonstrates understanding of how psychological factors influence pro-social behaviour. Uses accurate and relevant evidence.	6-8	
A simple response showing some psychological understanding of how factors influence pro-social behaviour. Some inaccuracies in evidence provided and/or some areas incomplete or lacking evidence.	3-5	
Discussion suggests minimal understanding of the factors that influence pro-social behaviour. Limited evidence used and response contains a number of generalisations that lack supporting evidence	0-2	
<b>GROUP &amp; SOCIETAL CHARACTERISTICS</b>		
Accurately defines each factor.	4	
Discusses in detail how each factor can influence whether a person will act prosocially or not, with reference to supporting evidence.	8	
<b>COMMUNICATION SKILLS</b>		
A well written and well constructed argument using appropriate language of psychology and accurate grammar.	4	
Uses some relevant psychological terms, with some clarity of meaning throughout and evidence of correct grammar.	3	
Minimal evidence of clarity, use of psychological terms and correct grammar.	0-2	
<b>PLANNING SHEET</b>		
Detailed planning document submitted	0-2	
<b>TOTAL MARK FOR TASK</b>	<b>33</b>	

TEACHER'S COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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