

GCSE to Further Education

A Level Psychology

Title: An Investigation into the role of Context or State on Memory

Task 1 (500-700 words)

In your introduction, you must explain what is meant by Context and State-Dependent Memory and what research exists in this area. Start by using any A-Level Psychology textbooks designed for 'AQA Specification new specification', as well as the internet. If you do use the internet, consider the reliability of the sources you use, there are some recommended sites listed below. For each piece of research that you find, make sure that you attempt to include its aims, procedure, findings, conclusion and criticisms.

Task 2 (1000 words)

Next, it is down to you to devise a piece of research to test either Context- or State-Dependent Memory and for this you will need to address the following:

- What participants will you use and how will you select them?
- What will you change? (Independent Variable)
- What will you measure? (Dependent Variable)
- What will you control? (Extraneous Variables)
- How will you ensure accuracy?
- How will you ensure reliability?
- How will you ensure validity?

Research Opportunities

AQA Psychology for AS and Year 1 Flanagan, Berry, Jarvis and Liddle Illuminate Publishing
AQA(A) Psychology for AS Richard Gross and Geoff Rolls published by Hodder
Psychology AS Lawton Gross and Rolls - Hodder
Psychology AS The Complete Companion Cardwell and Flanagan - Folens

Websites:

<https://www.simplypsychology.org/forgetting.html>

<http://lca-psychology.weebly.com/cue-dependent-theory-of-forgetting.html>

<http://lca-psychology.weebly.com/godden--baddeleys-study-of-context-dependent-forgetting.html>