

Case Studies (A2 Only) – Questions by Topic

Q1.

Case studies are a commonly used method of investigating abnormality.

(a) What is meant by a case study?

(2)

(b) Outline **one** weakness of using a case study as a method of investigation.

(2)

(Total 4 marks)

Q2.

Psychologists sometimes use case studies to study children. One example was of a boy who was discovered at the age of six. He had been kept in a darkened room and had had almost no social contact with people.

(a) How could a psychologist maintain confidentiality when reporting a case study?

(2)

(b) Psychologists use a range of techniques to gather information in case studies.

Outline **one** technique which the psychologist could use in this case study.

(2)

(c) Apart from ethical issues, explain **one or more** limitations of using case studies.

(4)

(Total 8 marks)