

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CORE STUDIES (G542)?

Candidates can be asked questions about:

- Specific aspects of the 15 core studies
- Theories and research surrounding the core studies
- The approaches, perspectives, issues and methods arising from the cores studies.

Specific aspects of the core studies

- The background (context) to the cores studies;
- Theories on which studies are based;
- Psychological perspectives applicable to the studies;
- Other research pertinent to the studies;
- The information in the studies;
- The methods used in the studies;
- The way the results are analysed and presented, the conclusions that can be drawn from the studies;
- Strengths and limitations of the studies;
- The general psychological issues illustrated by the studies;
- Evaluations of all of the above.

The approaches, perspectives, issues and methods arising from the core studies

Approaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cognitive• Developmental• Physiological• Social• Individual differences
Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Behaviourist• Psychodynamic
Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case study• Self report• Experiment (laboratory and field)• Observation• Methodological issues such as reliability and validity
Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ethics• Ecological validity• Longitudinal and snapshot• Qualitative and quantitative data

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EACH CORE STUDY?

- Background research/theories/studies linked to the core study.
- The aim.
- The hypothesis(es) – if appropriate.
- The variables – if appropriate
- The research design + its strengths and weaknesses.
- The research method + its strengths and weaknesses.
- The sample (participants) + its strengths and weaknesses.
- Materials/apparatus – if appropriate.
- The procedure.
- The results.
- Conclusions.
- Key words and psychological terms.
- Discussion/evaluation points and issues.
- Usefulness.
- How the study could be improved, implications of the suggestion(s) and how results may be influenced by the suggested change(s).