

A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY: SUMMER WORK

After you have read the descriptions of the different areas and perspectives and watched the videos, read the scenarios below and apply the different areas and perspectives to the scenario as instructed. Please submit answers to any four bullet points that you feel most confident with. Your written answers should only be about 3-4 lines per bullet point.

Alison is a 6-year-old girl who is very aggressive. She frequently gets into trouble at school for hitting other children

- How would the behaviourist perspective explain Alison's aggression?
- How would the biological area explain Alison's aggression?
- How would the psychodynamic perspective explain Alison's aggression?

Billy has a phobia of dogs. His phobia has become so bad that he is now afraid to go out in case he encounters a dog.

- How would the biological perspective explain Billy's phobia?
- How would the behaviourist perspective explain Billy's phobia?
- How would the psychodynamic perspective explain Billy's phobia?

Marcus was walking along the street when he saw an old man slumped against a wall who looked like he might be ill. The street was busy and lots of people were ignoring the old man. Marcus decided not to help the man. Jim was walking in the opposite direction and stopped to help the old man.

- How would the social area explain why Marcus did not help?
- How would the biological area explain the differences between Marcus and Jim's behaviour?
- How would the behaviourist perspective explain the differences between Marcus and Jim's behaviour?