**Social influence tracking test 2 Factors effecting conformity to obedience**

1. List **two** variables that affect levels of Conformity (2 marks)
2. What number of participants is need to illicit the maximum conformity effect? (1 mark)
3. What did the conformity rate drop to when the participant had one confederate who dissented from the majority? (1 mark)
4. How were participants in Zimbardo’s study allocated to either the guard role or the prisoner role? (1 mark)

5. Who were Zimbardo’s participants and how many of them were there? (2 marks)

6. Give **two** ways in which the ‘prisoners’ were dehumanised (2 marks)

7. Give **two** examples of behaviours displayed by the guards towards the prisoners (2 marks)

8. After what length of time was the study abandoned? (1 mark)

9. Which of the following is not a valid criticism of Zimbardo's prison study? (1 mark)

* A) The study lacked internal validity due to the way the prisoners and guards were allocated
* B) Zimbardo exaggerated the power of situational factors influencing behaviour as only about a third of the guards behaved in an aggressive manner
* C) The participants were play acting stereotypes of how prisoners and guards are supposed to behave rather than conforming to roles
* D) The study created ethical issues as when the prisoners requested parole they were refused and some experienced extreme distress

10. Milgram’s aim was to show that anyone is capable of doing what? (1 mark)

11. In Milgram’s study of obedience, which role did the real participant always get allocated to? (1 mark)

12. What percentage of participants went to the 450 volt shock level in Milgram’s study? (1 mark)

13. What did Milgram conclude from his study? Choose from the options below (1 mark)

a) German’s are more likely to obey than Americans

b) Obedience is biologically programmed into everybody

c) Anyone can obey a malevolent authority given the right situation

d) You will only obey if your parents taught you to

14. In Hofling’s study, how many nurses were prepared to give overdose of a drug to a patient because an unknown doctor had told them to? (1 mark)

15. Which **two** of the following are true evaluations of Milgram’s study? (2 marks)

a) The findings may be used to remove responsibility from the person obeying the command

b) It had high ecological validity

c) The study was high in mundane realism

d) Some participants may have been role playing their anxiety

e) The participants gave fully informed consent before the study began

16. What does the term agentic state mean? (1 mark)

17. Give **two** reasons, other than agentic state, that would explain why people might obey (2 marks)

18. Give **one** situational factor that makes obedience more likely (1 mark)

**Answers**

1. List **two** variables that affect levels of Conformity (2 marks)

2 marks for 2 of the following: Group Size, Unanimity or difficulty of task

2. What number of participants is need to illicit the maximum conformity effect? (1 mark)

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3. What did the conformity rate drop to when the participant had one confederate who dissented from the majority? (1 mark)

5.5%

4. How were participants in Zimbardo’s study allocated to either the guard role or the prisoner role?

Randomly

5. Who were Zimbardo’s participants and how many were there? (2 marks)

21 (1 mark) male college students (1 mark)

6. Give **two** ways in which the ‘prisoners’ were dehumanised (2 marks)

***Any two of the following:***

Stripped and deloused

Given loose fitting smocks to wear

Made to wear nylon stocking cap

Referred to by number not name

7. Give **two** examples of behaviours displayed by the guards towards the prisoners (2 marks)

***Any two of the following:***

* Locking them in cells and taking blankets
* Deprived of sleep
* Make to carry out demeaning tasks (e.g. cleaning toilets with bare hands)
* Verbal humiliation

8. After what length of time was the study abandoned? (1 mark)

6 days

9. a)

10. Performing an evil act

11. Learner

12. What percentage of participants went to the 450 volt shock level in Milgram’s study? (1 mark)

65%

13 b)

14. In Hofling’s study, how many nurses from the sample were prepared to give overdose of a drug to a patient because an unknown doctor had told them to? Give the number that obeyed, and the size of the sample (1 mark)

21 out of 22

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16. What does the term agentic state mean? (1 mark)

The person sees themselves as an agent of the person giving the order

17. Give **two** reasons, other than agentic state, that would explain why people might obey (2 marks)

* They perceive the person to have legitimate authority
* They believe the person has the power to punish

18. Give **one** situational factor that makes obedience more likely (1 mark)

* The proximity of the authority figure

* The location (if it’s prestigious)
* If the person is in uniform