

Assessment Report

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Part A: Commentary

Candidates generally achieved well in this assessment. They understood the requirements of the assessment and were able to discuss relevant issues in psychological practice.

The most commonly selected issue was gender bias in response to statement one (A female perspective should be taken in psychological practice after years of male bias) or statement four (Generalising psychological research findings based on a limited sample of participants can be harmful).

Cultural bias was another commonly discussed issue, either in response to statement three (Psychological practice benefits society and, therefore, some negative impacts are acceptable) or statement four. Candidates should ensure they address their selected statement to meet the requirements of the standard.

Part B: Report on standards

91876: Analyse a significant issue in psychological practice

Candidates who were awarded **Achievement** commonly:

- addressed their chosen statement briefly
- described a psychological issue
- described relevant key terms
- included some supporting psychological evidence, but lacked sufficient detail for Merit
- demonstrated some logic and coherence in their essay structure.

Candidates whose work was assessed as **Not Achieved** commonly:

- did not address the chosen statement
- lacked understanding of the psychological issue
- included irrelevant information.

Candidates who were awarded **Achievement with Merit** commonly:

- addressed their chosen statement throughout their essay but interpreted it in a generalised way
- gave a detailed explanation of a psychological issue, incorporated relevant key terms
- explained supporting psychological evidence and clearly related evidence to the issue
- attempted to discuss ways in which the issue could be addressed, but not in enough detail for Excellence
- demonstrated logic and coherence in their essay structure.

Candidates who were awarded **Achievement with Excellence** commonly:

- addressed their chosen statement comprehensively
- gave a detailed explanation of a psychological issue incorporating relevant key terms

- explained supporting psychological evidence and comprehensively related evidence to the issue
 - discussed at least two ways in which the issue could be addressed
 - considered the limitations of their discussion of ways in which the issue could be addressed
 - demonstrated logic and coherence in their essay structure, writing in a convincing and consistent manner.
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