

No part of the candidate evidence in this exemplar material may be presented in an external assessment for the purpose of gaining credits towards an NCEA qualification.

# 3

91876



918760



NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY  
MANA TOHU MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA

QUALIFY FOR THE FUTURE WORLD  
KIA NOHO TAKATŪ KI TŌ ĀMUA AO!

SUPERVISOR'S USE ONLY

## Level 3 Psychology, 2019

### 91876 Analyse a significant issue in psychological practice

2.00 p.m. Wednesday 27 November 2019

Credits: Three

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Analyse a significant issue in psychological practice.	Analyse, in depth, a significant issue in psychological practice.	Comprehensively analyse a significant issue in psychological practice.

Check that the National Student Number (NSN) on your admission slip is the same as the number at the top of this page.

**Write ONE essay in this booklet.**

Check that this booklet has pages 2–12 in the correct order and that none of these pages is blank.

**YOU MUST HAND THIS BOOKLET TO THE SUPERVISOR AT THE END OF THE EXAMINATION.**

**Achievement**

**TOTAL**

**03**

ASSESSOR'S USE ONLY

You should aim to write a concise essay of no more than 5 pages in length. The quality of your writing is more important than the length of your essay.

Begin your essay here:

Statement number: 1

**BIAS IN PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE VALIDITY OF RESULTS!**

Gender bias has been of concern in the world of psychology for years. Androcentrism has been a big part of the science in the earlier days of psychology when it was more common for men to be psychologists.

There are two different types of biases in psychology, Alpha and beta.

An example of **Alpha bias** and research becoming negatively affected validity is Freud's models like the psychosexual stages. Freud's work was based on a small group of women who had sought his advice. He referred to these women as 'hysterical' indicating that their behaviour was abnormal. He argued that girls suffered "penis envy" and that

femininity was a result of failed masculinity. He believed "anatomy was destiny." He argued in his work that the psychological side of a person was determined by their ~~psych~~ psychological side. Freud's theories have now been considered wrong as they are without a point and lack serious factual backing and examples.

A few examples of **beta bias** is in Kohlberg's study into morality. His experiment only involved males. Over 20 years he studied boys from 10-16 who were re-interviewed every 3-4 years. This scale was then proceeded to be used on both genders, but as Carol Gilligan argued, women tend to think more about relationships and take that into consideration, which placed them lower on this scale. This showed there was a major difference ignored.

Even in the world of neuroscience a person's brain scan and activity can be processed differently by a doctor who is more inclined //

↳ towards alpha bias/beta bias //

Also in the animal based experiments gender bias is found when examining fight or flight responses, mainly only male animals were used. Then studies in female animals discovered that they a different response all together. //

Due to things like gender bias in ~~things like psychology~~ it is believed there is a massive difference in ~~psychological~~ <sup>appears</sup> appearance

Because of gender bias, it has affected psychological research negatively. The examples I have given show gender bias through out psychology. These practices have have been used in the psychological world but only based on a certain gender which does not necessarily mean it applies and is the same for the other gender. Like Freud's psychodynamic research portraying women/girls to experience "penis envy" and to have only been

based on women who he referred to as hysterical is invalid due to his lack of proper research in both males and females and those who are not considered "hysterical".

Also in Kohlberg's study where only men were considered in the research but was used on both males and females.

## Achievement Exemplar 2019

Subject	Psychology		Standard	991876	Overall grade	3
Q	Grade	Annotation				
1	A3	<p>The candidate has provided an explanation of gender bias in psychology and has addressed the statement <i>Bias in psychological research negatively affects the validity of results</i>. They have mentioned subject-specific terminology (e.g. alpha bias) and have demonstrated understanding through their descriptions of supporting evidence. For High Achieved, subject-specific terminology could be defined and further integrated throughout the response. For Merit, a detailed explanation is required. This could be achieved by further explaining gender bias in relation to supporting evidence.</p>				