SCHIZOPHRENIA

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1(a) Describe the diagnostic criteria for schizophrenia, including-
- **diagnostic criteria, and**
- **a case study of schizophrenia. [6]**

Ans.

Schizophrenia is a <u>psychotic</u> disorder involving loss of contact with reality. ICD-11 diagnostic criteria propose that ▰▰▰▰▰▰▰▰▰▰
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Schizophrenia typically begins in mid-to-late 20s. Therefore, its emergence in childhood is classified as VEOS - very early onset schizophrenia. <u>Aneja et al</u>. investigated a rare ▰▰▰▰
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1(b) Evaluate the diagnostic criteria of schizophrenia, including-
- **diagnostic criteria, and**
- **a case study of schizophrenia**

including a discussion about idiographic versus nomothetic approach.

Evaluation in your answer can include strengths, weaknesses and a discussion of issues and debates. [10]

Ans.

In terms of idiographic versus nomothetic, the ICD-11 adopts a nomothetic approach to diagnosing schizophrenia. The same criteria are used by ▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆ ▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆

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Another relevant issue is individual and situational explanations. ICD-11 assumes an individual explanation for schizophrenia as it ▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆

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Lastly, another relevant issue is use of children in research. In general, use of ICD-11 criteria to diagnose children with schizophrenia in research has potential for ▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆

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2(a) Describe the study by Freeman et al. (2003) on virtual reality to investigate persecutory ideation. [6]

Ans.

The aim of Freeman's study was to investigate whether ▒▒▒

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Results showed that in-line with ▒▒. This suggested that ▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒▒

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2 (b) Evaluate this study by Freeman et al. (2003), including a discussion of individual and situational explanations. [10]

Ans.

In terms of <u>individual and situational explanations</u>, Freeman's study strongly supports the individual side. Participants' persecutory ideation was ▭▭▭▭▭

In terms of <u>validity</u>, this study had strong internal validity. The researchers used well-established ▭▭▭▭▭

However, ecological validity was poor as ▭▭▭▭▭

Lastly, with regard to <u>generalisability</u>, the study made use of a non-clinical, largely student volunteers from a single university. Students may not represent ▭▭▭▭▭

3(a) Describe the following biological explanations of schizophrenia
- **Genetic explanation, and**
- **Biochemical Explanation. [6]**

Ans.

The genetic explanation for schizophrenia emerged from twin studies which showed that ▓▓

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The biochemical explanation mainly attributes the disorder to ▓▓▓▓▓▓

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(b) Evaluate the following biological explanations of depression:
- **genetic explanation; and**
- **biochemical explanation.**

including a discussion about nature versus nurture.

Evaluation in your answer can include strengths, weaknesses and a discussion of issues and debates. [10]

Ans.

On the nature versus nurture debate, biological explanations support nature. The genetic explanation at ▒▒▒

Another relevant debate here is reductionism versus holism. Both explanations are reductionist. The genetic explanation reduces schizophrenia to ▒▒▒. However, since schizophrenia is multifaceted, some of its symptoms like delusions are better explained by ▒▒s.

Finally, individual versus situational explanations are an important consideration here. Both explanations are individualistic. The genetic explanation attributes ▒▒

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