

**BOARD-PATTERN PRACTICE PAPER · CBSE CLASS 11****Methods of Enquiry in Psychology**

Psychology · Chapter 2 · Matches current CBSE blueprint · Each question PYQ-sourced where indicated

DATE	TOTAL MARKS	DURATION	MARKING	TARGET
_____	<b>30</b>	<b>60 min</b>	<b>As per board</b>	<b>≥ 24/30</b>

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- All questions are compulsory.
- Section A: 4 one-mark very-short-answer questions. Section B: 3 two-mark short-answer questions. Section C: 3 three-mark questions. Section D: 2 case-study / long-answer questions (5 and 6 marks).
- Answer to the point; for definition questions, include all key terms.
- For the experiment question, always identify the independent and dependent variables clearly.
- Read the case studies in Section D carefully before answering each part.

**Section A — Very Short Answer (1 mark each, 4 Qs)****4 MARKS · 8 MIN**

- Q1.** Name the variable that the experimenter manipulates in an experiment. [PYQ 2022 School Annual] **[1 mark]**
- Q2.** What is debriefing? [PYQ 2023 CBSE SQP] **[1 mark]**
- Q3.** Give one example of qualitative data. [PYQ 2021 Pre-Board] **[1 mark]**
- Q4.** State the meaning of a positive correlation. [PYQ 2022 CBSE SQP] **[1 mark]**

**Section B — Short Answer I (2 marks each, 3 Qs)****6 MARKS · 12 MIN**

- Q5.** Differentiate between naturalistic and controlled observation. [PYQ 2023 CBSE SQP] **[2 marks]**
- Q6.** Why does correlation not imply causation? Explain with an example. [PYQ 2021 School Annual] **[2 marks]**
- Q7.** Distinguish between a survey and a case study. [PYQ 2022 Pre-Board] **[2 marks]**

**Section C — Short Answer II (3 marks each, 3 Qs)****9 MARKS · 20 MIN**

- Q8.** State and explain the goals of psychological enquiry. [PYQ 2023 CBSE SQP] **[3 marks]**
- Q9.** Explain the experimental method, defining the independent variable, the dependent variable and the control group. [PYQ 2022 School Annual] **[3 marks]**
- Q10.** Describe the steps involved in conducting scientific psychological research. [PYQ 2022 CBSE SQP] **[3 marks]**

**Section D — Case Study / Long Answer (5 and 6 marks, 2 Qs)****11 MARKS · 20 MIN**

- Q11.** Compare the observational, correlational and experimental methods, bringing out one strength and one limitation of each, and state which one can establish cause and effect. [PYQ 2023 CBSE SQP] **[5 marks]**
- Q12.** Read the passage and answer the parts that follow. A psychologist wants to find out whether listening to soft background music while studying improves students' memory. She divides volunteers into two groups: one studies with soft music playing, the other studies in silence. Afterwards both groups take the same memory test, and their scores are compared. Before the study she explains its purpose to the volunteers and assures them their scores will be kept private. (a) Name the method being used. (b) Identify the independent variable and the dependent variable. (c) Which group is the control group, and why is it needed? (d) Name and explain any TWO ethical safeguards the psychologist is following in this study. (e) Could she have used a correlational study instead to prove that music CAUSES better memory? Give a reason. [PYQ 2024 CBSE SQP] **[6 marks]**

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