Examination Period 3: 2016/17

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Module Title: Conceptual and Historical Issues in Psychology
Level: Five
Time Allowed: Two hours

Instructions to students:

- Enter your student number not your name on all answer books.
- Answer two out of four questions.
- All questions are equally weighted.
- Begin each question in a separate answer book; label each answer book clearly with the number of the question you are answering.
- Neither books nor notes may be taken into the examination.
- Students are not permitted to remove this examination paper from the examination room. For all purposes the examination paper remains the property of the University of Northampton.

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Answer two out of four questions.

1. Watson and Skinner argued that psychologists should limit themselves to things that can be observed, and formulate laws concerning only the observed things. What were the strengths and weaknesses of this behaviourist approach to psychology?

2. In what ways do the early psychological schools continue to influence psychology to this day?

3. What is the mind-body problem? Does it pose a fundamental challenge for psychology?

4. Critically discuss the contribution that psychology has had on contemporary society.