

Worksheet 3: Explain in context answers

Answer A: Milgram's study was about obedience using ordinary people. The participants got to experience a real shock at the start of the experiment. It was a naturalistic observation which took place at Yale University, using volunteers. The military should do this procedure.

Answer B: The experimenter wearing a uniform of a grey lab coat seemed to affect obedience so military authority figures should wear a uniform that indicates their status to encourage soldiers to obey. Also, the prods used by the experimenter kept the participants obedient so the military authority figure could use a standard set of commands with soldiers to make them follow orders.

Answer C: Get people with authority to give orders to soldiers.

It is important that soldiers can still act autonomously so that they can challenge destructive obedience by resisting as did 35% of Milgram's participants in refusing to give further shocks to Mr Wallace. The setting at Yale University was prestigious and may have encouraged obedience. Military training could take place at well-respected official locations.