



Worksheet 3: Explain in context

Studies in social psychology can be applied to train military personnel.

Suggest how the procedure of the study by Milgram (obedience) could be applied to help with this training. Your suggestion must be ethical.

(Extract from 9990 Psychology 2024 Specimen Paper 1, Question 5)

1 Identify the best answer to the question:

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.

2 Write your own contextual answer applying your knowledge from Milgram (obedience) to this scenario.