

Sensation and Perception — Practice Worksheet

This worksheet covers sensation, perception and attention — the gateway processes to memory. Use precise psychological terminology throughout.

Part A — Sensation and perception

Q1. Distinguish between the terms 'sensation' and 'perception'. *(2 marks)*

Q2. Name and outline the three processes of sensation. *(6 marks)*

One: _____

Two: _____

Three: _____

Q3. Name the three processes of perception. *(3 marks)*

Part B — Applying perception

Q4. With reference to an ambiguous image (one that can be perceived in two different ways), explain how the processes of organisation and interpretation impact our perception of the image. *(4 marks)*

Part C — Attention

Q5. Provide a psychological definition for the term 'divided attention'. (3 marks)

Q6. The 'Cocktail party effect' is a key study of attention. Explain how its findings relate to selective attention. (3 marks)

Remember the sequence: a stimulus is *sensed* (reception → transduction → transmission), then *perceived* (selection → organisation → interpretation), with attention determining what gets selected for processing.