GCE Psychology Summary of changes Summer 2026

Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Psychology (8PS0)

Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Psychology (9PS0)

Pearson Edexcel A Level and AS Level Psychology (9PS0, 8PS0)

Summary of Changes for June 2026 Series

Changes to paper timings for A Level Psychology (9PS0)

Summer 2026	Earlier Papers
Paper 1: 2 hours 15 mins	Paper 1: 2 hours
Paper 2: 2 hours 15 mins	Paper 2: 2 hours
Paper 3: 2 hours	Paper 3: 2 hours

There are no changes to the timing of AS Level Papers.

Summary of changes to the Formulae and Statistical tables at the start of for A Level and AS Level exam papers for Psychology (9PS0, 8PS0)

Order of critical values tables for the Mann-Whitney U test

Previously these four tables were not shown in order of increasing level of significance. To make it easier for candidates to find the correct table, we have ordered them from lowest to highest level of significance (those that have changed position are highlighted below). The information contained within each table is unchanged.

Summer 2026	Earlier Papers
1. $p \leq 0.05$ (one-tailed), $p \leq 0.10$ (two-tailed)	1. $p \leq 0.05$ (one-tailed), $p \leq 0.10$ (two-tailed)
2. $p \leq 0.025$ (one-tailed), $p \leq 0.05$ (two-tailed)	2. $p \leq 0.01$ (one-tailed), $p \leq 0.02$ (two-tailed)
3. $p \leq 0.01$ (one-tailed), $p \leq 0.02$ (two-tailed)	3. $p \leq 0.025$ (one-tailed), $p \leq 0.05$ (two-tailed)
4. $p \leq 0.005$ (one-tailed), $p \leq 0.01$ (two-tailed)	4. $p \leq 0.005$ (one-tailed), $p \leq 0.01$ (two-tailed)

Wording of instructions for Wilcoxon Signed Ranks test process

We have changed the wording of the instructions for conducting the Wilcoxon Signed Ranks test, clarifying that:

- N is the number of **pairs** of scores rather than the total number of scores
- +/- signs should be ignored when calculating **ranks of differences** rather than differences themselves
- T is the smaller of the sum of the ranks of positive differences and the sum of the ranks of negative differences

Highlighted text in the 'Summer 2026' section below shows the changes.

Summer 2026	Earlier papers
Wilcoxon Signed Ranks test process • Calculate the difference between the scores in each pair by taking one from the other (A-B or B-A will produce the same result, but the order must be the same for every pair). • Rank the differences giving the smallest difference Rank 1 Note: do not rank any differences of 0 and when counting the number of pairs of scores, do not count those with a difference of 0, and ignore the signs when calculating the rank • Add up the ranks for positive differences • Add up the ranks for negative differences • T is the result that is the smallest when the ranks are totalled (may be the sum of the positive or negative ranks) • N is the number of pairs of scores, ignore those with 0 difference	**Wilcoxon Signed Ranks test process** • Calculate the difference between two scores by taking one from the other • Rank the differences giving the smallest difference Rank 1 Note: do not rank any differences of 0 and when adding the number of scores, do not count those with a difference of 0, and ignore the signs when calculating the difference • Add up the ranks for positive differences • Add up the ranks for negative differences • T is the figure that is the smallest when the ranks are totalled (may be positive or negative) • N is the number of scores left, ignore those with 0 difference