

SECTION C: ISSUES AND DEBATES

- 5 When commuting to college Sam notices that whichever form of public transport he uses strangers rarely communicate with each other. He notices that people tend to sit alone where possible and avoid eye contact with other commuters whilst listening to music or reading a newspaper.

One morning there is an incident on the bus when he is going to college. Following the event, Sam notices everyone is communicating and making eye contact. Later, when Sam discussed this change in behaviour with his friend, she argued that communication is a learned behaviour and that people are not born to communicate.

Evaluate the extent to which human behaviour such as communication can be explained by learning theories.

You must make reference to the context in your answer.

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Sam can argue that human behaviours are learned (such as communication) because we see evidence of this in daily life e.g. children learning to speak however it is possible to also argue that behaviours such as communication could also be an evolved behaviour used primarily for survival as we can see other animals communicate in order to avoid predators. It is possible that as a species we have needed to have ~~so~~ so that we can avoid danger. This may also explain why Sam found that everyone's behaviour changed after an event as if there was any indication to potential danger the commuters would like to know so that they can avoid it.



this explaining why they are started
laughing to each other, so that they
could find out what was going on.

or going back to some theory
it could be that the computers have
all got a common ticking part and
have learned to make some sense in
some situations. However, I believe
that evolution is more likely
to be the case and that
human behaviour seems more as
communication cannot be explained in
much depth by seeing them as
evolutionary appears to be more
in depth.

