

5 During your course you will have studied Rosenhan's (1973) study. GRAVE

Evaluate Rosenhan's (1973) study.

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Rosenhan's (1973) study ~~can~~ is ~~hard to generalise~~ generalisable because schizophrenics are still seen to be labelled still to the present day. However Rosenhan's study was conducted ^{more than} 40 years ago. It was also conducted in 12 hospitals varied in what they were.

Due to Rosenhan's study being conducted 40 years ago Reliability can be seen as an issue the diagnosing manual was in its 3rd version (DSM II) Since then the DSM has been revised many times to improve diagnosis to make sure people that are sane do not get diagnosed. Although Rosenhan's pseudopatients acted as though they had schizophrenia.

This can be applicable to life Rosenhan's study shows that once people are labelled as a schizophrenic they are labelled as that by society showing the way we view mental health.

It has validity because Rosenhan's ~~amateur~~ setting was in a natural ~~surrounding~~ mental health surrounding so the participants were measured as



If they were a mental health patient. So it is measuring what it claimed to measure.

It was however slightly unethical because the staff did not know about the 'fake' patients however, the staff and hospitals along with the patients identity was kept confidential.

Therefore overall, Roesnhan's study measured what it claimed to measure and had generalisability because it was in 12 different hospitals in different states.

(Total for Question 5 = 8 marks)