

*25 Samantha has just made friends with a group of girls at school. The group always does what one girl, called Molly, asks them to do.

While at school, Samantha was asked by Molly to punch a boy in the face, but she refused. The group of girls are told by Molly to gang up against Samantha during lunchtime in the canteen and she suffers a head injury.

Samantha's teacher asks her what happened during the incident and she cannot remember.

Assess Samantha's behaviour using **two** areas of psychology that you have studied.

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Obedience is when someone follows an order by an authority figure to complete a task.

Someone with an authoritarian personality is more likely to obey an order or rule than someone who doesn't.

~~Samantha~~ when Molly asked Samantha to punch the boy in the face and she refused this shows that Samantha did not obey Molly.

This could be affected by Molly's authority figure being weak or because of her proximity to the boy she was going to have to punch.

This shows that ~~Samantha~~ Samantha doesn't have an authoritarian personality.

Samantha could not remember what ~~happened~~ happened during her incident suggesting that she has temporary or permanent retrograde amnesia.



Symptoms of retrograde amnesia are
the inability to recall memories before an
injury, ^{and} confusion.

One strength of obedience is Milgram's
shock experiment. (Scientific evidence)
Milgram found that someone is more likely to
obey an order due to certain situational
factors. such as proximity to the authority
figure, proximity to the 'victim', legitimacy of the
authority (where it takes place).

Retrograde amnesia can also be helped
by 'Scientific evidence'. A man named
HM suffered from amnesia and couldn't
recall memories.

However one weakness of retrograde amnesia
is that it doesn't account for nature and
is only biologically explained.



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