

Q9(b) – candidate response 1

(b) Explain **two** weaknesses with using the Theory of Reconstructive Memory to account for Leah's memory of the event with the dog at the park.

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- 1 The Theory of reconstructive memory was created in response to Bartlett's War of the Ghosts study, conducted on 7 adult women and ~~12~~¹³ adult men, therefore maybe not generalisable to young-six-year-old children such as Leah.
- 2 The Theory of Reconstructive Memory was tested using an unknown, unfamiliar, native Indian story, not real life situations and incidents like a dog bark. The study lacked external validity, therefore may not apply to Leah who was jumped at by a dog, a scenario high in validity.