

(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 does not consider individual differences within a person and therefore it can account for Leah's behaviour as she may have been inclined to tell her father a fabricated story in order to elicit empathy. Therefore, she chose to change details in the story rather than it being her memory for what happened.
2. Ber Habbit's theory of reconstructive memory had no standardized procedure and the pictures and stories told to participants lacked any personal significance. Therefore, the results of his investigations cannot generalise to Leah's situation as this is an event that occurred in her daily life and therefore, due to the lack of personal relevance in this case, the theory cannot account for her behaviour.

(Total for Question 9 = 6 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 16 MARKS

