PRIFYSGOL ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY

SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATIONS 2024

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

PS21220: FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

Time allowed : **2 HOURS (120 MINUTES)**

Answer 2 questions in total – all questions carry equal marks.

This is a SEEN EXAMINATION, but no notes or books allowed in exam room.

CALCULATORS ARE PERMITTED (Casio FX83 or FX85 models only)

STUDENTS MAY SUBMIT ANSWERS TO THIS PAPER IN EITHER WELSH OR ENGLISH

Once seated, students may complete the front cover of the answer book(s) and the attendance slip ONLY.

DO NOT TURN THE EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER OVER UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.

1. Evaluate whether humans are effective at assessing deception. In your answer, discuss the issue of truth telling and lie detection and whether there are any techniques which can overcome these potential shortcomings.
2. Outline what the role of the expert is in court (i.e. what purpose do hey serve to a jury) and review whether it is possible for them to be impartial.
3. Discuss the classification of psychopathy as a personality disorder and review the evidence on whether treatment can be effective.
4. Outline the role of the Behavioural Investigative Advisor and evaluate whether they can provide useful input into police investigations.

END OF PAPER