PRIFYSGOL ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY

SEMESTER ONE 2025

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

PS21220: FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

Time allowed: **2 HOURS**

Answer 2 questions from 4 – all questions carry equal marks.

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.

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1. Explain why research participants who are in prison are regarded as being ‘vulnerable’ and evaluate how safeguards and protocols can be put in place to mitigate any exploitation.

2. Describe how the confirmation bias heuristic can influence detective decision making and evaluate how the use of a Behavioural Investigative Advisor (BIA) could reduce the impact of this bias.

3. Evaluate the role of majority influence in juror decision making.

4. Is it possible to detect deception? Critically outline how the police use psychological research to increase the value of their interview techniques.

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