

MRCPsych Paper A — Syllabus Checklist

The 14 areas of the RCPsych syllabus with high-yield subtopics. Tick as you master each. mrcpsychprep.com

1. Behavioural Science & Sociocultural Psychiatry 7. General Adult Psychiatry

- ☐ Learning Theory
- ☐ Perception
- ☐ Information Processing & Attention
- ☐ Memory
- ☐ Thought & Language
- ☐ Personality
- ☐ Mood Disorders
- ☐ Psychosis & Schizophrenia
- ☐ Anxiety Disorders & OCD
- ☐ Personality Disorders
- ☐ Eating Disorders
- ☐ Emergency Psychiatry & Legislation

2. Human Development

- ☐ Frameworks for Development
- ☐ Research Methodology in Development
- ☐ Attachment Theory (Bowlby)
- ☐ Family Relationships & Parenting
- ☐ Temperament & Personality Development
- ☐ Cognitive Development (Piaget)

3. Neuroscience

- ☐ Basic Techniques (EEG, Neuroimaging, TMS)
- ☐ Cells & Neuronal Physiology
- ☐ Neurotransmitters & Receptors
- ☐ Neuroanatomy — Lobes & Cortex
- ☐ Neuroanatomy — Basal Ganglia
- ☐ Neuroanatomy — Temporal Lobes & Hippocampus

4. Clinical Psychopharmacology

- ☐ Drug Classification & History
- ☐ Placebo Effect
- ☐ Compliance & Adherence
- ☐ Drug Development & RCTs
- ☐ Pharmacokinetics — Absorption Distribution Met
- ☐ CYP450 System

5. Classification & Assessment

- ☐ ICD vs DSM Classification
- ☐ Disorders of Self
- ☐ Disorders of Emotion
- ☐ Disorders of Speech & Thought
- ☐ Disorders of Perception
- ☐ Movement Disorders

6. Organisation of Services

- ☐ ECT, rTMS & Neuromodulation
- ☐ Mental Health Legislation
- ☐ Mental Capacity Act 2005
- ☐ Ethics in Psychiatry
- ☐ Service Models
- ☐ Needs Assessment & Service Planning

8. Old Age Psychiatry

- ☐ Dementias
- ☐ Late-Life Depression & Psychosis
- ☐ Alzheimer's Disease
- ☐ Vascular Dementia
- ☐ Frontotemporal Dementia
- ☐ Delirium

9. Psychotherapy

- ☐ Psychodynamic Psychotherapy
- ☐ CBT
- ☐ Behavioural Therapies
- ☐ Family Therapy
- ☐ Couples Therapy
- ☐ Group Therapy

10. Child & Adolescent

- ☐ ADHD
- ☐ Autism Spectrum Disorders
- ☐ Conduct Disorder
- ☐ Attachment Disorders
- ☐ Separation Anxiety
- ☐ Selective Mutism

11. Substance Misuse

- ☐ Alcohol — Detoxification
- ☐ Stimulants & Club Drugs
- ☐ Alcohol — Wernicke-Korsakoff Syndrome
- ☐ Alcohol — Withdrawal
- ☐ Alcohol — Dependence Syndrome
- ☐ Alcohol — Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

12. Forensic Psychiatry

- ☐ Criminal Responsibility
- ☐ Confidentiality and Risk
- ☐ Mental Health Act
- ☐ Fitness to Plead
- ☐ Diminished Responsibility
- ☐ Infanticide

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13. Learning Disability

- ☐ Assessment & Challenging Behaviour
- ☐ Genetic Syndromes & Behavioural Phenotypes
- ☐ Classification of Intellectual Disability
- ☐ Epidemiology
- ☐ Environmental Causes
- ☐ Metabolic Causes

14. Research Methods & Statistics

- ☐ Measures of Association
- ☐ Screening & Diagnostic Tests
- ☐ Statistical Tests — Correlation
- ☐ Study Designs
- ☐ Bias
- ☐ Confounding