

### Definitions

**Prevalence rate:** how frequently a disorder exists within a population.

**Incidence:** the number of new cases diagnosed in a certain period of time within a population, often reported over a 12-month period.

**Lifetime prevalence:** the proportion of a population that at some point in life has ever had the disorder.

### Potential Exam Questions

#### Question

#### Studies

ethical considerations

research methods

cognitive approach

sociocultural approach

Brown & Harris (1978),  
Parker et al (2001)

biological approach

Caspi et al (2003),

one explanation for one disorder.

Brown & Harris (1978),  
Parker et al (2001)

prevalence rates of disorders.

Brown & Harris (1978),  
Li-Repac (1980)

### Brown & Harris (1978)

**Aim** how depression could be linked to social factors and stressful life-events in women

**Prs** 458 women in South London

**Method** survey on their daily life and depressive episodes - focus on important biographical details, ie. particular life events or particular difficulties. These events were later rated in severity by independent researchers.

**Result** 8% (37) became clinically depressed in the previous year. 33 (nearly 90%) experienced an adverse life event or a serious difficulty (e.g. loss of a loved one, abusive relationship). Only 30% of the women who did not become depressed suffered from such adversity.

### Conclusion

Evaluation

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