Social Psychology Social Facilitation

Topic & specification ref: Social facilitation 2: arousal & response dominance Lesson aim: Explain why an audience affects performance; how different types of response may be affected differently. Promote skills of analysis & application. Material to be learned: Skills Metacognitive Concepts **Facts** Consider links between Dominant and non-Yerkes-Dodson curve Analysis of everyday dominant response. Factors that determine task behaviour domain of scientific Making hypotheses understanding and personal performance Sources of arousal Assessing hypotheses experience. **Details as appropriate Assessment strategies** Throughout, with key guestions flagged. Scaffolding as necessary... Question and answer Self assessment Peer assessment Individual learner review Group presentation Observation of skill Assignment/homework Homework task extends of predicting from theories to notion of competing theories and evaluation of hypotheses against evidence. Summative test Teaching and learning techniques (tick as applicable): Whole class teaching Presentations Coaching and instruction Discussion **√ √** Working in small groups Practical exercises Individual project work Practical demonstrations Role-playing exercises Copying notes Case study Comprehension questions Inclusion: SEN G&T Homework activity presents significant challenge. Other **Health & safety:** see departmental risk assessment Lesson sequence: Timing: **Content:** 0-10 Starter: do you do your exam alone or in the hall? Use as a basis for recall of the concept of social facilitation. Introduction & further recall: Triplett, Zajonc et al, Michaels et al. Question: What do these studies tell us about the effect of an audience (or co-actors) 10-25 Presentation: arousal as the cause of social facilitation. The Yerkes-Dodson curve. Question: What does the graph tell us about the relationship between arousal and task performance? **KEY POINT:** arousal facilitates performance only up to a point (use animation). Activity: analyse group work; athletic performance (see 'arousal and performance' 25-35 Presentation: dominant & non dominant responses. Task: identify a dominant and a non dominant response from own behaviour. Nominated students explain. Activity: apply concept of response dominance to Zajonc & Michaels. Feedback. 35-45 Question: Why does the presence of an audience increase arousal levels? Take suggestions. Presentation: three explanations - homework activity (see 'sources of arousal' handout) - read about three explanations of arousal, decide how well Zajonc, Tripplett, Michaels fit each explanation. Then read about a further study and predict what will happen if each

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different explanation is true.

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45-55	Plenary: application & analysis
	Three scenarios – use the psychology from the past two lessons to explain what's
	happening (see 'arousal & performance' handout)
Resources:	
Slides: social facilitation 2	
Handout: arousal and performance	
Handout: sources of arousal (homework)	

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