Explanation:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This means that in the experiment, participants become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into obedience in small \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This is also known as the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and means that once you have made some form of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it is hard to go back on it.

**Explanation: Legitimate Authority**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ refers to the amount of social \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ held by the person (authority figure) who gives the instruction. Most human (and indeed animal) societies are ordered in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ way, with some members of the group having the social power to issue instructions to those beneath them in the hierarchy. From early childhood, socialisation in the family and at school teachers us that we are acceptable if we obey those who have authority over us. We may obey people with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because we trust them. Alternatively, we may obey them because they have the power to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ .

Explanation:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

It is easy to deny personal responsibility when orders come from a figure of authority because it can be assumed that they will take ultimate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . In these instances, we become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of an external authority.

According to Milgram, obedience occurs as a result of a **conflict** between 2 opposing sets of demands:

1. The external authority – authority of the experimenter or authority figure

2. The internal authority – authority of our own conscience

The fully obedient person undergoes a psychological adjustment or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ whereby they see themselves as an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of external authority (assuming ‘the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ ).

Explanation: Dehumanisation

We are more likely to obey an authority figure and inflict harm onto someone if we can distance ourselves/deny the person of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in which we are causing pain. This is common in war – people who are killed are seen as numbers or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this is achieved by removing a persons’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. taking away things that are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a person like their facial features (by covering their face with a mask or not referring to them by their name; or even referring to them as a number). The more a victim is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the easier it is to avoid personal and moral \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for their suffering.

**Stages , locked, dehumanised, power, legitimate authority, responsibility, agent, Legitimate authority, agents, individuality, foot in the door technique’, humanity, commitment, responsibility, shift’, objects, unique, hierarchical, agentic state, The Agentic Shift, punish us, Gradual Commitment.**

Explanation: Dehumanisation

We are more likely to obey an authority figure and inflict harm onto someone if we can distance ourselves/deny the person of their humanity in which we are causing pain. This is common in war – people who are killed are seen as numbers or objects this is achieved by removing a persons’ individuality (e.g. taking away things that are unique to a person like their facial features (by covering their face with a mask or not referring to them by their name; or even referring to them as a number). The more a victim is ‘dehumanised’ the easier it is to avoid personal and moral responsibility for their suffering.

Explanation: The ‘Agentic Shift’

It is easy to deny personal responsibility when orders come from a figure of authority because it can be assumed that they will take **ultimate responsibility**. In these instances, we become ‘**agents’** of an external authority.

According to Milgram, obedience occurs as a result of a **conflict** between 2 opposing sets of demands:

1. The **external** authority – authority of the experimenter or authority figure

2. The **internal** authority – authority of our own conscience

The fully obedient person undergoes a psychological adjustment or ‘**shift’** whereby they see themselves as an **agent** of external authority (assuming ‘the **agentic state’**).

**Explanation: Legitimate Authority:**

Legitimate authority refers to the amount of social power held by the person (authority figure) who gives the instruction. Most human (and indeed animal) societies are ordered in a hierarchical way, with some members of the group having the social power to issue instructions to those beneath them in the hierarchy. From early childhood, socialisation in the family and at school teachers us that we are acceptable if we obey those who have authority over us. We may obey people with legitimate authority because we trust them. Alternatively, we may obey them because they have the power to punish us.

Explanation: Gradual Commitment

This means that in the experiment, participants become locked into obedience in small stages. This is also known as the ‘foot in the door technique’ and means that once you have made some form of commitment it is hard to go back on it.