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PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAMMES
SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATION 2018/2019
ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY
MODULE NO: PSC6006

Date: Thursday 17th January 2019

Time: 10:00 – 13:00 (3 hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

Candidates are advised that the examiners attach importance to legibility of writing and clarity of expression. **YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO PLAN YOUR ANSWERS.**

There are 26 questions on this paper.
Answer 6 questions.

SECTION A

Write short answers to **FOUR** out of the eight topics. This section accounts for **40%** of the total marks.

SECTION B

Answer **TWO** essay questions out of the 10 listed. This section accounts for **60%** of the total marks.

SECTION A

Write short notes on **FOUR** of the following eight topics. Use one booklet for your answers.

1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the DSM V diagnostic system?
2. Explain the concept of expressed emotion and its relevance for schizophrenia.
3. Why do more men than women complete suicide?
4. What is the clinical model of mental health recovery?
5. Explain what the concept of stigma means in mental health?
6. Why might we look upon depression as an illness?
7. Why has the Alcoholics Anonymous approach to addiction been so successful over the years?
8. How would you distinguish between a fear and a phobia?

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SECTION B.

Answer **TWO** questions only. Start each question in a fresh booklet.

9. Bipolar disorder remains one of the most challenging psychiatric conditions to manage. Yet, bipolar is said to be associated with creativity and genius. Critically review the evidence for this assertion, drawing on research studies as well as case studies.
10. Critically review the evidence for the biopsychosocial model of schizophrenia? Do we have an alternative model that might work as well?
11. Critically review treatments for depression, including physical treatments like ECT and medication? What advantages do psychological treatments provide?
12. Choosing one type of anxiety disorder from panic disorder or social phobia. Do psychological treatments work? How?
13. Critically review treatment models of either anorexia or obesity. Are they effective?
14. Critically review the evidence for personal recovery? Is it any more than a collection of nice stories written by a group of sufferers who are not representative of the total population of people with serious mental disorders?
15. Critically review our understanding of the concept of stigma. Do public health interventions reduce stigma? Discuss with examples of anti-stigma programmes.
16. Critically review how our understanding of the treatment of OCD has developed in recent years.
17. Critically evaluate the notion that Autism is a disorder. Support your answer with empirical evidence.
18. Is addiction simply a brain disease? Examine the explanatory power of the biomedical model of addiction.

END OF QUESTIONS