



SUBJECT:	Psychology
DATE:	12 th December 2020
TIME:	9:00 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

This examination paper has two sections. Answer both Section A and Section B. Follow instructions given in each section.

SECTION A

Answer Question 1 and another question from this section. Each question carries 20 marks.

1. Dr. Vella is a research psychologist working with the Department of Education. She has been tasked with exploring problems students encounter when moving to secondary school, with the aim of making the movement from primary to secondary education easier. There are various approaches which Dr. Vella can use to carry out this research. She decided to use both a quantitative and a qualitative approach.

- Identify and describe **ONE** way how she can collect data using a quantitative approach. (5)
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of this data collection tool? (5)
- Identify and describe **ONE** way how she can collect qualitative data. (5)
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of using this data collection tool? (5)

(Total: 20 marks)

2. Sigmund Freud was an influential theorist whose work has had a lasting influence on psychology, especially the psychoanalytic movement which gave particular importance to the role of the unconscious.

- Name and describe the **FIVE** stages of the psychosexual development he proposed. (10)
- According to Freud, the adult personality depends very much on the experiences of early childhood. Name and describe **FIVE** of Freud's proposed personality types. (10)

(Total: 20 marks)

3. The study of attachment is of fundamental importance in psychology.

- An infant's attachment to the mother can be placed in one of three categories. Describe these **THREE** types of attachment styles. (12)
- According to Ainsworth, early attachment is very important, because it shapes the social and emotional development of the child. Explain the 'caregiving hypothesis' developed by Ainsworth. (4)
- Bowlby put forward the maternal deprivation hypothesis. Explain this hypothesis. (4)

(Total: 20 marks)

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SECTION B

Answer Question 4 and another question from this section. Each question carries 30 marks.

4. Read the following case study and answer the following questions:

Anna is a career and guidance advisor working at a university. She is concerned that many students do not seem to start thinking about what they want to do once they finish their degree until well into their final year of study. Anna knows that it usually takes six to eight months to find a job. She knows that while some students do not mind doing casual jobs and part-time work, many others would want to be in a job that is related to their studies. Some are counting on finding a full-time job soon after they receive their final results. They often regret not having begun to plan for the future early enough. Some others prefer to continue with their studies at Masters' level but are not sure of the area of study they want to pursue.

Anna decides to try and change university students' approach to planning for their future career by holding regular group sessions for students to discuss career-related issues. She would like to create an awareness that planning ahead is important and that this involves collecting as much information as possible before narrowing down the choices. Taking an informed decision is important for being happy later on in life.

- a. To help students it is important for Anna to have a good understanding of the phases of the lifecycle of a human being. Describe these phases and indicate in which stage students would likely be in when they graduate. (8)
- b. Anna holds regular group sessions for students to discuss career-related issues. One session is about group dynamics, that is, how groups work. Using your knowledge of groups, choose and briefly describe **FOUR** concepts related to groups which Anna may discuss during these sessions. (8)
- c. The change from being a student to becoming a worker is a stress inducing change. What should students know about biofeedback as a way of reducing stress in the workplace? (8)
- d. Anna asks you to contribute **150 words** addressed to sixth form students. Borrowing from psychology topics you have studied, and referring to your own experiences as a student, write down what you would say about the causes of stress in student life. (6)

(Total: 30 marks)

5. a. Gender remains one of the basic categorizing principles among humans. With reference to the various theories of gender development describe the following:
 - i. The psychodynamic theory of gender development. (8)
 - ii. The biological theory of gender development. (8)
 - iii. Social learning theory and gender development. (8)
- b. Discuss Bem's concept of androgyny and the research supporting it. (6)

(Total: 30 marks)

6. a. Explain, by making reference to supporting research, the **TWO** main perspectives that can help us to understand psychological disorders. (10)
- b. Discuss how antisocial personality disorder has both biological and psychological components. (10)
- c. Explain the social cognitive perspective on depression. (10)

(Total: 30 marks)