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PSYCHOLOGY

SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATIONS 2019/2020

ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY

MODULE NO: PSC6006

Date: Friday 17th January 2020

Time: 1.00PM – 4.00PM (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 two sections in this paper.

In Section A, write short answers to **FOUR** out of the eight topics.

In Section B answer **TWO** essay questions out of the 10 listed.

All questions carry equal marks.

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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 die by 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.

1. Of all mental health conditions bipolar is said to be associated with creativity and genius. Critically review the evidence for this, drawing on research studies as well as case studies.
2. Critically review the evidence for the biopsychosocial model of schizophrenia. Do you believe that this is a helpful model?
3. Critically review psychological treatments for depression. What advantages do psychological treatments provide over medication or ECT?
4. Choosing one type of anxiety disorder from panic disorder or social phobia, critically discuss how psychologists have attempted to conceptualise and treat the disorder?
5. Critically review treatment models of either anorexia or obesity. Do we have any effective treatments?
6. Critically review the evidence for personal recovery. How does it differ from clinical recovery?
7. Critically review our understanding of the concept of stigma. Do public health interventions actually reduce stigma? Discuss with examples of anti-stigma programmes.
8. Critically review how our understanding of the treatment of OCD has developed in recent years.
9. Critically evaluate the notion that Autism is a disorder. Support your answer with empirical evidence.
10. Is addiction simply a brain disease? Examine the explanatory power of the biomedical model of addiction.

END OF QUESTIONS.