



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2018/2019 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

APS & EPS 100: INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

DATE: 26/7/2019

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following terms as used in psychology (8 marks)
- i) Frustration
 - ii) Conflict
 - iii) Nature
 - iv) Nurture
- b) Differentiate between psychosis and neurosis and give examples of each. (6 marks)
- c) Discuss the features of the levels of the hierarchy of human needs according to Abraham Maslow (1970). (10 marks)
- d) Highlight six considerations that one should make in deciding on the feasibility of a research. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) i Define learning. (2 marks)
- ii Differentiate between classical and operant conditioning. (6 marks)
- b) Discuss the considerations that should be put in place before punishment is administered. (8 marks)

- c) Discuss two major emphasis of the psychoanalytical theory of human development according to Sigmund Freud. (4 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the meaning of the following terms as used in psychology. (8 marks)
- i. Sensation
 - ii. Perception
 - iii. Absolute threshold
 - iv. Subliminal perception
- b) Discuss four factors that that influence perception. (12 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Define the term 'phobia'. (2 marks)
- b) Describe the following phobias. (4 marks)
- i. Acrophobia
 - ii. Agoraphobia
 - iii. Claustrophobia
 - iv. Hydrophobia
- c) The factors led to the collapse of structuralism as a psychological perspective of explaining human behaviour. (6 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the major concerns of the following branches of modern psychology. (10 marks)
- i. Clinical psychology
 - ii. Counseling psychology
 - iii. Industrial/ organizational psychology
 - iv. Social Psychology
 - v. General experimental psychology
- b) Discuss three symptoms of psychotic behaviour. (6 marks)
- c) Explain the goals of studying psychology. (4 marks)