



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2020/2021 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

APS 304: ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY

DATE: 17/8/2021

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following terminologies as used in substance use disorder: (4 marks)
 - i) Dependence
 - ii) Tolerance
- b) Describe two ethical dilemmas that psychologist have to grapple with when working with victims of abnormal behaviour. (4 marks)
- c) Highlight four features of DSM-5 criterion A diagnosis of Schizophrenia. (4 marks)
- d) Discuss four risk factors associated with feeding and eating disorders. (8 marks)
- e) Appraise five psychological causes of PTSD. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss five biopsychosocial treatment interventions for substance related disorders. (10 marks)
- b) Analyse five characteristics of narcissistic personality disorder. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the DSM-5 diagnostic criteria for Major NCDs. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the following terminologies as used in abnormal psychology. (10 marks)
 - i) Neurodevelopmental disorders
 - ii) A personality disorder
 - iii) Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
 - iv) Specific phobia
 - v) Schizophrenia

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Appraise two etiologies of personality disorders. (4 marks)
- b) Discuss four psychological treatments for anxiety disorders. (16 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe sixteen manifestations of a major depressive episode. (16 marks)
- b) Explain why history taking is an important component of assessment of abnormal behaviour. (4 marks)