



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 308 PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

DATE: 19/8/2021

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms (10 marks)
- i) Psychological assessment
 - ii) Psychological testing
 - iii) Psychological test
 - iv) Psychometrics
 - v) Prognosis
- b) Discuss the importance of studying psychological assessment (10 marks)
- c) Evaluate five components of psychological assessment (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the steps of history taking in adults. (10 marks)
- b) A client has been referred to you as a psychologist for therapy. Explain the importance of establishing a therapeutic relationship. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Evaluate the components of a mental status examination (MSE) (10 marks)
- b) Distinguish between assessing children and adolescents. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe five types of materials utilized in play therapy (10 marks)
- b) A client has been referred to you for therapy. As you do your initial assessment, you notice that the client is not well oriented. Discuss your treatment plan as a psychologist (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine the importance of competence as an ethical issue in psychological testing (10 marks)
- b) Evaluate the importance of intelligence testing in clients. (10 marks)