



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS

APS 308 PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

Date:

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- 1 (a) Define the following terms as used in psychological assessment (10 marks)
 - i. Psychological assessment
 - ii. Validity
 - iii. Mental status
 - iv. Testing
 - v. Diagnosis
- (b) Appraise the importance of carrying out psychological assessments on clients (10 Marks)
- (c) Discuss the significance of history taking in a client (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- (a) Evaluate the importance of observation as a component of psychological assessment (10marks)
- (b) Explain how you would establish a therapeutic relationship with your client. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Analyze five components of a mental status examination (MSE) (10 marks)
- (b) Distinguish between the two kinds of interviews used in assessing clients (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- (a) Describe the importance of play therapy (10 marks)
- (b) Evaluate the steps you would consider when administering art therapy to a child (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Appraise the significance of competence as an ethical issue in psychological assessment (10 marks)
- (b) Discuss the importance of personality testing in clients (10 marks)