



**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES
FIVE ISLANDS CAMPUS**

Semester II

Examinations of April/May 2023

Course Code: PSYC2002
Course Title: ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY
Date of Assessment: April 28, 2023
Time: 4:00 pm
Duration: Two (2) Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

This paper has 3 pages and 6 questions.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ANSWER 3 QUESTIONS.

THIS ASSESSMENT IS WORTH 60% OF YOUR FINAL GRADE.

ASSESSMENT DETAILS FROM INSTRUCTOR(S):

This paper has 2 sections and 6 questions. Answer two (2) questions from Section A and one (1) from Section B.

Each question is worth 25 marks.

SECTION A**ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION**

1.
 - a. Give a definition of schizophrenia and distinguish between the positive and negative, and disorganized symptoms of schizophrenia? **(5 marks)**
 - b. Compare the major subtypes of schizophrenia (paranoid, catatonic, disorganized, undifferentiated, residual)? **(12 marks)**
 - c. Discuss the issue of patient compliance with antipsychotic drug regimens and the impact. **(8 marks)**

2.

Lorna's family has a history of neurodevelopmental disorders, her 10-year-old cousin has been diagnosed with a mild intellectual disability while her 4-year-old brother has been diagnosed with autism.

- a. Identify and briefly describe any other disorder (not mentioned in b or c) that falls under this category. **(5 marks)**
- b. What are the major characteristics of autism spectrum disorder? **(10 marks)**
- c. Describe a typical treatment plan for a 10-year-old, mildly intellectually disabled girl. **(10 marks)**

3.

- a. Describe the three clusters of personality disorders as noted in the DSM-5 **(5 marks)**
- b. List and describe the disorders found in Cluster B and explain what features they have in common to be grouped together. **(12 marks)**
- c. Describe the similarities and differences between individuals with obsessive-compulsive personality disorder and individuals diagnosed with the anxiety disorder called obsessive-compulsive disorder. **(8 marks)**

4.

- a. Explain the similarities and differences between posttraumatic stress disorder and panic disorder. **(6 marks)**
- b. Discuss the influence of genetic vulnerabilities and environmental factors in the development of psychological disorders. **(9 marks)**
- c. Describe the components and importance of a mental status examination. **(10 marks)**

SECTION B

ANSWER ONE (1) QUESTION FROM THIS SECTION

5.

Laura was diagnosed with marijuana induced psychosis after some disturbing behaviour.

- a. Describe the features present that would have led to a diagnosis marijuana induced psychosis. **(7 marks)**
- b. Define “psychoactive substance” and give examples of the different categories of psychoactive drugs. **(10 marks)**
- c. Discuss the various treatments for substance abuse. **(8 marks)**

6.

- a. Compare and contrast the symptoms and timelines of major depressive episodes, persistent depressive disorder, and double depression. **(10 marks)**
- b. Select a mood disorder and discuss treatment options for someone diagnosed with the selected disorder. **(8 marks)**
- c. Identify and explain the risk factors associated with suicide. **(7 marks)**

END OF QUESTION PAPER