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First Semester

Psychology

PRINCIPLES OF PSYCHOLOGY MAXIMUM MARKS:30 ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- 1. (a) Discuss the historical origins of psychology as a science. Describe the contributions of Weber, Fechner, and Wundt.
 - (b) Explain the major approaches to psychology: Behaviorism, Gestalt, Psychoanalytical, Cognitive, and Neurobiological.
- 2. (a) Describe the major methods used in psychology and explain their significance in psychological research.
 - (b) Compare and contrast the case study method and the experimental method in psychological investigations.
- 3. (a) Define emotions. Describe the physiological changes associated with emotions and explain any two theories of emotion.
 - (b) Explain the cognitive theory of emotion. How does it differ from James-Lange and Cannon-Bard theories?

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- 1. (a) What is motivation? Explain Freud's concept of unconscious motivation and McClelland's theory of motivation.
 - (b) Explain Maslow's hierarchy of needs. How is it relevant in understanding human behavior?
- 2. (a) Define consciousness. Discuss different altered states of consciousness with special reference to sleep, dreams, and meditation.
 - (b) Explain hypnosis and drug-induced states of consciousness. How do they affect psychological functioning?

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SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- 1. (a) Define Social Psychology. Explain its scope and significance. Write a brief note on the history of Social Psychology in India.
 - (b) Describe the different methods used in Social Psychology with appropriate examples.
- 2. (a) Discuss the attribution theories of Heider, Jones, Kelley, and Davis.
 - (b) Explain the concept of impression formation with reference to Asch's experiments. How do schemas and stereotypes influence social cognition?
- 3. (a) Define attitudes. Explain the process of attitude formation and theories of attitude change.
 - (b) Write an essay on prejudice and discrimination. How are women and marginalized groups discriminated against in India?

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- 1. (a) What is pro-social behavior? Discuss altruism, gratitude, and forgiveness as key aspects of pro-social behavior.
 - (b) Explain group influence on individual performance. What are the causes of aggression and how can it be managed?
- 2. (a) Discuss the role of Social Psychology in leadership job satisfaction, and achievement orientation.
 - (b) Write a detailed note on Environmental Psychology. How do poverty, violence, and environmental health hazards affect individuals and society?

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PERSONALITY MAXIMUM MARKS :30 ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- 1. (a) Discuss Freud's psychoanalytical theory of personality, focusing on the structure and development of personality.
 - (b) Explain the contributions of Jung and Adler to the Neo-Freudian approach.

 Also, mention the liabilities of the psychoanalytic approach.
- 2. (a) What is the dispositional approach to personality? Explain Eysenck's type theory and Sheldon's classification of personality types.
 - (b) Compare and contrast Allport's and Cattell's trait theories of personality.

 Add a note on Murry's need theory.
- 3. (a) Discuss McClelland's achievement motivation theory and Atkinson's approach to power motivation.
 - (b) Describe the Big Five Factor Theory of personality. How does it help in understanding individual differences?

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PERSONALITY MAXIMUM MARKS :30 ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- 1. (a) Explain Maslow's hierarchy of needs and how it relates to the development of personality.
 - (b) Describe the humanistic perspective of Carl Rogers. How does his theory differ from that of Kelly's personal construct theory?
- 2. (a) Discuss various methods of personality assessment with examples.
 - (b) What are projective tests? Discuss any two projective techniques and the ethical considerations in personality assessment.

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LIFE SPAN DEVELOPMENT
MAXIMUM MARKS :30
ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- 1. (a) Define growth and development. Discuss the stages of life span development and the factors influencing development.
 - (b) Explain the various research methods used in life span development with examples. Highlight the importance of longitudinal and cross-sectional methods.
- 2. (a) Describe prenatal development. Discuss the physical and motor development in infancy and the cognitive development as per Piaget's theory.
 - (b) Explain language development in infancy as per Chomsky's theory. Discuss personality and social development in early childhood according to Freud, Erikson, and Bandura.
- 3. (a) Analyze the physical, cognitive, and moral development in late childhood. How does peer influence affect self-concept during this stage?
 - (b) Describe the physical and social development during adolescence. How does identity formation occur during this period?

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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- 1. (a) Discuss the physical and psychomotor functioning in early adulthood. Explain Schaie's stages of cognitive development and Sternberg's triarchic theory of intelligence.
 - (b) Write a note on moral development theories of Kohlberg and Gilligan in early adulthood. Add a note on relationships, marriage, and vocational development.
- 2. (a) What are the major physical and intellectual changes in late adulthood?

 Discuss Erikson's views on personality development during this stage.
 - (b) Explain the emotional and social adjustments of individuals in late adulthood. How can emotional health be maintained during this stage?