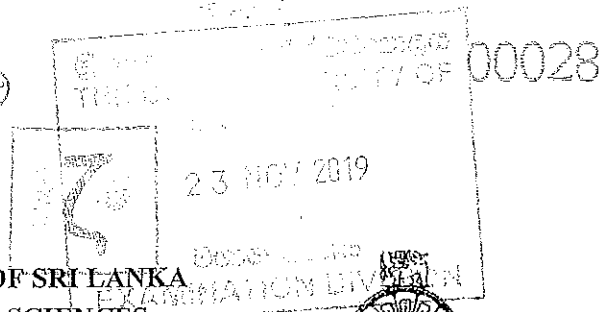


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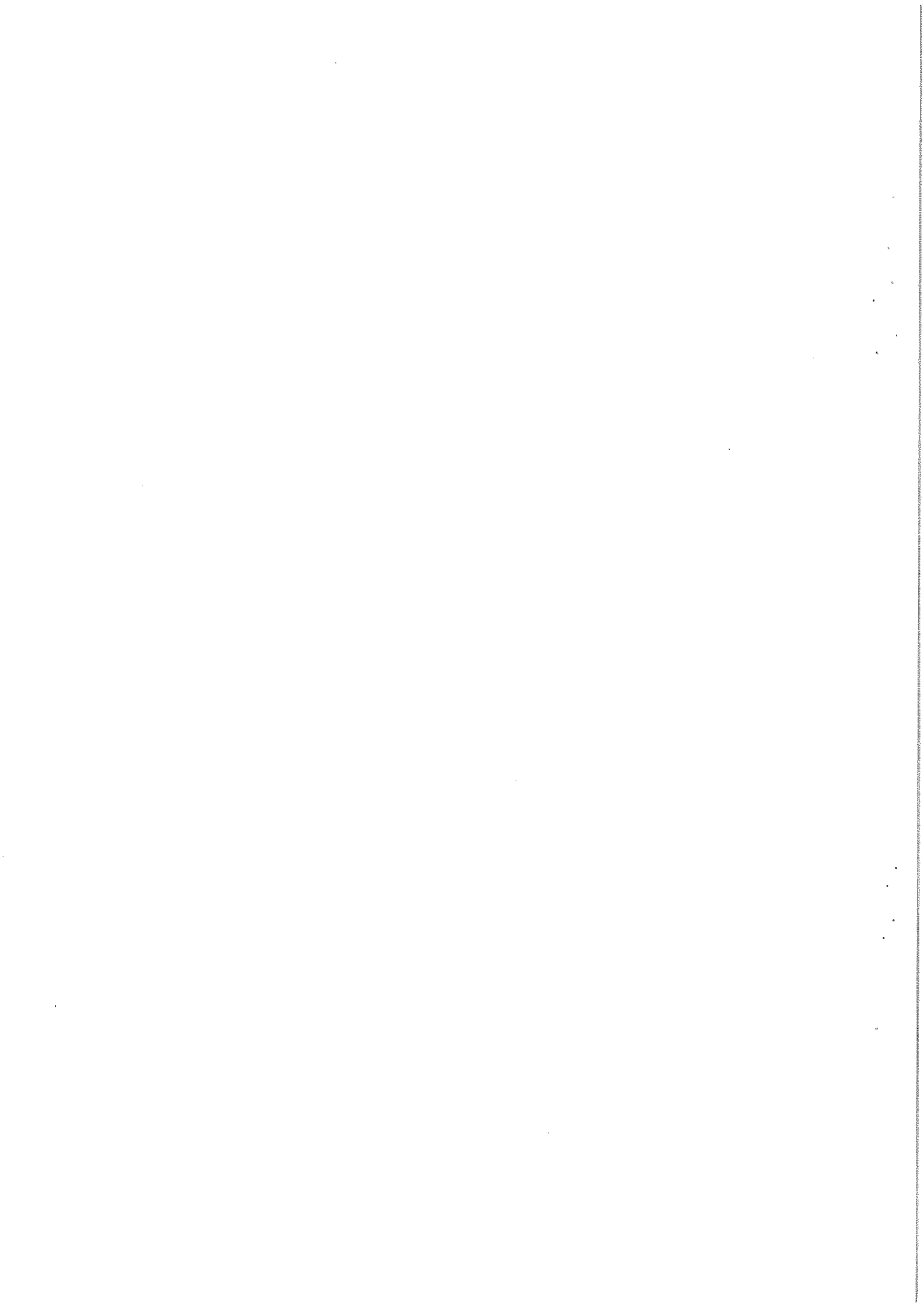
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SECTION 2: ESSAY QUESTIONS (60 MARKS)

Choose 04 out of the 06 questions given below and answer using the provided answer sheets

1. Michel is a very keen student who represents the minority ethnic group in a country. He has to change schools suddenly due his father's job transfer. The majority of students in the new school represent the majority ethnic group of the country. Six months later, Michel refused to go to school and was distressed. He went to see Psychologists because of his low grades. He tried very hard but no matter how hard he still did not do as well as his peers in school. Most of the teachers in the new school also represent the majority ethnic group and have shown a tendency to favour children from the same ethnic group. Some senior students, who belong to Michel's ethnicity, also told him that he would never ever be the first in the class due to teachers' maltreatment. Michel was angry towards the teachers and students in this majority group and strictly believed that they were discriminating against him.

a) Briefly describe the concepts of Prejudice, Stereotypes, and Discrimination with using appropriate points from above case scenario. (5 marks)

b) Describe the concept of "Self-stereotyping" and "Stereotype threat" using the above case scenario. (5 marks)

c) Briefly explain the applicability of "Contact hypothesis" to reduce prejudice between two group of the case. (5 marks)

2. Gayan and Kosala were close friends for years and finally fell in love with each other. They developed romantic relationship and having some passionate movements. Two years later Kosala's parents expressed their disapproval of this relationship and asked her to end it. Kosala did not like to go against her parents and talked the matter over with Gayan. He did not like to end the relationship and that lead to an argument between the two. Gayan started to blame Kosala for little things. Further, he started to threaten Kosala showing pictures they had taken together previously.

- a) Explain the above case using the Trangular model of Love. (10 marks)
- b) Briefly describe the Social Exchange Theory. (5 marks)

3. Chronic Kidney Disease of unknown aetiology (CKDu) can be identified as a disease which exists among the Sri Lankan farming community for the last twenty years or so. "Peritoneal dialysis" can be identified as the best method of treatment for patients who are in the dialysis stage. This method helps patients to live longer with proper procedures and guideline of using it. But Farmers are not willing to have this treatment as they believe that this treatment would shorten their life expectancy with the disease. Moreover, famers will not be able to continue farming activities due to the very high sanitary conditions a patient is required to adhere to after treatment. However medical professionals constantly advice CKDu patients to initiate dialysis as it is the most reliable method of treatment other than kidney transplantation.

- a) Define an attitude. (3 marks)
- b) What are the methods of attitude formation? (5 marks)
- c) Evaluate the above case using Theory of Planned Behaviour. (7 marks)

4. Sunil is a 10 years old poor boy who is living in a remote village .One day he found five hundred rupees while playing. He went to the nearest city to buy a bat that he was wanting to buy for years. Once there he saw a poor child who was asking to buy medicine from a pharmacy without the required amount of money. The owner of the pharmacy didn't want to give any medicine to the child. Sunil went to the pharmacy owner and asked him to give medicine to the child in return for the five hundred rupees he had. The owner of the pharmacy did so. Sunil went back to the village empty handed.
- Why do people help others? (5 marks)
 - Briefly name and describe the form of helping behaviour shown by Sunil. (5 marks)
 - Briefly discuss the five step model of pro-social behaviour. (5 marks)
5. According to Social Learning Theory, aggression can be identified as a learned behaviour.
- Discuss the methods of social learning with appropriate examples. (7.5 marks)
 - Briefly describe the major concerns of the General Aggression Model(GAM).
(7.5 marks)
6. a) Define Applied Social Psychology. (3 marks)
- List out the differences between applied and basic Social Psychology. (5 marks)
 - Briefly discuss the current trends in Social Psychology. (7 marks)

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