

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY & COUNSELLING  
2022/2023 – SEMESTER I—FINAL EXAMINATION



**BSC (HONS) IN PSYCHOLOGY**  
**PLU 4310: EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY – LEVEL 4**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER**  
**DURATION: 03 HOURS**

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DATE: 29.03.2023

TIME: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

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**SECTION 2: STRUCTURED ESSAY QUESTIONS (60 MARKS)**

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

2.1 “Educational Psychology has existed, there has been a debate about what it really is”.

- a) Explain the definition of Educational Psychology. (5 marks)
- b) Describe the development of educational psychology from the behavioural, cognitive, social-cognitive, and constructivist perspective. (5 marks)
- c) Describe the nature and scope of Educational Psychology. (5 marks)

2.2

- a) Explain the human development, learning and education based on different perspectives. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the impact of different motivation, learning and thinking styles on learning and education (5 marks)

2.3

- a) Discuss the theories on personality development and explain the advantages of personal development for students. (8 marks)
- b) Critically analyse the teacher’s role in personality development. (7 marks)

2.4 “It is important to have a positive learning environment. Because students should feel comfortable, have a positive relationship with the teacher and peers, and believe they can be successful, in the environment they learn”.

- a) Discuss the key characteristics and main factors should be considered when creating a positive learning environment. (10 marks)
- b) Describe the role of teachers in a positive learning environment. (5 marks)

2.5 “Intelligence can be described as a complex, many-sided cluster of abilities that significantly affect all the aspects of our lives”.

- a) Describe the Howard Gardner’s theory of multiple intelligence. (7.5 marks)
- b) Explain Robert Sternberg’s Triarchic Model of Intelligence. (7.5 marks)

2.6 Describe **three of the following** key concepts in psychology with examples.

- a) Giftedness (5 marks)
- b) Mental Retardation (5 marks)
- c) Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorders (5 marks)
- d) Autism Spectrum Disorders (5 marks)
- e) Speech and Language Disorders (5 marks)

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