



**BSC (HONS) IN PSYCHOLOGY**  
**PLU4302 – ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY- LEVEL 04**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER**  
**DURATION: 03 HOURS**

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DATE: 27.03.2024

TIME: 1.30 PM – 4.30 PM

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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 Schizophrenia is a complex and severe mental disorder characterized by a range of symptoms that significantly impact an individual's thoughts, emotions, and behaviour.**  
Discuss the key features, etiology, and treatment options for schizophrenia, highlighting the challenges in diagnosis and management. (15 marks)
- 2.2 Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is one of the most commonly diagnosed psychopathological disorders of childhood.**  
Discuss the diagnostic criteria, etiology, and treatment approaches for ADHD, highlighting the challenges in assessment and management. (15 marks)
- 2.3 Depression in Adolescents**  
Explore the Clinical Features, Etiology, and Treatment Strategies for Adolescent Depression, Addressing any Unique Challenges in Assessment and Management. (15 marks)
- 2.4 Cognitive disorders encompass a range of conditions characterized by impairments in cognitive function, including memory, attention, language, and problem-solving abilities. These disorders can significantly impact an individual's daily functioning and quality of life, posing challenges for diagnosis, treatment, and management.**
- a) Provide an overview of Alzheimer's disease (AD). (5 marks)
  - b) Discuss the importance of understanding and addressing cognitive disorders such as AD. (5 marks)
  - c) Describe the key clinical features of AD. (5 marks)
- 2.5**
- a) Discuss the influence of cultural perspectives on abnormal psychology, examining how cultural factors shape the expression, interpretation, and treatment of mental health disorders with examples. (12 marks)
  - b) Describe one cultural factor that influences the presentation of mental health disorders in cross-cultural contexts and explain its impact on diagnosis or treatment. (3 marks)

- 2.6**      **Discuss contemporary and legal issues in the Sri Lankan context pertaining to abnormal psychology, exploring how cultural, societal, and legal factors influence the understanding, diagnosis, treatment, and management of mental health disorders.** *(15 marks)*

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