THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA 2.4 OCT FOR THE ACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY & COUNSELLING EXAMINATED TO SEMESTER II —FINAL EXAMINATION

BSC (HONS) IN PSYCHOLOGY PLU 4308– INDUSTRIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY- LEVEL 4 FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER DURATION: 03 HOURS

DATE: 24TH OCTOBER 2024

TIME: 9.30 AM-12.30 PM

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 Application of psychological principles and research methods helps to improve the overall work environment.
 - a) Briefly describe <u>five (05)</u> ways that psychological principles and research help* to the workplace. (07 marks)
 - b) Discuss the role of I/O Psychologists in ensuring the well-being of the employees and the productivity of the organization. (08 marks)
- 2.2 "Intelligence predicts occupational success"
 - a) Evaluate traditional views on cognitive ability with examples. (07 marks)
 - b) Identify strengths and weaknesses of the theory of multiple intelligence.

(08 marks)

- 2.3 Organizations constructed interviews with shortlisted candidates to assess their qualifications, skills, experiences, and fit with the organization's culture.
 - a) Do you identify 'the interview' as a reliable selection method for potential future employees? Critically discuss. (05 marks)
 - b) Briefly describe another personnel selection method which can be incorporated with interviews to improve the quality of the outcome. (05 marks)
 - c) Briefly describe two (02) main biases/limitations of 'interview' as a selection method with examples. (05 marks)

2.4 "Ergonomics highly associate with the well-being of employees."

- a) Select one (01) of three types of ergonomics (physical, cognitive, organisational) and briefly discuss what components that can be listed under the selected type. (05marks)
- b) By taking an example briefly describes how ergonomics can be used to manage existing issues in an organisation. (05 marks)
- c) Briefly describe five main benefits of ergonomics. (05 marks)

2.5 A team is more than a collection of individuals.

- a) Briefly describe the main five characteristics of a group. (05 marks)
- b) Briefly discuss the advantages of forming groups among employees in an organization. (05 marks)
- c) Identify one (1) dysfunctional group behaviours with examples and discuss its negative impact of the effectiveness of the team and organization. (05 marks)

2.6. Describes three (03) topics of following

- a) Industrial Psychology
- b) Motivation at the workplace
- c) Job satisfaction
- d) Organizational citizenship behaviour
- e) Organizational change
- f) Reward management

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