

DATE: 06TH NOVEMBER 2025

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 Social Psychology is a dynamic scientific field that examines how individuals think, feel, and behave in relation to others within diverse social contexts.**
- a. Briefly describe two (02) subfields of Psychology that are closely interconnected with Social Psychology. (05 marks)
 - b. Select one (01) component of the “ABC” model of Social Psychology and discuss it with a relevant example. (05 marks)
 - c. Explain the importance of scientific research in Social Psychology, highlighting how it deepens our understanding of social behaviour with examples. (05 marks)
- 2.2 Human beings often rely on different modes of thinking when navigating the social world, ranging from quick judgments to more reflective evaluations.**
- a. Explain the concept of social categorization and discuss its role in shaping interpersonal perceptions and stereotypes. (5 marks)
 - b. Describe automatic thinking with examples and critically evaluate its advantages and disadvantages in everyday social interactions. (5 marks)
 - c. Compare and contrast deliberative thinking with automatic thinking, highlighting situations in which deliberative thinking becomes essential for accurate social judgment. (5 marks)
- 2.3 Attitudes play a central role in social psychology as they influence how individuals think, feel, and behave toward people, objects, and events in their social world**
- a. Define attitudes in the context of social psychology and briefly explain their three components. (5 marks)
 - b. Discuss how attitudes are formed, with examples drawn from real-life social experiences. (5 marks)
 - c. Explain the relationship between attitudes and behaviour, highlighting one theoretical perspective. (5 marks)
- 2.4 Social influence shapes human behaviour in powerful ways, often guiding individuals to align with group norms, follow authority, or respond to requests.**
- a. Discuss one (01) out of three major forms of social influence, providing suitable real-life examples. (5 marks)
 - b. Critically evaluate the positive and negative consequences of these forms of social influence in modern society. (10 marks)

2.5 Pro-social behaviour is a vital theme in social psychology, exploring why, when, and for whom people engage in helping actions.

- a. Explain the distinction between altruistic and egoistic helping, using suitable examples. (5 marks)
- b. Critically analyse who we are more likely to help with real-life examples. (10 marks)

2.6 Briefly describe three (03) of the following five topics. (3 x 5 marks)

- a. Self-regulation
- b. Group polarization
- c. Intergroup conflict
- d. Correlational research in Social Psychology
- e. Applied Social Psychology

-----END OF QUESTION PAPER-----