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PLU 3302 - PERSONALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCE- LEVEL 3
FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER
DURATION: 02 HOURS

DATE: 23RD NOVEMBER 2019 TIME: 9.30 A.M -11.30 A.M

SECTION 2: ESSAY QUESTIONS (60 MARKS)

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

1 "The term personality concerns the consistent behavior patterns and interpersonal processes that occur within an individual".

a) Define the term "personality" based on the six approaches to personality. (07 marks)

b) Describe the two biological models which assess individual's personality. (08 marks)

2 Personality traits are complex, and research suggests that our traits are shaped by both inheritance and environmental factors. These two forces interact in a wide variety of ways to form our individual personalities.

a) How do genetic inheritances and other biological factors play a role in determining individual differences? (7.5 marks)

b) How does environment influences contribute to the development of personality? (7.5 marks)

3 "Personality psychology persists in tackling burning questions concerning the different perspectives".

a) Describe the biological basis of personality. (05 marks)

b) Explain the differences between the trait approach and personality type. (05 marks)

c) Describe Karen Horney's contribution to feminist perspective on personality. (05 marks)

4 "A Personality test aims to assess the aspects of a person's character that remain stable across situations, referred to as their personality".

a) What is personality assessment? (05 marks)

b) Explain the term "Standardized Personality Assessments" (05 marks)

c) Describe advantages of individual personality tests and group personality tests (05 marks)

5 "Culture in its broadest sense is cultivated behaviour; that is the totality of a person's learned, accumulated experience which is socially transmitted, or more briefly, behaviour through social learning".

a) Explain how culture influences on individual and his/her personality, using examples. (07 marks)

b) Discuss the theories that attempt to explain the interrelationship between culture and individuals. (08 marks)

6 Answer following three questions.

a) Define the concept of health and personality (03 marks)

b) Describe the two theories of gender and personality development. (06 marks)

c) Compare the views of two contemporary theorists in personality psychology. (06 marks)

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