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PLU3301: INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY- LEVEL-3
FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER
DURATION: 2 HOURS

DATE:02nd MARCH 2019 TIME: 9.30am.-11.30am

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IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS/ INFORMATION TO CANDIDATES

- This question paper consists of **09 pages** with **TWO sections.**

  Section 1: 20 Multiple Choice Questions (40 Marks)-Compulsory

  Section 2: Choose 4 questions out 6 -Structured Essay Type (60 Marks)

- Write your Registration Number in the space provided.
- **Multiple Choice Questions (Section 1):** Indicate answers in the **ANSWER SHEET** provided by placing a cross **(X)** in **INK** in the relevant cage (answers in pencil will **NOT** be marked)
- **Structured Essay type questions (Section 2):** Choose 4 questions and write in the distributed answer sheets.
- Do **NOT** remove any page/part of this question paper from the examination hall.
- Do **NOT** keep unauthorized material, including mobile phones and other electronic equipment, with you during the examination.

SECTION 2: STRUCTURED ESSAY QUESTIONS (60 MARKS)

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

1 **Conducting research is important for the development of psychology as a discipline and for the professional practice.**

a Identify goals of scientific research with examples (5 marks).

b Explain a research question and procedure of study that will use 'deception' (10 marks).

2 **Fields of Psychology has been categorized based on theories, tasks involved and target groups.**

a Name five applied fields of psychology (5 marks).

b Identify ONE sub field of Psychology that provides services to vulnerable groups in society and describes procedures and issues related to providing services to this target group (10 marks).

3 **Remembering for exams is one of the main challenges for a student. Even daily activities we do need remembering facts, names and locations.**

a Briefly explain 'proactive interference' of forgetting, using an example (3 marks).

b Explain what happens at 'Encoding' stage of memory processing (6 marks).

c Discuss how 'motivated forgetting' can provide an explanation for forgetting of specific types of memories using examples (6 marks).

4 **Personality and personality assessment have raised many debates since ancient Greek era. Currently, there are standard types of personality assessments developed as outcomes of research.**

a List main methods of personality assessment with examples (5 marks).

c Briefly explain five of the eight stages of Erik Eriksson's theory of personality development (10 marks).

5 Violence can be visible in society through different forms. Psychologists and Sociologists have defined these forms according to the target group and the type of violent action.

a Describe the theory which explains origins of aggression and violence through observation and imitation (5 marks).

b Describe different methods of preventing or controlling aggression (5 marks).

c Discuss how prejudice can lead to violence using an example (5 marks).

6 Write short notes on following three topics

a Fight-or-flight responses (5 marks).

b Principles of persuasion (5 marks).

c Language acquisition (5 marks).

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