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POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

MODEL QUESTION PAPER

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

Time: 2 Hrs **Total Marks: 100**

Answer ANY TEN questions **10 x 10 = 100**

1. What is the nature and scope of psychology?
2. Discuss the historical perspectives and evolution of psychology over time.
3. Compare and contrast structuralism, functionalism, and behaviourism in psychology.
4. Explain the physiological basis of behaviour, focusing on the nervous system and endocrine system.
5. What are the major theories of emotion, and how do they explain emotional expression?
6. Describe the process of sensation and perception, highlighting differences between the two.
7. Discuss Freud's theory of unconscious motivation and its relevance to modern psychology.
8. Explain Maslow's hierarchy of needs and its application in understanding human motivation.
9. What are the various types of memory, and how does the process of memorization work?
10. Describe the concept of intelligence and the different theories related to its assessment.

11. Explain Freud's psychoanalytic approach to personality and compare it with the Neo-Freudian theories.

12. Discuss the dispositional and cognitive approaches to personality, with examples from Eysenck and Skinner.

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CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

Time: 2 Hrs **Total Marks: 100**

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1. What is the nature and scope of child psychology, and why is it significant?
2. Discuss the importance of studying children and their mental health problems.
3. Explain the biological, psychological, and social causes of mental health issues among children.
4. What is the role of genetic mechanisms in hereditary transmission, and how do genetic abnormalities affect children?
5. Describe the types of artificial insemination and assisted reproductive technology used today.
6. What are the different types of surrogacies, and what are their social implications?
7. Define the concept of adjustment and discuss factors that contribute to maladjustment in children.
8. How do family stress and personal factors lead to frustration among children?
9. Discuss behavioural and emotional disorders in children, including conduct disorders and anxiety.
10. What are feeding and eating disorders in children, and what are their psychological impacts?
11. Analyse the methods commonly used in child psychology for understanding child behaviour.
12. What are the historical perspectives in child psychology, and how have they shaped modern approaches?

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MODEL QUESTION PAPER

DYNAMICS OF HEALTHY CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Time: 2 Hrs **Total Marks: 100**

Answer ANY TEN questions **10 x 10 = 100**

1. Explain the nature and stages of development in children.
2. Discuss Freud and Erikson's theories of development and their implications.
3. Compare classical conditioning and operant conditioning as learning theories.
4. Describe Piaget's theory of cognitive development and its significance.
5. What is Vygotsky's sociocultural theory, and how does it explain child development?
6. Analyse Kohlberg's theory of moral development and its relevance to understanding children.
7. Discuss the role of heredity and environment (nature and nurture) in influencing child behaviour.
8. Explain the stages of prenatal development and the factors affecting them.
9. What are the key components and theories of language development in children?
10. Discuss the development of emotional expression and the formation of attachment in children.
11. How do family, peers, and school contexts contribute to a child's social understanding and self-concept?
12. What are the biological and cognitive influences on a child's physical and motor development?

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EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

Time: 2 Hrs **Total Marks: 100**

Answer ANY TEN questions **10 x 10 = 100**

1. What is the meaning and concept of exceptionality? How do deviations shape the understanding of exceptionality?
2. Discuss the causes of exceptionality with examples of hereditary and environmental factors. How do nature and nurture interact in this context?
3. What are the classification categories of exceptional children? Explain their unique needs and the problems they face.
4. Define special education and explain its characteristics, objectives, and importance in addressing the needs of exceptional children.
5. How has special education evolved historically? Highlight key milestones in its development.
6. What are the differences between integrated and inclusive education? Explain the benefits and challenges of inclusive education programs.
7. Discuss the causes, functional limitations, and educational provisions for children with physical disabilities, such as orthopaedic and visual impairments.
8. How are hearing impairments identified and assessed? Explain the types, causes, and adjustment strategies for hearing-impaired children.
9. Write about neurodevelopmental disorders like intellectual disability, autism, and ADHD.
10. Who are emotionally disturbed children? Explain their challenges and the support they require for better adjustment and growth.
11. Discuss the needs and problems of slow learners and gifted children. How can educational systems cater to both ends of this spectrum?
12. Explain the significance of addressing communication disorders and learning disabilities in children. What strategies can be employed to support them effectively?

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MODEL QUESTION PAPER

COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE

Time: 2 Hrs **Total Marks: 100**

Answer ANY TEN questions **10 x 10 = 100**

1. What is the nature and scope of counselling, and how has counselling evolved over time?
2. Discuss the factors that have contributed to the emergence of counselling as a field.
3. How is counselling different from psychotherapy, and what are some related fields that complement counselling?
4. Explain the goals of counselling and how they support individual growth and development.
5. Compare and contrast different approaches to counselling, such as directive, humanistic, and behaviouristic methods.
6. What is Roger's self-theory, and how does it contribute to the development of self in counselling?
7. Define the counselling process and discuss the variables that affect its success.
8. What skills and qualities are essential for an effective counsellor? Provide examples.
9. Describe the importance of non-verbal communication during counselling interviews and its impact on the counsellor-counselee relationship.
10. How does group counselling differ from individual counselling? Discuss its structuring, mechanisms, and types.
11. Explain the role of counselling in educational and personal guidance.
12. What is vocational guidance, and how does it integrate occupational information to assist individuals in career planning?

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FAMILY INTERVENTIONS

Time: 2 Hrs **Total Marks: 100**

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1. Define family and discuss the similarities and differences observed in families across various societies.
2. Explain the nature and scope of family interventions. Why are these interventions necessary in modern contexts?
3. How have historical perspectives and theoretical frameworks contributed to the understanding of families?
4. Discuss the factors influencing decisions about becoming a parent, postponing parenthood, and the challenges of infertility.
5. What are the social and emotional implications of adoption and abortion in family dynamics?
6. Describe the variations in contemporary parenting roles based on ethnicity and social class. How do parenting styles evolve over the life course?
7. Discuss the impact of parenting styles and discipline techniques on children's well-being. Include an overview of child care arrangements.
8. What are the causes and consequences of child maltreatment, sibling abuse, and adolescent abuse?
9. Analyse the effects of divorce and separation on children
10. Explain the dynamics of forming and living in a stepfamily. How do stepfamilies impact parenting and children's development?

11. Compare and contrast different models of family therapy, such as Bowen Family Systems Theory, Rational Emotive Behaviour Therapy, and Structural Family Therapy.

12. What is solution-focused brief therapy, and how does it support families in addressing conflicts and transitions?