

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 086
(For Candidates admitted during the academic year 2023 – 2024)

B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION APRIL 2026
PSYCHOLOGY
SIXTH SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR - CORE
PAPER : ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY II
SUBJECT CODE : 23PY/MC/AB65
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS: 100**

| Q. No. | SECTION A Answer all the questions not exceeding 50 words (10 x 3=30) | CO | KL |
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| 1. | Define Schizophrenia and list two of its common subtypes. | CO1 | K1 |
| 2. | List the clinical features of Paranoid Personality Disorder. | CO1 | K1 |
| 3. | Define Body Dysmorphic Disorder. | CO1 | K1 |
| 4. | State the primary difference in duration between Acute Stress Disorder and PTSD. | CO1 | K1 |
| 5. | Define Sexual Dysfunction. | CO1 | K1 |
| 6. | Explain the difference between positive and negative symptoms in schizophrenia. | CO2 | K2 |
| 7. | Differentiate between Schizoid and Borderline personality disorders. | CO2 | K2 |
| 8. | Explain the main clinical features of Hypochondriasis. | CO2 | K2 |
| 9. | Explain how sociocultural factors can contribute to the development of PTSD. | CO2 | K2 |
| 10. | Describe the clinical features of Gender Identity Disorder. | CO2 | K2 |
| Q. No. | SECTION B Answer all the questions not exceeding 400 words (5 x 8=40) | CO | KL |
| 11. | a) Analyze the biological and psychological causes of schizophrenia. (or) b) Analyze the key differences between Paranoid and Borderline personality disorders. How do the unique clinical features of each disorder lead to different types of difficulties in daily life? | CO4 | K4 |
| 12. | a) Examine the various treatment and management options available for a patient with schizoaffective disorder. (or) b) Analyze the psychological factors that cause Somatization Disorder and how they manifest as physical symptoms. | CO4 | K4 |
| 13. | a) Analyze how biological and psychological factors interact to cause Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. (or) b) Examine the sociocultural factors of causation for various paraphilias. | CO4 | K4 |
| 14. | a) Critically evaluate the effectiveness of psychotherapy in managing adult personality disorders. (or) b) Evaluate the use of cognitive-behavioral interventions for treating Dissociative Identity Disorder. | CO5 | K5 |
| 15. | a) Recommend and justify appropriate evidence-based interventions for managing trauma-related disorders. (or) b) Evaluate the importance of using evidence-based approaches in the treatment of sexual dysfunctions. | CO5 | K5 |

| Q. No. | SECTION C Answer any 2 questions not exceeding 800 words (2 x 15=30) | CO | KL |
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| 16. | <p><i>A 25-year-old man has been hearing voices that no one else hears and believes the government is tracking him through his TV. He has stopped working and rarely speaks.</i></p> <p>Identify the likely disorder and illustrate with examples how you would apply different theoretical perspectives to understand his maladaptive behaviour.</p> | CO3 | K3 |
| 17. | <p><i>An individual constantly worries about having a serious heart condition despite multiple doctors and medical tests confirming they are perfectly healthy.</i></p> <p>Justify how this behaviour qualifies as a somatoform disorder. Apply your knowledge to explain the psychological factors that might be keeping this behaviour going.</p> | CO3 | K3 |
| 18. | <p><i>Six months after surviving a major natural disaster, an individual continues to have nightmares, avoids the area where it happened, and is constantly "on edge."</i></p> <p>Apply the standards for diagnosis to this case to determine the disorder. Illustrate with examples how biological and sociocultural factors may have influenced their reaction.</p> | CO3 | K3 |
| 19. | <p><i>A couple is seeking help because they are experiencing a lack of sexual desire and distress in their relationship.</i> Illustrate with examples the possible psychological and sociocultural causes for this sexual dysfunction.</p> | CO3 | K3 |
