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CAMPUS: ONLINE

DEPARTMENT: PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE CODE: MFT 505

COURSE TITLE: PSYCHOPATHOLOGY AND THE FAMILY

EXAM DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read all questions carefully before answering.
- Write your **student number** on the space provided.
- Answer **ALL** questions in **Section A** and **ANY** other **TWO** from **Section B**

SECTION A – Answer all Questions (20 marks)

QUESTION ONE

- a) Discuss the following perspectives on the development of psychopathology and their interventions.
 - i) Witchcraft and demonology. (3 Marks)
 - ii) The moon and the stars. (3 Marks)
 - iii) Articulate your Christian view on perspectives (i) above. (2 Marks)
 - iv) Examine two family/ parental factors that can contribute to mental illness. (4 Marks)
- b) Differentiate between abnormal behavior and psychopathology. (2 Marks)
- c) Discuss any three reasons the study of psychopathology is critical for family therapists. (6 Marks)

SECTION B: Answer any two questions in this session (20 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Jana a young girl aged 4 is brought to you for therapy. The diagnoses is ‘Autism spectrum disorder’.

- a) Illustrate four symptoms you would be looking for to confirm Jana’s diagnosis. (2 Marks)
- b) Analyze two risk factors of this diagnosis. (4 Marks)
- c) Discuss two possible causes of Jana’s condition. (4 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

Michael a middle aged man previously a jovial and outgoing person has recently become sad and withdrawn. He is disinterested in most things, has lost appetite and has disturbed sleep patterns.

- a) State Michael's Diagnosis. (1Mark)
- b) Examine three other symptoms of this diagnosis. (3 Marks)
- c) Demonstrate three impacts this diagnosis might have on Michael's family. (6 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Jade an otherwise calm and collected individual, has developed what her husband terms as extreme behaviors. One minute she has an elated mood, and a flight of ideas, is excited and makes radical decisions, and the next minute she is so sad she wants to commit suicide.

Describe the category of mental disorders in which this disorder belongs, and the disorder itself. (2 Marks)

- a) Articulate four symptoms Jade may exhibit in therapy. (4 Marks)
- b) Outline two ways you will help Jade manage the condition. (4 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Discuss any two symptoms in each of the following disorders.

- a) Separation Anxiety Disorder. (2 Marks)
- b) Selective Mutism. (2 Marks)
- c) Social Anxiety Disorder. (2 Marks)
- d) Panic Disorder.(2 Marks)
- e) Agoraphobia. (2 Marks)