



PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPY**

MAY – AUGUST 2017

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE CODE: PMFT 124

COURSE TITLE: Advanced Psychopathology

EXAM DATE: MONDAY 24th JULY 2017

TIME: 5.30PM-8.30PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Write your **STUDENT NUMBER** in the Answer Booklet given
- **Section A is Compulsory**
- **Answer a Total of Three Questions**

SECTION A: COMPULSORY (30%)

1 a) Differentiate between assessment and screening of a client with substance use disorder (5 marks).

b) Discuss five (5) impacts of psychopathology in the family (10 marks).

c) Explain five (5) ways in which maladaptive family structures lead to psychopathology in children (10 marks).

d) Briefly discuss any two (2) family psychopathology assessment models (5 marks).

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS (30%)

2. Joan is a 14 year old girl in form two in a nearby secondary school. She was referred to you by the school counselor after she was diagnosed with serious anxiety disorder. She is not able to concentrate on her studies.

a) Conduct your own assessment for the client (5 marks).

b) Describe the multi-disciplinary team you would put together to work with the client (5 marks).

c) Describe two (2) major causes of anxiety disorders among the adolescents (5 marks).

3 a) As a family and marriage therapist, discuss four (4) major causes of psychopathology in a family (8 marks).

b) Discuss why children and aged persons are more vulnerable to development of substance use disorders (7 marks).

4. Jessica is a 45 year old employee in a micro-finance company. She comes to you as a family and marriage therapist complaining of strained relationship in her 20 year marriage. She cites her mother-in-law as the major cause of her family problems. The husband comes home late smelling of alcohol. They have three children aged 18, 16 and 13 years old. The second born who is the only son has partial hearing impairment.

a) Identify one family systems theory to assess the family and the rationale for your choice (5 marks).

b) Who would you include in therapy and why? (4 marks)

c) Enumerate any three (3) strategies that you would use from the theory to treat the family (6 marks)

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5 a) Explain the role of pharmacotherapy in your work (5 marks)

b) Cite five (5) instances where pharmacotherapy is applicable (10) marks).