



**PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**

**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF**

**MASTER OF ARTS IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY**

**JANUARY – APRIL 2018 SEMESTER**

**CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU**

**DEPARTMENT: PSYCHOLOGY**

**COURSE CODE: MFT505**

**COURSE TITLE: PSYCHOPATHOLOGY IN THE FAMILY**

**EXAM DATE: MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018**

**TIME: 5:30PM-8:30PM**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- This examination script consists of **Five (5)** questions.
- Read all questions carefully before attempting.
- Write your **student number** on the answer booklet provided.
- Answer **Question ONE** and any other **TWO** questions
- Question **one** carries **20** marks
- Question 2-5 carry **15** marks each

## **QUESTION ONE: COMPULSORY**

- a) Account for the role of the following in family pathology:
  - i) Parenting styles (5 marks)
  - ii) Family Interaction patterns (5 marks)
- b) Identify any two types of disrupted families and analyze how the disruption can lead to pathology. (6 marks)
- c) Analyze how conceptualization of marital satisfaction inventory (MSI-R) component of sexual dissatisfaction can help a family therapist in counselling couples. (4 marks)

## **QUESTION TWO**

- a) Illustrate the importance of diagnosing a psychological disorder before formulating a treatment plan. (3 marks)
- b) Analyze the role of either;
  - i) Cognitive Approach
  - or
  - ii) Psychodynamic approach, as a cause of psychopathology in families. (6 marks)
- c) Account for the causative role of the family towards the development of psychopathology in family. (6 marks)

## **QUESTION THREE**

- a) Explain why a therapist should assess family factors and dynamics if s/he is working with individuals. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the interaction between family life cycle and family pathology. (5 marks)

## **QUESTION FOUR**

- a) A seven year old orphan has been sexually abused by her uncle. The children welfare office is seeking for her admission into a children's home. Explain four ways you would use an Environmental Assessment Index (EAI) while assessing her placement. (8 marks)
- b) Explain the importance of using a genogram in assessing families. (7 marks)

## **QUESTION FIVE**

- a) Assess the importance of the following in diagnosing mental disorders
  - i) Medical history (3 marks)
  - ii) Current functioning (3 marks)
  - iii) Thought content and process (3 marks)
- b) Discuss any three methods used in behavioural assessment. (6 marks)