



PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELLING
PSYCHOLOGY**

JANUARY – APRIL 2025 SEMESTER

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE CODE: MCP 507

COURSE TITLE: CHILD AND DOLESCENT ABNORMALITIES

EXAM DATE:

DURATION: 3 Hours

TIME: 6:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- ☐ Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- ☐ Answer question 1 and any other TWO questions
- ☐ ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply

SECTION A: COMPULSORY (20 MARKS)

QUESTION 1

- a) Discuss any two themes considered when assessing for abnormality in a child (4 Marks)
- b) Explain any two psychopathologies whose etiology is linked to divorce and separation of parents (4 Marks)
- c) In two ways, justify why autism is considered a spectrum (4 Marks)
- d) Case Study

Atu is a 6 year old boy who gets in trouble a lot from school. His mother receives calls from the school three or four times a week for incidents of fighting, kicking and running around in

corridors. He is unable to finish his work and becomes quickly distracted. At home he seems unable to sit still for any length of time, has had several falls when climbing trees and needs endless prompts to tidy his toys.

Using the above presenting client narrative:

- (i) Evaluate the disorder supported with any two symptoms (4 marks)
- (ii) Describe different interventions applicable to the psychopathology identified by you (4 marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 2

- a) Discuss any two ways a parenting style can predispose a child to present with Separation Anxiety Disorder (4 marks)
- b) Describe any three ways art and play therapy is applied in the assessment of child abnormality (6 marks)

QUESTION 3

- a) Apply any two behavioral interventions to a child presenting with Opposition Defiant Disorder (4 marks)
- b) Discuss any three basic behavior characteristics of a child presenting with Conduct Disorder (6 marks)

QUESTION 4

- a) Discuss any two behavior manifestations of a child undergoing physical abuse (4 marks)
- b) Describe any three types of emotional abuses to a child (6 marks)

QUESTION 5

- a) Differentiate between fear and anxiety (4 marks)
- b) Discuss any three symptoms of panic disorder (6 marks)