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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER
OF ARTS IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY**

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2018 SEMESTER

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE CODE: MCA600

COURSE TITLE: CHILD & ADOLESCENT ABNORMALITIES

EXAM DATE: MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2018

DURATION: 3 HOURS

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
- **Answer question 1 and any other TWO questions**
- *Write clearly and legibly.*
- *ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply*

QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

Read the Case Studies below and answer the any two questions

James is 15 year old boy born to a working class family with normal pregnancy, labor and delivery. According to his mother, as an infant, James was less demanding and relatively placid and seemed different from the first weeks of life. James often seemed less interested in social interaction. He had no real friends and displayed a number of idiosyncrasies. He would often repeat phrases from the television over and over and displays a fascination with bits of strings and lint. He would collect considerable quantities of these items and would carry them around. Any time he was discouraged from carrying these items he would get agitated with periods of body rocking or head banging. James examination report suggested an usual pattern of social relatedness-making eye contact infrequently and seeming relatively uninterested in social events. He would not make use of facial expressions, gestures or body posture to regulate the interaction and lacks emotional reciprocity. His parents report that he exhibits some stereotyped behaviour when excited and tend to adhere to various non-functional routines.

- a) From the above case, identify developmental disorders that James might be experiencing?
Outline 4 characteristics of this disorder. (4 Marks)
- b) Analyse any four (4) symptoms of the condition described in the above case.
- c) Describe any two methods of managing any of the symptoms you have cited above (8 marks.)
- d) Discuss any psychological effects that the mother of James is likely to experience (4 Marks)

QUESTION 2

- a) State four cause learning disabilities that most children will display? (4 Marks)
- b) Explain any four behaviour problems associated with children with learning disabilities? (8 Marks)
- c) Design a psycho education training program that you can use to empower parents/families with children who are struggling with learning disabilities which is contributing to their poor academic performance (8 marks)

QUESTION 3

Teenage has described by many adults a turbulent period of life for many.

- a) Identify any two common eating disorders experience in teenage (2 Marks)
- b) Clearly state the causes and symptoms of each (6 Marks)
- c) Suggest ways of management for each disorders (6 Marks)
- d) Show how each disorder can disrupt family life (6 Marks)

QUESTION 4

- a) Examine any five factors that make children vulnerable (5 Marks)
- b) Discuss five ways in which the church can advance the cause for child protection to ensure holistic development (10 Marks)
- c) Mathew 19:14 "Jesus said, "**Let the little children come to me**, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Discuss any five emotions that an abused child would manifest if this was to happen today. (5 marks)