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MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY

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CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE CODE: MCA 600

COURSE TITLE: CHILD AND ADOLESCENCE ABNORMALITIES

EXAM DATE: MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2020

DURATION: 3 HOURS

TIME: 2:30 PM - 5.30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Write your **STUDENT NUMBER** in the Answer Booklet given
- **Answer ALL questions in Section A and any other TWO in Section B**
- *Write clearly and legibly.*

Section A: Compulsory Question (20 marks)

Question

- a) Distinguish between "normal" and "abnormal" terms in the context of human behavior (4 marks)
- b) Discuss two assessment challenges posed to counselling psychologists when diagnosing a child compared to an adult (6 marks)

Question 2

- a) Identify and briefly explain two symptoms of Autism Spectrum Disorder (4 marks)
- b) Case study
Anjia and Eliuba are parents of a 7-year-old boy. Lately, they have noticed strange behaviors both at home and at school. He has been disruptive, bored, fighting with classmates and rude to his teachers. At home he hardly sits still and meal time is a nightmare to the family. His two sisters feel they have had enough of him. The parents wonder what could be wrong with him because they had no pregnancy problems and he is not on any medication. A neighbor advises them to take him to see a family therapist near by.

Assuming you are the therapist,

- (i) Identify the disorder and (ii) explain your intervention plan (6 marks)

Section B: Answer Any Two Questions (20 marks)

Question 3

- a) Explain two ways normalcy is dependent on cultural aspects of the assessor (4 marks)
- b) Discuss three behavioral manifestations synonymous with children presenting with ADHD (6 marks)

Question 4

- a) Fear and anxiety are common pathologies across most populations. Distinguish between the two. (4 marks)

- b) Discuss any two approaches a counseling psychologist may employ in diagnosing a child who is not cognitively developed to verbalize their presenting problems (6 marks)

Question 5

- a) Explain two ways a parent' s attachment to a child could lead to the development of Separation Anxiety Disorder (4 marks)
- b) Engage a two-point discourse on whether homosexuality is a mental illness or a spiritual disorder. (6 marks)