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FINAL EXAMINATION

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COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE CODE: HSC 203

TIME ALLOCATED: 2 HOURS

MARKS ALLOCATED: 75 MARKS

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY**
- 2. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.**
- 3. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY A TOTAL OF 25 MARKS**
- 4. ONE MARK IS ALLOCATED FOR ONE FACT.**

QUESTION 1

- A.** Multiple choice: Select the most appropriate answer for each question, e.g. 1.20-B
- 1.1 Our text authors assert that the best definition of psychology is:
- a. the scientific study of living organisms
 - b. the rational analysis of unconscious mental functions
 - c. the science of behaviour and mental processes
 - d. that branch of medicine that analyses people.
- 1.2 The _____ perspective would strongly consider the personality and hidden motives of a person in explaining their behaviour.
- a. psychodynamic
 - b. multicultural
 - c. cognitive
 - d. evolutionary
- 1.3 The end fate of a neurotransmitter molecule is
- a. to diffuse into the blood stream
 - b. to be taken back into the axonal terminal
 - c. to be degraded by enzymes in the synapse
 - d. B and C
- 1.4 Which of the following do not belong together?
- a. spinal cord and reflex actions
 - b. spinal cord and vertebral column
 - c. central nervous system and parasympathetic division
 - d. central nervous system and brain and spinal cord.
- 1.5 Piaget argued that mental schemes can change to new information during the process of _____
- a. mental homeostasis
 - b. accommodation
 - c. assimilation
 - d. schema expansion

1.6 According to Freud, the function of _____ is to operate according to the _____ principle.

- a. ego; pleasure
- b. superego; reality
- c. id; social reality
- d. id; pleasure

1.7 The Freudian term _____ refers to a psychic energy that motivates our behaviour

- a. libido
- b. reaction energy
- c. drive
- d. incentive

1.8 Busi is overly concerned with being neat and tidy. Freud would most likely suggest that she is fixated at the _____ stage.

- a. oral
- b. phallic
- c. anal
- d. latent

1.9 The refusal of a dying person to recognize their impending death is termed the

- a. bargaining
- b. denial
- c. acceptance
- d. anger stage

1.10 A(n) _____ is a psychological state that involves subjective feelings, a physiological response, and a behavioural response

- a. mood
- b. motive
- c. emotion
- d. incentive

1.11 An aversion to food may be acquired thorough the process of

- a. maturation
- b. behavioural potentiation
- c. classical conditioning
- d. operant conditioning

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B. Indicate the correct match between a classical conditioning term and its definition.

_____. A temporal arrangement in classical conditioning in which the Conditioned Stimulus overlaps with the Unconditioned stimulus

_____. The response of an organism to the conditioned stimulus.

_____. A neutral stimulus that does not elicit a response prior to conditioning.

_____. A temporal arrangement in classical conditioning in which there is a gap between the CS and UCS.

_____. A stimulus that does not require conditioning to induce a response.

_____. A response elicited by a stimulus (does not require conditioning)

_____. A temporal arrangement in classical conditioning in which the UCS comes on before the CS.

- a. conditioned stimulus
- b. unconditioned response
- c. delay conditioning
- d. unconditioned stimulus
- e. backward conditioned
- f. conditioned response
- g. trace conditioning

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C. Describe the following personality disorders.

- i. Histrionic [4]
- ii. Paranoid [4]

TOTAL 25

QUESTION 2

- (a) With the use of examples. Discuss any five (5) defence mechanism you know [2x5=10]
- (b) As nurses you often encounter patients dying. Describe the stages of dying [5x3=15]

TOTAL MARKS 25

QUESTION 3

- A. Briefly describe factors that influence intelligence [9]
- B. In the children's ward we are likely to observe and nurse children in the stages of Piaget.
Name and describe these stages. [11]

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