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EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER

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INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer question number one and any two others.

Each question carries 100 marks.

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EXAMINATION

1. *Jokochera began talking about organized crime so often that his father and sister brought him to the Masvingo General Hospital mental health clinic. Upon examination there, Jokochera was found to be a poorly groomed young man who seemed inattentive and preoccupied. His family suspected that he could be using mutoriro (crystal meth) or alcohol, but his drug screening results were negative. He did not want to eat the meal offered by the hospital staff and voiced concern that they might be trying to hide drugs in his food. His father and sister told the staff that Jokochera's great-grandmother had had a serious illness and had lived for 30 years at Ngomahuru Mental Health Institution. Magorimbo's mother left the family when Magorimbo was very young. She has been out of touch with them, and they thought she might have been treated for mental health problems.*

To what extent does the medical model explain the existence of abnormal behavior in Jokochera's family?

2. 'Global history of mental conditions is disjointed and distorted to an extent that one cannot trace it'. Discuss this assertion using the Zimbabwean scenario.
3. Discuss the sociocultural views on schizophrenia, considering the impact of socioeconomic status, cultural beliefs, and social support on the course and outcome of the disorder.
4. 'The whole DSM classification system is both redundant and useless in the classification of mental disorders. Argue.
5. (a) How did Freud explain normal and abnormal functioning? (70)
(b) Assess the Psychodynamic Model (30)