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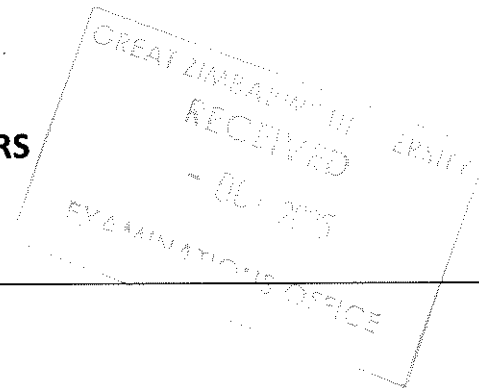
EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER

MODULE CODE : SPSY404

MODULE NARRATION : ADVANCED PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

DATE : 2025

DURATION : 3 HOURS



INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES:

- 1. Answer question number one and any two others.
Each question carries 100 Marks.**

1. *Gabriella, a 19-year-old undergraduate student at a local University was admitted to Ngomahuru Psychiatric Hospital. She claims to hear God's voice and see the devil with his titanium fork. Rumour has it she was introduced to drugs such as crystal meth and marijuana by her boyfriend. During the initial assessment, Gabriella appeared agitated and disoriented. She reported hearing God telling her that her family was plotting against her and that she needed to protect herself. She even sees shadows moving around the room and feels as if someone is watching her. Gabriella is unable to concentrate, her speech is disorganised, and she appeared to be responding to internal stimuli. Gabriella's parents gave evidence that there is no history of mental illness in both of their families.*
 - a. Outline and justify the full symptomatology of the most likely disorder Gabriella is suffering from. (50)
 - b. Explain how the Behavioural approach can shed light on the development of such a disorder. (50)
2. Assess the utility of the different assessment tools used by psychologists to get information in order to facilitate the diagnosis and treatment of psychological disorders.
3. Explain the different aetiologies of Schizophrenia.
4. 'History keeps repeating itself'. Discuss this notion with respect to Zimbabwe's history of mental illness.
5. Assess the contribution of the cognitive behaviour paradigm in the general understanding of any one of the eating disorders.

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