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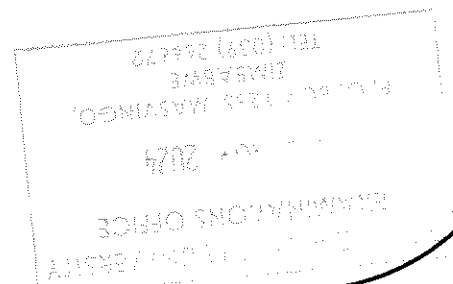
LEVEL 4 SEMESTER 1

EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER

MODULE CODE : PSYH412
MODULE NARRATION : PSYCHOPATHOLOGY
DATE : 2024
DURATION : 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES:

- 1. Answer question 1 and any other two questions.
Each question carries 100 marks.**



1. *Mutsongodza, a major at a large university. Over the past few weeks his family and friends have noticed increasingly bizarre behaviors. On many occasions they've overheard him whispering in an agitated voice, even though there is no one nearby. Lately, he has refused to answer or make calls on his cell phone, claiming that if he does it will activate a deadly chip that was implanted in his brain by evil aliens. His parents have tried to get him to go with them to a psychiatrist for an evaluation, but he refuses. He has accused them on several occasions of conspiring with the aliens to have him killed so they can remove his brain and put it inside one of their own. He has stopped attending classes altogether. He is now so far behind in his coursework that he might fail if something doesn't change very soon. Although Mutsongodza occasionally has a few beers with his friends, he's never been known to abuse alcohol or use drugs. He does, however, have an estranged aunt who has been in and out of psychiatric hospitals over the years due to erratic and bizarre behavior.*

a) Assess the contribution of different theoretical models in our understanding of Mutsongadza's condition.

2. 'Cognitive factors are the best and trusted factors in accounting for the etiology of clinical depression.' Discuss.

3. Examine the importance of a clinical psychologist at any one Zimbabwean psychiatric hospital of your choice.

4. Analyze the increasing suicide rate among adolescents and young adults, and the challenges and risk factors faced by the elderly population

5. a. How do the biological theorists explain abnormal behavior? 70

b. Assessing the Biological Model (30)