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PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

CODE: SPSS 412

SESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

EXAMINER: MS N. MUTONGORENI

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Answer only **FOUR** questions*
 - 2. Total marks **100**.*
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Question 1

Define the following:

- (a) Psychopathology **(2 marks)**
- (b) Hallucinations **(3 marks)**
- (c) Delusions **(3 marks)**
- (d) What are the aims of studying psychopathology? **(4 marks)**
- (e) Discuss how mental illness is viewed in different cultural contexts, including Zimbabwe. **(13 marks)**

Question 2

- (a) Explain the importance of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Health Disorders. **(10 marks)**
- (b) Study the following case and answer the question below: Case Study

Phil is a 67-year-old male who reports that his biggest problem is worrying. He worries all of the time and about “everything under the sun.” For example, he reports equal worry about his wife who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer and whether he returned his book to the library. He recognizes that his wife is more important than a book, and is bothered that both cause him similar levels of worry. Phil is unable to control his worrying. Accompanying this excessive and uncontrollable worry are: difficulty in falling asleep, impatience with others, difficulty focusing at work, and significant back and muscle tension. Phil has had a lifelong problem with worry, recalling that his mother called him a “worry wart.” His worrying does wax and wane, and worsened when his wife was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

What is the appropriate diagnosis and treatment plan for this client? **(15 marks)**

Question 3

Trace the historical development of psychopathology. **(25 marks)**

Question 4

Explore the aetiology, symptoms and treatment of autism. **(25marks)**

Question 5

Comment on the view that depression is the common cold of mental illness whilst schizophrenia is the cancer of mental illness. **(25 marks)**

Question 6

Discuss the bio-psychosocial approach to mental health focusing on the aetiology and treatment of mental health disorders. **(25 marks)**

END OF EXAMINATION