

**M.A. (PSYCHOLOGY) EXAMINATION, AUGUST 2020**  
**PLC 201: PERSONALITY SYSTEMS AND THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK**

Date: 19/08/2020

Total Marks: 60

- Instructions: 1) All questions are compulsory.  
2) Figures to the right indicate marks.

**Q.NO.IA) Write short notes on any two of the following:**

(5mrks)

- i) Differentiate between the Biopsychosocial and Gestalt Approach to personality.
- ii) "Personality is conscious." Comment in the light of characteristic features of personality.
- iii) Discuss the pros and cons of the trait approach to personality.

**Q.NO.IB) Write an essay on any one of the following:**

(10mrks)

- i) Critically evaluate the type approach of personality, drawing on relevant research.
- ii) Summarize the similarities and differences among Allport's and Cattell's trait theories of personality.

**Q.NO.IIA) Write short notes on any two of the following:**

(5mrks)

- i) Identify four ontological assumptions May made concerning human beings, and explain how they can give us a structural basis for a science of personality.
- ii) Explain how May defined myth and why he believed we need new myths.
- iii) Demonstrate how May confronted the paradoxes involved in each of the following goals of integration: love, intentionality, the daimonic, courage and creativity, power, freedom and destiny.



**Q.NO.IIB) Write an essay on any one of the following:**

**(10mrks)**

- i) Critically evaluate Carl Rogers theory of personality.
- ii) What is a hierarchy of needs? Critically discuss how the identification of a hierarchy of needs has been used to explain personality.

**Q.NO.IIIA) Write short notes on any two of the following:**

**(5mrks)**

- i) Compare and contrast Freud's and Jung's concepts of the ego.
- ii) Describe how the goal of superiority arises from inferiority feelings and leads to an individual's style of life.
- iii) Explain what Adler meant by social interest and finalism, and give examples of fictional finalism.

**Q.NO.IIIB) Write an essay on any one of the following:**

**(10mrks)**

- i) Critically evaluate Freud's theory from the viewpoints of philosophy, science, and art.
- ii) Discuss each one of Erikson's stages in terms of the Freudian psychosexual stage that it reflects, the emotional duality that it involves, and the particular ego strength that emerges from it.

**Q.NO.IVA) Write short notes on any two of the following:**

**(5mrks)**

- i) Explain what Bandura means by triadic reciprocal causation, and identify the three factors that enter into it.
- ii) Explain what schemas, automatic thoughts, and cognitive distortions are.
- iii) Describe Bandura's contributions to behavioral modification.

**Q.NO.IVB) Write an essay on any one of the following:**

**(10mrks)**

- i) Discuss the salient features of reinforcement theory of personality.
- ii) Albert Ellis maintains that how an individual thinks largely determines how he/she feels and behaves. Elucidate.