

PARLIAMENT OF INDIA  
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MAIN EXAMINATION FOR POSTS OF EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE/COMMITTEE/PROTOCOL OFFICER  
RESEARCH/REFERENCE OFFICER IN LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT

3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2010

PSYCHOLOGY - Paper-I

**INSTRUCTIONS :** Answers must be written in English only. Candidates should attempt at least 2 questions from each section and total 5 questions. All questions carry equal marks.

Time: 3 hours

Marks: 300

SECTION – A

1. Compare case study method with survey method discussing the advantages and disadvantages of each method. Evaluate the usefulness of focused group discussions for making family planning programmes more effective.
2. With the help of suitable research studies, discuss the role of genetic and environmental factors in determining human behaviour. How would you promote psychological well-being of a 50 year old male who has been living under socio-economically deprived environmental conditions?
3. Illustrate the top-down and bottom-up processing in perception. Explain the monocular and binocular cues of depth perception. To what extent does culture play a role in perception? Elaborate with the help of examples.
4. Distinguish between positive reinforcers, negative reinforcers and punishment. Can punishment be used effectively to modify behaviour? Discuss the importance of social learning.
5. Discuss the level-of-processing theory with its practical implications. How can the information be retrieved from long-term memory store?

SECTION – B

6. Discuss the physiological basis of emotions. How would you relate emotion and motivation? Explain the factors determining intrinsic motivation.
7. Distinguish between intelligence and aptitude. How can IQ be assessed? Explain the concepts of fluid and crystallized intelligence citing relevant examples.
8. Discuss the behaviouristic and trait vs. type approaches to personality. Describe the usefulness of projective techniques in the measurement of personality.
9. How are attitudes formed and maintained? Explain the theories of attitude change with the help of relevant research studies.
10. How effectively can the computers be used for the purpose of psychological testing and data analysis? What do you understand by artificial intelligence?

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PSYCHOLOGY - Paper- II

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**Time: 3 hours**

**Marks: 300**

**SECTION – A**

1. There is a view that Indian society is more relational than individualistic. Critically discuss its implications for various issues that are specific to our society.
2. Describe the characteristics of a good test for the measurement of intelligence. Discuss the applicability of psychological tests in a diverse society like India.
3. Mental health is described as the absence of symptoms. How do Indian views on well-being transcend this feature of double negatives?
4. Compare the effectiveness of psychodynamic therapy with client-centered therapy. Illustrate with suitable examples.
5. Based on research studies on the development of aggression, critically analyse the contemporary Bollywood films for their impact on the adolescent behaviour.

**SECTION – B**

6. Account for anti-reservation movement in India in terms of processes of social identification theory by Tajfel.
7. Delineate the processes of decision making in groups. Can leadership effectiveness be understood outside of the cultural context? Discuss.
8. Is socialization a sufficient category of explanation to account for Gender discrimination in India? Discuss.
9. Discuss the significance of inclusive education in facilitating the integration of intellectually challenged children.
10. Write a critical essay on Psychology of Terrorism.