

# IAS Mains Psychology 2003

## Paper I

### Section A

1. Answer any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
  - a. In the present modern age there is a wide range of application of Psychology and consequently the present status of psychology is that of exporter of knowledge/Discuss the statement highlighting your point of view.
  - b. Explain the basic processes involved in remembering and also highlight the phenomenon which may occur when any one of the basic processes fails to operate properly.
  - c. 'Psychology is a science' Discuss the statement in the light of its historical development
  - d. What can be done to move from correlational inferences to causal inferences?
2. Differentiate between learning and training. Discuss Pavlovian learning theory with the help of experimental evidence.
3. What is perceptual organization? Describe its various factors with the help of examples.
4. Discuss in detail the influence of child-rearing practices on the growth and development of an individual.

### Section B

5. Answer any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
  - a. Is personality consistent? Give your answer with the support of relevant studies.
  - b. "Motivation is a goal-directed behaviour" Discuss the statement highlighting the steps involved in the process of motivation.
  - c. What is communication? Describe the processes involved in communication.
  - d. Describe the meaning of creativity and discuss the ways for fostering creative talents
6. Is intelligence different from aptitude? Discuss Spearman's theory of intelligence.
7. How attitudes are formed? Discuss its various components.
8. Give a detailed description of computer applications in psychological studies and research. Cite relevant examples in support of your answer.