IAS Mains Psychology 1998

Time Allowed: Three Hours Maximum Marks: 300

Candidates should attempt Questions 1 and 5 which are compulsory, and any three of the remaining questions selecting at least one question from each Section.

All questions carry equal marks.

Section A

- 1. Answer any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
 - a. Analyse the salient features of a laboratory experimental design.
 - b. Is person perceiption a critical variable in human interaction? Illustrate your answer.
 - c. Delineate the principles involved in programmed learning. Is it feasible to programme higher form of learning.
 - d. How do convergent and divergent thinking differ? Nan it be integrated in higher form of creative thinking?
- 2. Analyse the relative contributions of heredity and environment in the development of human behaviour. Illustrate your answer from real life situations.
- 3. Do the principles of perceptual organisation point to their inborn nature? Cite experimental evidences in this context.
- 4. Can We sustain the statement that much of our behaviour is the result of classical and operant enditioning?

Section B

- 5. Answer any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
 - a. What specific role does social intelligence play in the management of people?
 - b. How do one's values motivate his behaviour? Illustrate your answer.
 - c. Detail the correlates of Rapid Eye Movements (REM) in sleep.
 - d. Specify the human problems associat3>ed with space flight. Give experimental evidences.
- 6. Highlight with examples the strategies of concept formation in children.
- 7. Do the projective techniques of personality assessment have an edge over psychometric tests? Cite experimental evidences in this context.
- 8. Discuss the view that the mechanistic model of man is an oversimplification of the facts of behaviour. Examine the concept of integrated model with a view to present a balanced picture.