

# IAS Mains Psychology 1995

## Paper I

### Section A

1. Answer any three of the following in about 200 words each:
  - a. What do you mean by the S-O-R paradigm?
  - b. What is culturally conditioned behaviour? Give examples.
  - c. Is reminiscence a fact or a misnomer? Answer with relevant findings in support
  - d. Explain convergent and divergent thinking.
2. Describe the essential features of an experiment in psychology giving suitable examples. Discuss the limitations of the experimental method.
3. Evaluate critically the contribution of the Gestalt school to the development of psychology as a science with special reference to the study of perception.
4. Give an adequate description of the classical and the operant conditioning situations and compare them with respect to the nature of reinforcement and the kind of responses that are learned.

### Section B

5. Explain any three of the following in not more than 200 words each:
  - a. Factorial approach to the study of personality
  - b. Stages in language development
  - c. Sensory deprivation and its effects on behaviour
  - d. Man as viewed from the standpoint of humanistic psychology
6. Explain the G and the S factors in intelligence. Describe one test each known to you for measuring the G factor and the S factor.
7. Discuss the need-hierarchy theory and comment on its relevance and utility today in understanding human behaviour.
8. What are attitudes? Can they be changed? Explain the characteristics of the source of message which strongly affect one's response to any attempt at changing attitudes.