

IAS Mains Psychology 1997

Paper-II

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 (each answer should not exceed 200 words):
 - a. Briefly describe the origin of the measurement of individual differences and comment on the present status of psychological testing in India.
 - b. What is group cohesiveness? Discuss the factors affecting group cohesiveness.
 - c. Is aptitude testing sufficient for determining the suitability of a person for a particular job? If not, mention the other tests that should be applied?
 - d. Define achievement motivation. Discuss the basic factors on which the success of a programme of increasing individual motivation depends.
2. Describe the prominent symptoms of psychosis and discuss the main points of difference between psychotic and neurotic reactions.
3. It is said that Indian society is resistant to change. Is it true? If so discuss the factors responsible for this and suggest measures to combat the same.
4. What is the aim of psychoanalytic therapy? Discuss the significance of free association and dream analysis in the process of psychoanalytic therapy.

Section B

5. Answer any three of the following (each answer should not exceed 200 words):
 - a. Explain the concept of deprivation. How is it different from disadvantage?
 - b. Can stress be totally eliminated? Discuss the main sources of stress in our society.
 - c. Describe the verbal and non-verbal modes of communication and mention their significance.
 - d. Juvenile delinquency is the outcome of broken homes. Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer.
6. Discuss the different sources of development of prejudice in India, What steps do you suggest for minimizing the effects of prejudice.
7. Mention some of the techniques used in behaviour therapy and comment on its applicability.
8. What is meant by socialization? Comment on the view that school is the best agent of socialization.