

IAS Mains Psychology 1990

Paper II

Section A

1. Answer any three of the following (Each answer should not exceed 200 words):
 - a. Critically examine the view that Intelligence scores vary depending on various socio cultural differences of the subjects tested. Evaluate the status of reliability and validity of these tests as predictive instruments.
 - b. The same fire which melts butter hardens steel! Explain this phenomenon in the Context of frustration and stress resolution in personality development with examples.
 - c. What are the characteristics of neurotic and psychotic depressions? Do you think the lines of treatment should be similar in both?
 - d. What are the different forms of group therapy? Does it exclude behaviour therapy from its process of insight development?
2. Discuss the motivational determinants of effective job performance. Do individual differences in respect of job satisfaction play a significant role in job performance?
3. How do socio-economic disadvantages adversely affect the cognitive development of children in early years of growth? Suggest ameliorative and compensatory educational measures to modify these deficiencies. Indicate the critical period concept in this context.
4. Examine the various ethnic and communal prejudices which operate against the forces of national integration in India. How do you plan a programme of education and propaganda media leading to healthy national integration?

Section B

5. Answer any three of the following (Each answer should not exceed 200 words):
 - a. Different leadership styles determine the nature and quality of group management. Discuss.
 - b. What are the motivational and attitudinal components of change proneness? Draw up a programme of change to enhance and strengthen this property in people.
 - c. What is Entrepreneur syndrome? How do environmental and family set-up determine the emergence of this syndrome?
 - d. Discuss how achievement motivation depends on socioeconomic and personality factors. Can achievement motivation be improved & strengthened?
6. What is mental retardation? Discuss the genesis of different types of mental retardation. Suggest measures for this rehabilitation.
7. Discuss how information management, with a view to facilitate effective communication in a democratic set-up is primarily the responsibility of various mass media. What should be the role of Government and leadership in this process?
8. Examine the view that alcoholism and drug addiction is basically a part of disorganised personality syndrome established in home setting. Suggest measures to arrest this process of personality disorganisation.