



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2018/2019 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

.....YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

DATE:

TIME:

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**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS.**

## QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms (10 marks)
- Psychological Assessment
  - Reliability
  - Validity
  - Psychometrics
  - Inter-rater reliability
- b) Briefly explain the importance of DSM-5 in psychological assessment (10 marks)
- c) Discuss the importance of psychological assessment (10 marks)

## QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Evaluate the power of a psychologist in cognitive assessment (10 marks)
- b) Outline the steps used in assessing adults (10 marks)

## QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the importance of writing a psychological report in assessment (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the importance of reading the referral note after the initial assessment of clients (10 marks)

## QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the principles of report writing in psychological assessment (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the importance of writing the history of the presenting illness in psychological assessment (10 marks)

## QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the importance of using art and play therapy in assessment of children (10 marks)
- b) Evaluate five ethical issues that must be observed while writing a psychological report (10 marks)