

Ambedkar University, Delhi

MA Psychology (Psychosocial Clinical Studies) Entrance Test

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SECTION B

Total Marks: 60

Instructions:

1. Section B has 15 questions.
2. Please mark your answer on *this* sheet in the space provided. Indicate your answer by circling the correct response clearly with a pen. The rationale for the choice you have indicated has to be offered in the space provided after each question.

An Appeal

This Section contains views of prominent thinkers and authors stated as questions in the Multiple Choice questions format. We advise you not to respond to them as questions only. These are views and thoughts which the School of Human Studies in its MA Psychology program grooms a thinking around, thinking over, thinking out, thinking through, etc. We want you to be spontaneous here with what you prefer from amongst the various interpretations; what is your own leaning; what brings you alive. We can anticipate that a student may get excited in more than one direction; you will also agree that the reader will need to know more about such a state of affairs. So in order to communicate your stance to us better, do detail your thoughts by writing a few sentences in the space provided after each question. Wherever you sense that you haven't understood a particular view or issue, go by the sound of its echoes in your mind – in other words pick through your intuition. We are on the lookout for a process of owning up what you would live by at this stage rather than what is considered to be some sort of ideal or prescription. Even a simpler thought owned by someone in a loving, felt way produces its own shine, its own radiance rather than something more inclusive chosen where it only feels more desirable to do so.

Oh yes! How can this not be mentioned – please feel free to write a fifth or a sixth or a seventh angle to the ones already indicated – this will give us a chance to grow up with your point of view. We will have more time to discuss these in our Interviews later.

1. Relationships

- a) are romantic b) are violent c) require self transformation
- d) become stronger when they endure crises

2. Social structures:

- a) We are born into them b) are independent of us c) can be appropriated
- d) resist transformation

3. Madness

- a) preserves a linear structure b) remains inchoate c) is a commitment
- d) accrues from an unspeakable secret

4. What is it about the joke's dirtiness that makes it so funny?

- a) the direct engagement with the tabooed themes
- b) the sense of sudden betrayal of hidden hostility in the listener
- c) the joker's sense of power in outwitting the audience and reassurance of not being caught
- d) dirty is pleasurable

5. The origin of playing in a child is associated with:

- a) developing symbolic capacity in the child.

b) interactions with other children.

c) trust in the mother.

d) capacity to be alone.

6. A symptom is formed because of

a) inner conflicts b) social pressures c) bodily imbalances

d) *upari hawa* (spirit possession)

7. The opposite of religious and ethnic violence is

a) Secularism b) Punishment of offenders

c) Religious and ethnic tolerance d) Modern liberal education

8. In relationships we hope to find a home for

a) Acceptance b) Hate c) Enigma d) Horror

9. Sometimes the cut is so deep no "woe-is-my-tale" is enough.

a) Silence is the best way to deal with it.

b) Because the cut is deep, it remains fresh and unspeakable.

c) In the absence of a tale, my pain is unknown to me.

d) But I read.

10. Once upon a time, there was a couple: Beauty and Sadness. A child was born to them. It was called:

- a) Hope b) Meaninglessness c) Contempt d) Gratitude

11. Which is the most distinctive feature of the "traditional Indian family":

- a) To regard the feelings of others before one's own
b) To learn to find one's place within a hierarchy of relationships
c) To retain a "secret life" as an individual of desires, wishes and fantasies
d) To believe in the law of Karma and the principle of rebirth

12. What does otherness mean to you?

- a) A sense of fusion b) Violence
c) Recognition of difference d) Fear

13. Day dreams and fantasies help us to:

- a) bridge the gap between desires and reality
b) sustain faith and hope through the difficult journey of life
c) remain in touch with our hallucinatory potential and the rhythms of the inner world.
d) deal with absences, loss and psychic gaps

14. If you identified with the Existential School of thought, which amongst the following would you concentrate most on:

- a) Retaining the awareness of death as an integral part of life and living.
- b) Focusing on the inescapable "Grounds of the Human Situation"
- c) Striving to reach meaning and authenticity and moving beyond "bad faith"
- d) Giving up the quest for finding logic and reason and accepting the contingent and unpredictable nature of life

15. Being human is to recognize:

- a) that each of us has an unlimited reservoir of empathy and love
- b) that the animal in us and the machine in us are never too far
- c) that as the most evolved species, it is our responsibility to engineer Nature
- d) all mothers also hate their babies
- e) we can never escape our histories
- f) difference is simultaneously the precondition of our identity and the predisposition to annihilate the Other
