



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

APS 103: HISTORY AND SYSTEMS OF PSYCHOLOGY

DATE: Monday, 2nd April, 2012

TIME: 8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

This paper has five questions. Answer question **ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions.

1.
 - a) How do the data of History differ from the data of science? (2 marks)
 - b)
 - i) What is the zeitgeist? (1 mark)
 - ii) How does the zeitgeist affect the evolution of a science? (2 marks)
 - c)
 - i) What is meant by the term 'school of thought'? (2 marks)
 - ii) Explain why the science of psychology is said not to have reached a paradigmatic stage of development (2 marks)
 - d) Explain how the development of clocks and automata relate to the idea of determinism and reductionism? (4 marks)
 - e) Identify and briefly describe four attributes of mental elements that were formulated by Titchener. (8 marks)
 - f) Identify and discuss three difficulties faced by scholars in assessing the worth of historical material. (9 marks)

2. a) Distinguish between:-
- i) personalistic and naturalistic conceptions of scientific history. (2 marks)
 - ii) primary and secondary qualities (2 marks)
 - iii) mediate and immediate experiences (2 marks)
- b) Discuss any three contextual forces in the 19th and 20th century that influenced the development of modern psychology. (9 marks)
- c) Briefly explain three major forces that Watson effectively brought together to form his behavioral psychology. (3 marks)
- d) How did Watson distinguish between implicit and explicit responses? (2 marks)
3. a) Identify and briefly describe Gestalt's principals of perceptual organization. (12 marks)
- b) Discuss four limitations of the Gestalt approach. (8 marks)
4. a) Compare Wilhelm Wundt's and E.B. Titchener's psychology (10 marks)
- b) Identify and describe Freud's psychosexual stages of personality development. (10 marks)
5. a) Briefly discuss Rene Descartes's contributions to the development of modern psychology. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss any four contributions of structuralism to modern psychology. (8 marks)
- c) Explain one major contribution of Hermann Ebbinghaus to psychology. (2 marks)