

**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF ARTS**

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER II – 2017/2018

SOC 3255 – Introduction to Psychological Disorders

Two (02) Hours

Answer Three (03) questions only

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1. 'It is dangerous to state that a person's behaviour is 'normal' or 'abnormal''. Do you agree? Explain this statement in relation to consequences such a diagnosis might have on a person's life.
 2. Compare and contrast the styles of management and treatment of the mental health institutions in the films 'Rain Man' and 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest'.
 3. Individuals with manic disorders want to be with people, have a lot of self-confidence and are optimistic and joke a lot. These are also behavior that are found in people who are happy. What criteria would help diagnose a person as suffering from a manic disorder? Explain with examples.
 4. 'Depression is almost twice as likely to affect men than women and tends to have different contributing causes in men than it does in women'. Do you agree with this statement? Discuss using examples and relevant literature.
 5. 'The cognitive-behavioural model of obsessive-compulsive disorder, which has some empirical support but does not fully explain the disorder, emphasises the importance of dysfunctional beliefs in individuals affected'. Critically discuss this statement.
 6. 'People with schizophrenia seem like they have lost touch with reality'.
 - (i) Describe the symptoms of schizophrenia
 - (ii) Explain this statement with examples from the film 'A Beautiful Mind'
