

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

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER II – 2018

SOC 1202 – Principles of Psychology

Two (02) Hours

Answer Four (04) questions only

1. “Both structuralist and functionalist perspectives utilize introspection as a method to study the human mind.” Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons.
2. Explain the significance of the biological perspective in understanding the normal and abnormal characteristics of human behavior with reference to four reasons that lead to abnormalities in human behavior.
3. You are walking on a path near a paddy field to collect data for a university assignment, when you come across a charging bull. Explain how the James Lange theory and Cannon Bard Theory assist you to understand your reactions towards the above situation.

4. **Either**

Using examples discuss how the development of the individual personality takes place either positively and negatively using the stages of psycho-sexual development of Freud.

Or

The theory of psycho-sexual development of Erik Erikson describes the result of identity crisis experienced by an individual at different stages from infancy to maturity. Do you agree with this statement? Discuss.

P.T.O.

5. You have been instructed by your psychology lecturer to conduct a psychological research on the impact of watching aggressive and violent videos on the development of aggressive behavioral patterns in children.
- i. State the research method you would utilize and explain why you have chosen the said method.
 - ii. Describe the strengths and limitations of the chosen method and provide suggestions to avoid the limitations.
6. Using a theory on learning, describe how you would train a monkey to respond to the sound of a bell and eat a banana.
7. 'It is through sensation and perception that we understand the external world.' Describe this statement with reference to the functions of the sensory system/organs with examples.
8. Write short notes on any **two (02)** of the following topics:
1. Perceptual Constancies
 2. Skinner's Experiment (with special reference to experimenting with a cat)
 3. Cognition
 4. Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs
