

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2024
(Fourth Semester)

Branch – **PSYCHOLOGY**

LEGAL ASPECTS OF PSYCHOLOGY

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

SECTION-A (5 Marks)

Answer **ALL** questions

ALL questions carry **EQUAL** marks

(5 x 1 = 5)

1. Psycholegal assessments are used to _____
 - a) Diagnose mental disorders.
 - b) Evaluate an individual's mental state in the legal context.
 - c) Provide psychotherapy for mental health concerns.
 - d) Conduct research on psychological phenomena.

2. The insanity defense is based on the concept that a defendant _____
 - a) Committed the crime out of passion
 - b) Lacks the mental capacity to understand the wrongfulness of the act
 - c) Comes from a disadvantaged background
 - d) Was influenced by peer pressure

3. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasizes the importance of _____
 - a) Strict academic performance standards.
 - b) Holistic development of students, including mental well-being.
 - c) Focus on rote learning and memorization.
 - d) Competitive examinations for higher education.

4. The maintenance and welfare of parents and senior citizens act allows senior citizens to _____
 - a) Claim a share in their children's property.
 - b) File a maintenance petition against negligent children.
 - c) Force their children to live with them.
 - d) Retire from work at any age.

5. Psychologists can advocate for better mental health services in the legal system by _____
 - a) Lobbying for harsher punishments for criminals with mental illness.
 - b) Providing expert testimony on the impact of mental illness on behavior.
 - c) Offering legal advice to clients facing mental health challenges.
 - d) Protesting against the use of involuntary hospitalization.

SECTION - B (15 Marks)

Answer **ALL** Questions

ALL Questions Carry **EQUAL** Marks (5 x 3 = 15)

6. a) Explain the role of psychologists in crimes against children.
OR
b) Explain the role of psychologists in matrimonial disputes

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7. a) Explore how legislation can be used to combat discrimination against students with mental health conditions within the educational system.

OR

- b) Explain the main propositions by Kothari commission on education system.

8. a) Analyze Gurupadasamy Committee's findings on the socio-economic factors contributing to child labour in India.

OR

- b) Discuss the existing challenges related to rehabilitation infrastructure for juvenile offenders in India.

9. a) Explain the role and mandate of the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) as established by the Government of India.

OR

- b) Explain the specific benefits and schemes available under the RPWD Act,2016.

10. a) Explain the primary goals of an Amicus Curie.

OR

- b) Describe the significance of Wide Range Achievement Test in forensic assessment.

SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (5 x 6 = 30)

11. a) Differentiate between statutory and administrative law.

OR

- b) Analyze how ethics, morality and justice interplay in courts.

12. a) Critically analyse the significance of amendments made in Mental Health Care Act 2017.

OR

- b) Critically evaluate the role of NEP,2020 in improving India's education system.

13. a) Discuss how juvenile Justice Act can ensure both the safety and the potential for rehabilitation of children are addressed effectively.

OR

- b) Analyse the provisions of the National Child Labour Project Scheme.

14. a) The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (2016) (RPWD Act) provides a legal definition of disability in India. Analyze the strengths and limitations of this definition in ensuring comprehensive protection for people with disabilities.

OR

- b) Analyze potential challenges in implementing senior citizen rights legislation in India and suggest strategies for improvement.

15. a) Evaluate the significance of criminal profiling and psychological autopsies.

OR

- b) Discuss the merits and demerits of insanity defence.

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