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Mid Term Examinations - October 2026

Date: 05/10/2026 **Time:** 09:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Course Code: MSP4302 **Course Name:** Forensic Psychology

Semester: Third Semester **Max. Marks:** 50 **Weightage:** 50%

CO - Levels	CO1	CO2	CO3	CO4
Marks	10	40	20	20

PART A: Answer Following Questions. 10 M

Q.N.	Questions	M	CO	BT
1	Explain any two important functions of a forensic psychologis	2	CO1	BT2
2	Explain the significance of the Indian legal framework for forensic psychology.	2	CO1	BT2
3	Explain the concept of psychopathy and mention any two characteristics associated with it	2	CO1	BT2
4	Explain the major provisions of the POCSO Act relevant to forensic psychological practice.	2	CO1	BT2
5	Explain how substance abuse can be associated with criminal behaviour.	2	CO1	BT2

PART B : Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M

Q.N.	Questions	M	CO	BT
6	A forensic psychologist is evaluating an offender who demonstrates high impulsivity, emotional instability and persistent antisocial behaviour. Apply Eysenck's dimensions of personality to explain the possible relationship between personality and criminal behaviour	10	CO2	BT3
7	An offender has developed aggressive behaviour after repeatedly observing and imitating violent behaviour within his social environment. Apply Bandura's social learning theory to explain how the behaviour may have been learned and maintained.	10	CO2	BT3

PART C: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M

Q.N.	Questions	M	CO	BT
8	A child reports sexual abuse and is required to participate in legal proceedings. Apply the provisions of the POCSO Act, 2012 to explain how the investigation, statement recording, medical examination and court procedures should be approached from a child-friendly perspective	10	CO2	BT3
9	A juvenile aged 17 years is alleged to have committed a heinous offence. Apply the relevant provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 to explain the preliminary assessment and possible legal processes involved.	10	CO2	BT3

PART D: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M

Q.N.	Questions	M	CO	BT

10	Analyze how biological, psychological and socio-cultural explanations of crime differ in their understanding of criminal behaviour. Discuss the strengths and limitations of considering only one level of explanation.	10	CO3	BT4
11	Analyze the interaction between individual and situational factors in aggression using the General Aggression Model. Explain how thoughts, emotions and physiological arousal can influence behavioural decisions	10	CO3	BT4

PART E: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M				
Q.N.	**Questions**	**M**	**CO**	**BT**
12	Evaluate the role of VRAG, SARA and other structured violence-risk assessment approaches in forensic decision-making. Discuss static and dynamic risk factors and the limitations of risk prediction.	10	CO4	BT5
13	Evaluate the relationship between substance abuse, mental illness and criminal responsibility. Discuss why forensic professionals need to distinguish between clinical symptoms, substance-related behaviour and legally relevant responsibility.	10	CO4	BT5