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CRITICAL ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY PSYCHOLOGY

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

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Time: 3 hours

(In addition, candidates are allowed ten minutes before the examination begins to read the paper.)

ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS

1. How is EI best conceptualised? Discuss current critical issues relating to its measurement.
2. The current accreditation guidelines for undergraduate courses in psychology in Australia generally proscribe the offering of practical experience in dealing with clients or patients at any stage in the four year degree. This prohibition is largely based upon the adoption of the "scientist/practitioner model" as the basis for the development of curricula. What is this model? In your answer consider any flaws in the model which may follow from a contemporary view of the nature of the practice of science and indicate how that model may be altered, which would allow the imputation into the undergraduate curriculum of practical based experience and the development of psychological skills.
3. Discuss the role of the person and the environment in the concept of disability and its assessment.
4. What features do restorative justice and forgiveness have in common, and how are they distinguishable from other forms of justice? Using both theory and evidence of application, discuss the problems and the potential of restorative responses (including forgiveness), relative to retributive responses.

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5. As humans move around in their environment, they have the impression that their perception of object locations is stable, and that they can localise them both accurately and precisely. How do humans know where an object is in space? Do humans in fact have a stable perception of the location of objects in space (e.g. across movements)? Give examples to support your argument.

6. Dennis and Kintsch (2007) discuss 10 criteria for evaluating psychological theories. List these ten criteria providing a one or two sentence summary of each. Then choose 3 of these to expand upon giving examples of how they might apply in practice.

END OF EXAMINATION