



THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

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GENDER AND 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 TWO (2) QUESTIONS

1. According to Maggie Humm (1996),

Gender is a social construction that oppresses women more than men.

Include, in your discussion of this claim, consideration of the media depictions of men and women that were used to illustrate various points of argument in the Gender & Psychology course.

2. The 'Hurried Woman Syndrome' (HWS) has been described as follows:

"Mostly commonly found in mothers who live with the chronic stress of trying to fulfil many roles for many people, it is characterized by a set of chronic, physical, emotional and psychological symptoms. Most HWS sufferers are unaware that they have a clinically identified and treatable problem. With proper guidance, most sufferers can quickly reverse the symptoms."

Evaluate this type of psychological approach to identifying and treating problems that are typically experienced by women.

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3. The primary focus in psychological research on sex/gender has been on differences between women and men rather than on similarities.

Discuss some consequences of this research focus, illustrating your answer with consideration of some problems/issues in the real world.

4. Compare humanist and post-structuralist theories of the person.
Refer specifically to the concept of gender in your answer.

END OF EXAMINATION