



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES & EDUCATION

NHPS448:CONTEMPORARY CRITICAL PSYCHOLOGY

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper contains **TWO** sections (Section A and Section B).
2. Section A is **COMPULSORY**.
3. Answer **ANY TWO (2) questions** from Section B.
4. Start each question on a new page in your booklet.
5. Credit will be awarded for logical, systematic and neat presentation
6. Do not repeat material.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

INSTRUCTION: *Answer Question 1.*

Question 1

Contemporary Critical Psychology draws attention to social factors impacting on people that are sometimes ignored in other approaches emphasizing on contextual influences shaping a person's experiences and behaviour.

Describe how the following factors influence the understanding of behaviour:

- (a) Culture
- (b) Power
- (c) Social structure

[40 marks]

SECTION B

INSTRUCTION: *Answer ANY TWO (2) questions.*

Question 2

Africa has received a psychology that is alien and imposed (Nsamenang and Dawes (1998)). To what extent does Contemporary Critical Psychology explore and address this assertion?

[30 marks]

Question 3

Identify one critical social issue in your life. Critique the beliefs you had about understanding who you are, your connection to psychology, and what stands out and connects with your values and interests.

[30 marks]

Question 4

Research in psychology is conducted primarily for the sake of achieving a more detailed and accurate understanding of human behavior. To what extent does research achieve its objective of predicting human behavior with accuracy

[30 marks]

Question 5

Cognitive psychology is accused of developing a somewhat mechanical model of the mind. How do the themes in cognitive psychology confirm or disapprove this assertion?

[30 marks]

END OF PAPER

