Gratia Christian College
宏恩基督教學院

Examination

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Date:	23/12/2025 (Tue)
Time:	2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Time Allowed:	3 Hours
Weighting:	40% of the Overall Marks

Student ID: _____

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Instructions to candidates:

1. This question paper contains three sections: Session A – Multiple Choice Questions, Section B – Short Questions, and Section C – Long Questions.

2. Answer ALL questions in Sections A and B. In Section C, answer ONE compulsory question and choose ONE out of the remaining four questions to answer.

3. Answers for Sections A to C should be written in the answer book provided using a black or blue pen.

4. This paper carries 100 marks which are allocated to each part as indicated.

5. You are allowed to bring two A4 sheets of paper with handwritten/printed notes for the entire examination. The invigilators have the right to check these papers. If any unauthorized materials or aids are found on a candidate during the examination, the candidate will be subject to disciplinary action.

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Section B: 4 Short Questions (30 marks)
Answer ALL questions.

Q1. Identify the four components of B. F. Skinner's Operant Conditioning and provide an example to illustrate each one. (8 marks)

Q2. Elaborate on Aristotle's three principles of association and provide a brief example for each (7 marks)

Q3. Describe the procedure of Albert Bandura's Bobo Doll experiment and discuss its significance in explaining how children learn aggression. (8 marks)

Q4. A child repeatedly observes their mom using an iPad to play cartoons. One day, the child picks up the iPad, turns it on, and navigates to their favourite show without any direct instruction. Justify how this scenario demonstrates the concept of latent learning. (7 marks)

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Section C: 2 Long Questions (40 marks)
Answer the compulsory question AND choose ONE out of the remaining four questions to answer. (20 marks each)

1. Compulsory question (20 marks)

Case Scenario

Peter is a Chinese young man with Dyskinetic Cerebral Palsy. For the first 18 years of his life, he was primarily cared for by a nanny. During this time, he struggled with a negative self-image and feelings of loneliness. He also faces challenges with fine motor skills, such as holding chopsticks, bowls, and pens. He attended a special education school where he received physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy. A reward system is used in his learning programs.

Peter is actively training to live independently, learning skills like grocery shopping, walking, and swimming. He is also developing his social skills with peers and enjoys participating in sightseeing tours, both of which are integral parts of his learning process. He receives some support from his parents, but mostly from his nanny and teachers. His religious faith is a cornerstone of his coping strategy. When he felt low or exhausted, he would cry and pray in the washroom, feeling comforted by God. A particular hymn *When I Come to a Point of Exhaustion*, strengthens him during difficult times.

He reflects on the positive qualities of his nanny—her diligence, perseverance, and altruism—as a model for his own life. Now, Peter has begun to give back to his community. He visits the elderly, has gone on a short-term mission trip, and shares his experiences at his church.

Through his perseverance, he achieved his dream of earning his diploma, despite not achieving his ideal results on the DSE examination. He reflected, "While my academic progress may be slower than that of my peers, the experience of college life, the study of psychology, and my involvement in the student union have taught me more than I ever imagined."

(a) Using details from Peter's experience, analyse how specific learning theories have contributed to his positive development and the fulfillment of his dreams? (10 marks)
(b) Discuss how the cultural values reflected in Peter's story might be viewed or supported within your own cultural context. (10 marks)

2. Choose ONE out of the four questions below (20 marks)

Q1. You have just bought a new dog. Outline a step-by-step plan, using the principles of shaping to teach your dog to jump over a bar. (20 marks)

Q2. Compare and contrast the experimental methods and key findings of Edward Thorndike and B. F. Skinner in the development of operant conditioning. (20 marks)

Q3. Describe and critically evaluate several major theories of imitation, discussing their respective strengths and weaknesses. (20 marks)

Q4. Drawing upon principles of memory, explain why multiple eyewitnesses to the same incident might provide conflicting accounts of what actually happened. (20 marks)

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