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PSYCHIATRY
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Time Allowed: Three hours
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ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS ONLY

QUESTIONS 1 & 2 ARE COMPULSORY

- Q1. What is cognitive behaviour therapy? In your answer give a description of its therapeutic basis listing four psychiatric conditions in which it is used. Describe one of these in detail and outline the typical CBT treatment for it.
- Q2. You are a general practitioner. You assess a 43 year old woman who is feeling depressed and tired.
- (a) Describe how you would determine whether she is suffering from a depressive episode.
 - (b) How would you determine the severity of the depressive episode?

ANSWER TWO OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS

- Q3. Give a brief description of the benefits and side-effects of the following medications in the treatment of schizophrenia. How do they work? In each instance specify another condition for which they may be used in treatment.
- (a) Chlorpromazine (Largactil)
 - (b) Clozapine (Clozaril)
 - (c) Risperidone (Risperdal)
 - (d) Olanzapine (Zyprexa)
- Q4. For each of the following, provide (i) a definition and (ii) a short note on its clinical significance
- (a) flight of ideas
 - (b) panic attack
 - (c) disorientation
 - (d) third person auditory hallucinations
- Q5. A 28 year old woman has recently presented with a second hypomanic episode. You have decided to commence her on Lithium treatment. What particular enquiries and investigations would you carry out and what advice would you give her regarding Lithium usage?

PLEASE USE SEPARATE ANSWER BOOK FOR QUESTION 6.

- Q6. A ten year old child presents at the clinic, as his doctor is concerned that he has Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Describe the typical features of this condition and discuss how you would investigate and treat it.