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PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES AND VISITING STUDENTS
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PS215 Personality & Individual Differences (5 ECTS)

Time allowed: Two hours

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*Candidates are required to answer **two** of the following questions.*

1. What is the trait approach to personality? Compare and contrast two of the major trait based theories of personality.
2. 'The concept of temperament refers to any moderately stable, differentiating emotional or behavioural quality whose appearance in childhood is influenced by inherited biology, including differences in brain neurochemistry'. Describe some of the empirical approaches to the study of temperament that have been made over the course of the twentieth century.
3. Carl Rogers' theory of personality gives attention to the concept of the self and experiences related to the self. Amplify this statement.
4. In contemporary psychoanalysis, personality development involves not just regulating sexual and aggressive feelings but also moving from an immature socially dependent way of relating to others to a mature, independent relationship style. Discuss.
5. Describe two of the following topics:
 - (i) Twin Studies.
 - (ii) Sheldon's Somatotypes.
 - (iii) Adler's Theory of the Inferiority Complex.
 - (iv) Kelly's Repertory Grid.