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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:-

M.Sc.

M.Sc. Ageing and Mental Health: Paper 1

COURSE CODE : AGMH1002

DATE : 09-JUN-03

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

MSc in Ageing and Mental Health

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Instructions

Answer all THREE sections. You must answer one question from sections 1 and 2 and five questions out of 8 from section 3

Please start a new page for each section.

Section 1: The ageing mind & brain

1. Critically evaluate the claim that since the 19th Century the history of health care in Britain has been one of marginalisation of the older patient
2. 'Ageing is bad for your mental health' outline the case for and against this statement drawing your arguments from the psychological, social and biological literature

Section 2: Mental disorder in older people

1. Critically appraise the statement "the use of the term 'vascular dementia' as a diagnostic entity is unhelpful and may even be obsolete".
2. Outline the arguments for and against classifying the paranoid disorders in old age as schizophrenia

Section 3: Research methods

Write short notes on 5 of the following 8 topics in research methodology

Focus groups
Normal distribution
Confidence intervals
Evidence based practice
Questionnaire design
Validity
Prevalence
Case control studies

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