

PSYCHOLOGY
Subject Code – 037
Class-XII (2025-26)

Psychology is introduced as an elective subject at the higher secondary level in school education. As a field, Psychology focuses on understanding human experiences, behaviors, and mental processes within a specific social, cultural, and historical context. This course aims to create interest and familiarize students with fundamental concepts, theories, and methods in Psychology.

The course encourages students to analyze behavior and mental processes. Students will learn to evaluate evidence and challenge assumptions, thereby developing critical thinking skills that are valuable in any field of study or career.

The course emphasizes the role of socio-cultural factors in behavior, helping students appreciate diversity and sensitivity that prepares them to be inclusive and empathetic global citizens.

It is recommended that teaching methods actively engage students, helping them develop their own understanding. To achieve this, the teaching learning processes should incorporate case studies, personal narratives, experiential exercises, and reflections on everyday experiences.

Objectives:

- To help students understand the nature of psychological knowledge and its relevance to different aspects of life.
- To encourage students to be observant, socially aware, and reflective.
- To reduce stigma and increase awareness of psychological well-being by educating students about mental health.
- To help students understand their own thoughts, emotions and behaviors fostering personal growth and resilience, preparing them to become responsible global members of society.

COURSE STRUCTURE
CLASS XII (2025-2026)
Theory Paper

Time : 3 Hours

Marks: 70

Units	Topics	Marks
I	Variations in Psychological Attributes	13
II	Self and Personality	13
III	Meeting Life Challenges	9
IV	Psychological Disorders	12
V	Therapeutic Approaches	9
VI	Attitude and Social Cognition	8
VII	Social Influence and Group Processes	6
	Total	70

COURSE CONTENT

Unit I	Variations in Psychological Attributes <i>The topics in this unit are:</i> 1. Introduction 2. Individual Differences in Human Functioning 3. Assessment of Psychological Attributes 4. Intelligence 5. Psychometric Theories of Intelligence, Information Processing Theory: Planning, Attention-arousal and Simultaneous successive Model of Intelligence, Triarchic Theory of Intelligence; Theory of Multiple Intelligences. 6. Individual Differences in Intelligence 7. Culture and Intelligence 8. Emotional Intelligence 9. Special Abilities: Aptitude: Nature and Measurement 10. Creativity
Unit II	Self and Personality <i>The topics in this unit are:</i> 1. Introduction 2. Self and Personality 3. Concept of Self 4. Cognitive and Behavioural aspects of Self 5. Culture and Self 6. Concept of Personality 7. Major Approaches to the Study of Personality

	• Type Approaches • Trait Approaches • Psychodynamic Approach and Post Freudian Approaches • Behavioural Approach • Cultural Approach • Humanistic Approach 8. Assessment of Personality • Self-report Measures • Projective Techniques • Behavioural Analysis
Unit III	Meeting Life Challenges <i>The topics in this unit are:</i> 1. Introduction 2. Nature, Types and Sources of Stress 3. Effects of Stress on Psychological Functioning and Health • Stress and Health • General Adaptation Syndrome • Stress and Immune System • Lifestyle 4. Coping with Stress • Stress Management Techniques 5. Promoting Positive Health and Well-being • Life Skills • Positive Health
Unit IV	Psychological Disorders <i>The topics in this unit are:</i> 1. Introduction 2. Concepts of Abnormality and Psychological Disorders • Historical Background 3. Classification of Psychological Disorders 4. Factors Underlying Abnormal Behaviour 5. Major Psychological Disorders • Anxiety Disorders • Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders • Trauma-and Stressor-Related Disorders • Somatic Symptom and Related Disorders • Dissociative Disorders • Depressive Disorder • Bipolar and Related Disorders

	● Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders ● Neurodevelopmental Disorders ● Disruptive, Impulse-Control and Conduct Disorders ● Feeding and Eating Disorders ● Substance Related and Addictive Disorders
Unit V	Therapeutic Approaches <i>The topics in this unit are:</i> 1. Nature and Process of psychotherapy ● Therapeutic relationship 2. Types of Therapies ● Behaviour Therapy ● Cognitive Therapy ● Humanistic-Existential Therapy ● Alternative Therapies ● Factors contributing to healing in Psychotherapy ● Ethics in Psychotherapy 3. Rehabilitation of the Mentally Ill
Unit VI	Attitude and Social Cognition <i>The topics in this unit are:</i> 1. Introduction 2. Explaining Social Behaviour 3. Nature and Components of Attitudes 4. Attitude Formation and Change ● Attitude Formation ● Attitude Change ● Attitude-Behaviour Relationship 5. Prejudice and Discrimination 6. Strategies for Handling Prejudice
Unit VII	Social Influence and Group Processes <i>The topics in this unit are:</i> 1. Introduction 2. Nature and Formation of Groups 3. Type of Groups 4. Influence of Group on Individual Behaviour ● Social Loafing ● Group Polarisation

Practical**30 Marks**

- A. Development of case profile:
Using appropriate methods like interview, observation & psychological tests.
- B. Test administration:
Students are required to administer and interpret five psychological tests related to various psychological attributes like intelligence, aptitude, attitude, personality, etc.
- C. In the Practical examination, the student will be required to administer and interpret two psychological tests.

Distribution of Marks:

• Practical File and Case Profile	10 Marks
• Viva Voce (Case Profile & Two psychological tests)	05 Marks
• Two tests (5 marks for conducting the tests and 10 marks for reporting)	15 Marks
Total	30 Marks

QUESTION PAPER DESIGN
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I. Theory : 70 Marks

Time: 3 Hours		Maximum Marks: 70	
S. No.	Competencies	Total Marks	% Weightage
1	Remembering and Understanding: Exhibiting memory of previously learned material by recalling facts, terms, basic concepts, and answers; Demonstrating understanding of facts and ideas by organizing, comparing, translating, interpreting, giving descriptions and stating main ideas	35	50%
2	Applying: Solving problems to new situations by applying acquired knowledge, facts, techniques and rules in a different way	25	35%
3	Formulating, Analysing, Evaluating and Creating: Examining and breaking information into parts by identifying motives or causes; Making inferences and finding evidence to support generalizations; Presenting and defending opinions by making judgments about information, validity of	10	15%

	ideas, or quality of work based on a set of criteria; Compiling information together in a different way by combining elements in a new pattern or proposing alternative solutions		
	Total	70	100%

II. Practical: 30 Marks