St. Claret College

Autonomous, Bengaluru

PG END SEMESTER EXAMINATION-JULY/AUG 2025

M.Sc. PSYCHOLOGY SEMESTER II

MPY 2524: THORIES OF LEARNING

TIME: 3 hours.   **MAX. MARKS: 70**

This paper contains TWO printed pages and THREE parts
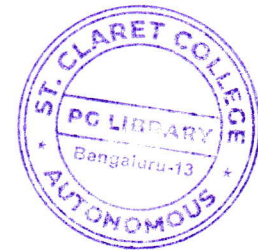
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1. Verify and ensure that the question paper is completely printed.
2. Any discrepancies or questions about the exam paper must be reported to the COE within 1 hour after the examination.
3. Students must check the course title and course code before answering the questions.

PART-A

Answer FOUR questions out of SIX. Each answer carries FIVE marks.   **[5x4 = 20]**

1. Explain any two major laws of learning with examples.

2. Explain the features of a scientific theory and its similarity with the learning theories.

3. Describe Harlow's concept of learning sets

4. Explain Hull's concept of habit strength.

5. Describe Tolman's concept of intervening variables.

6. Discuss the Gestalt approach to perception in learning

PART-B

Answer any TWO questions out of THREE. Each answer carries TEN marks.   **[10x2=20]**

7. Discuss the theories of Thorndike and Skinner, comparing their approaches and applications.

8. Explain the contributions of Drive Reduction theories in understanding motivation and learning.

9. Describe the nature, variables, and determinants of learning with suitable examples.

PART-C

Answer any TWO questions out of THREE. Each answer carries FIFTEEN marks   **[15X2=30]**

10. Critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of S-R theories. Discuss their relevance contemporary behavior therapy.

11. Evaluate two-factor theory and its applications in therapy settings.

12. Describe the Cognitive and Gestalt theories of learning. Highlight their implications in education and workplace settings.