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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
PSYCHOLOGY**

**PSYC 421: GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS**

**STREAMS: B. PSYCHOLOGY Y4S1**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 04/12/2018**

**11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer question 1 and any other 3 questions**
- **Do not write anything on the question paper.**

1. (a) Differentiate the following terms (4 marks)
    - (i) Gerontology
    - (ii) Geriatrics
  - (b) Explain the major concerns of the following gerontologists. (8 marks)
    - (i) Biogerontology
    - (ii) Geroscience
    - (iii) Sociogerontology
    - (iv) Psychogerontology
  - (c) Explain the role of health care practitioners in dealing with elderly people. (2 marks)
  - (d) Explain three ways in which age can influence political participation.(6 marks)
  - (e) According to Erik Erickson the late old age (65 years till death) is in stage of integrity versus despair in which the person finds meaning in memories or dissatisfaction. Discuss. (5 marks)
2. Getting older can bring serious health challenges. Discuss some of the common health issues faced by elderly people. (15 marks)

3. Discuss the following types/chapters of interests during old age. (15 marks)
- (i) Personal interests
  - (ii) Social interest
  - (iii) Recreational interest
  - (iv) Interest in memory
  - (v) Interest in clothes and appearances
4. (a) Robert Atchley a professor of gerontology developed a model that identifies six stages of retirement. Describe these stages . (10 marks)
- (b) Discuss some major developmental tasks facing elderly people. (5 marks)
5. (a) Discuss the following theories of ageing. (10 marks)
- (i) General imbalance theory
  - (ii) Genetics theory
  - (iii) Activity theory
  - (iv) Disengagement theory
  - (v) Age stratification theory
- (b) Explain a situation in which depending on culture ageing can be seen as undesirable. (5 marks)
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