

**PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (RCI-APPROVED)**

**ENTRANCE EXAM SYLLABUS**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>	<b>Marks</b>
1	<b>General Psychology</b>	Attention and perception; Learning theories; Memory systems and processes; Thinking, reasoning and problem solving; Emotion and motivation; Personality theories; Intelligence and creativity	10	6
2	<b>Biological Basis of Behaviour</b>	Structure and functions of neurons; Neural impulse and synaptic transmission; Neurotransmitters and neuromodulators; Structure and functions of the brain (cerebral cortex, limbic system, basal ganglia, brain stem); Central and Peripheral Nervous System; Neuroendocrine system; Neuroplasticity; Methods of physiological psychology (EEG, ERP, CT scan, MRI, fMRI, PET)	15	9
3	<b>Developmental Psychology</b>	Nature and principles of human development; Developmental milestones; Cognitive, emotional and social development; Major theories of development (psychoanalytic, behavioural and cognitive); Developmental disorders	8	5
4	<b>Social Psychology</b>	Nature and scope of social psychology; Social cognition; Attribution processes; Attitudes and attitude change; Social influence (conformity, compliance, obedience); Group dynamics and leadership; Aggression and prosocial behaviour	7	4
5	<b>Psychological Testing and Assessment</b>	Principles of psychological testing; Types of tests (objective, projective, neuropsychological); Test construction: item writing and item analysis; Reliability, validity and norms; Standardization procedures; Clinical interviewing; Behavioural observation; Ethical and cultural issues in psychological assessment	15	9
6	<b>Research Methodology and Statistics</b>	Meaning and purpose of research; Research design (experimental, quasi-experimental, correlational); Variables and operational definitions; Sampling techniques; Methods of data collection (observation, interview, questionnaire, case study); Ethics in research; Descriptive statistics (measures of central tendency and dispersion); Normal probability curve; Correlation and regression; Parametric and non-parametric tests; Basic experimental designs and interpretation of statistical findings	15	9

7	<b>Clinical Psychology</b>	Introduction to clinical psychology: definition, scope, history and professional roles; Classification of mental disorders (DSM-5 / ICD-11); Psychopathology of common mental disorders (anxiety disorders, mood disorders, psychotic disorders, personality disorders, substance use disorders); Etiology and risk factors; Clinical assessment methods (clinical interview, behavioural assessment, psychological testing); Psychotherapeutic approaches (Behaviour therapy, CBT, REBT, Person-centered therapy, Gestalt therapy, family therapy); Crisis intervention; Mental health promotion and prevention; Legal and ethical issues in clinical practice	30	18
		<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>60</b>

