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GENDER AND PSYCHOLOGY

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

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Time: 3 hours

(In addition, candidates are allowed ten minutes before the examination begins to read the paper.)

ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS

1. According to Garfinkel (1967), the universe of human beings in western culture is seen as 'naturally' divided into two, and only two, sexes – male and female. Discuss.
2. A number of studies, including Broverman et al's work in the 1970s, have demonstrated that psychotherapists generally share the same sex role biases as the rest of society. Discuss the implications of these findings for psychological theory, practice and training.
3. Gender theories can be considered as representations which either exaggerate or minimize male-female differences. Hare-Mustin & Marecek (1992) referred to the tendency to exaggerate differences as "alpha bias", and the tendency to minimize differences as "beta bias". Discuss.
4. Discuss different ways in which psychologists have approached the problem of eating disorders. Include, in your answer, consideration of the theoretical position underlying particular approaches.

END OF EXAMINATION