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**II Semester M.S.W. Degree (Reg./Sup.) Examination, June 2015  
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**MSW2C08 : ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

**PART – I**

Answer **all four** :

**(4x2)**

Choose the best answer :

1. Which of the following best describes the DSM ?
  - a) A complete guide to the origin, diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders
  - b) A work in progress that classifies mental disorders based on what is currently known
  - c) A fundamentally flawed collection of unfounded assumptions about mental disorders
  - d) An objective guide to diagnosing mental disorders
2. Practically speaking, "abnormal" behavior means
  - a) any behavior that is "away from the normal" and causes any distress
  - b) any behavior that causes the person distress
  - c) any behavior that causes us to consider our values
  - d) any behavior that deviates from the norms of the society in which the person lives
3. Comorbidity means
  - a) that a disorder is often fatal
  - b) that a person has two or more disorders
  - c) that a person has a more severe form of a disorder
  - d) that a person is unlikely to recover from the disorder
4. What does it mean if a disorder is said to be highly prevalent ?
  - a) It is common
  - b) It is not curable
  - c) It is treatable
  - d) It is contagious

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## PART – II

Answer **any four** :**(4×4)**

1. What is the DSM ?
2. Explain what a culture-specific syndrome is and provide an example of one.
3. Discuss some of the difficulties involved in attempting to define abnormal behavior.
4. Discuss the difference between prevalence and incidence with suitable examples.
5. What is mental health epidemiology ? How is it studied ?
6. What is the connection between 'abnormality' and 'insanity' ?

## PART – III

Answer **any two** :**(2×8)**

1. Explain in specific detail the types under anxiety disorder and its theoretical causes.
2. Elaborate on how 'abnormality' has been attempted to be defined ?
3. Is the cause of mental illness in the mind or in the body ? Substantiate your point.