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MODULE TITLE: Evolutionary Psychology

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<u>WRITING TIME: 2 Hours</u>	<u>READING TIME: 5 minutes</u>

INSTRUCTIONS: Candidates must answer ONE question from Section A and ONE question from Section B. Use a separate answer booklet for each question.

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Answer **ONE** question from **each section**.

Section A: General and Conceptual Issues

1. Provide a critical account of how and why evolutionary psychology was established as its own discipline and what distinguishes it from competing approaches to human behaviour.
2. Why aren't all psychologists evolutionary psychologists? Answer with reference to conceptual and historical issues in the discipline and provide a commentary on evolutionary psychology as a unifying framework for psychology.
3. What implications does an evolutionary approach to the mind have for models of cognitive architecture?

Section B: Topics in Evolutionary Psychology

4. What explanation have evolutionary psychologists provided for why there is a consistent difference between aggressive behaviours in males and females?
5. Why have evolutionary psychologists turned their attention to cultural phenomena, and in how does their approach differ to other approaches in psychology and social science more generally?
6. Cooperation and collaboration are often said to be central to the success of homo sapiens as a species. Why? Answer with reference to theory and research in the evolutionary sciences.
7. Explain the trade-off between "direct benefits" and "indirect benefits" as it relates to female mate choice.
8. Humans (generally) practice social monogamy, but this is not the only mating system. Explain the types of ecological conditions that may give rise to other mating systems. Where appropriate, give reference to non-human primate species in your response.

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