ST MARY’S UNIVERSITY

TWICKENHAM, LONDON

BSc Degree Examination students registered for

Level **FIVE**

Title: The Social Brain

Code: PSY5008

Semester: One

Date: **January 9th 2019**

Time: **9:30 – 11:30AM**

TIME ALLOWED: two hours

Answer **TWO** questions; the compulsory question in section A and **ONE** additional question of your choice from section B. Please use a separate answer booklet for each question. Please use separate booklets for each question.

**Section A:** Compulsory question

1. Critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of social neuroscience in explaining the construct of personality.

**Section B:** Answer one question

1. ‘Mirror neurons are the most over-hyped concept in neuroscience.’ Critically evaluate this statement using evidence from social neuroscience about how we understand others.
2. Critically evaluate how processing socially relevant stimuli such as faces and bodies leads to empathy and pro-social behaviour.
3. Critically evaluate the evidence to determine whether intergroup conflict can be explained by specific processes in the brain.
4. Critically evaluate how the social brain develops and consider how behaviour related to social cognition changes during adolescence.

**END OF EXAMINATION**