**ST MARY’S UNIVERSITY**

**TWICKENHAM, LONDON**

BA/BSc/BAITT students registered for

Level **FIVE**

Title**: The Social Brain**

Code: **PSY5008/PSY5012**

Semester: **One**

Date: **13th** **January, 2020**

Time: **9:30am – 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.

**Section A:** Compulsory question

1. Using evidence from social neuroscience, critically evaluate how someone’s personality can influence their social abilities.

**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. Using evidence from social neuroscience, critically evaluate how people make decisions in a social context.
4. Discuss how the social brain develops and critically evaluate how behaviour related to social cognition changes during adolescence.

**END OF EXAMINATION**