INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS TAKING THE “HOT TOPIC” PORTION
OF THE GENERAL COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION (7-26-06)

*** The narrative answer to this question must be typewritten and fit on an absolute maximum of 10 printed, double-spaced pages using font 12 and 1 inch margins on 4 sides of each page. (One or more pages of references can be in addition to the 10 pages.)

*** The author should only be identified by the last four digits of his or her Social Security number. Please do not print your name on any pages.

*** The pages should be numbered on each page and securely fastened together.

*** NOTE. Before you pick up this question, you will be able to consult any written or electronic source relating to the topic and discuss it with any others. However, once you pick up the actual question, you are prohibited from talking to anyone else about it.

Enclosed in your packet are several important items:

Integrity Statement - Please fill out and sign this form and enclose it in the folder to be handed in with your Hot Topic answer.

Your temporary Parking Permit for Lot 54 for General Comps (August 7 & 8) and Clinical Comps (August 17 & 18).

The Hot Topic Question – Please return to Sylvia Krieger after 9:00am and no later than 4:00pm on July 31st. There will be no exceptions made for the return date.
1) Briefly describe psychological, organizational, and community factors that might have contributed to the human toll brought on by Hurricane Katrina.

2) What were the possible roles of organizational, clinical, or school psychology (choose one) in helping after Katrina?

3) In your role as an organizational, clinical, or school psychologist (choose one), what would you advise leadership if you were asked to consult to prevent future breakdowns?

4A) What evidence exists for your recommendations in #3?

4B) What evidence would you want and how would you plan for such evidence?

NOTE: In their answers, it is expected that clinical students are likely to emphasize individual-level, psychopathology-oriented topics; school students, school-based topics; and organizational students, organizational-level issues. However, all students are expected to include in their answers attention to both individual clinical issues (e.g., PTSD responses to trauma) and systemic issues (e.g., issues of race and gender, and issues of organizational responses to the disaster).
INTEGRITY STATEMENT

“HOT TOPIC” QUESTION

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME: __________________________________________

Concerning the “hot topic” question on the 2006 General Comprehensive Exam, I have neither given information to nor received information from others concerning this question, nor discussed this question with anyone.

I understand that the above sentence is clarified by the following: Before I picked up the Hot Topic question, I was able to consult any written source relating to the topic and discuss it with any others. However, once I picked up the actual question, I was not able to talk to anyone else about it.

PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME AND GIVE THE DATE

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