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A query was raised regarding the section pertaining to Module 4 on psychological disorders in the Intermediate Psychology Syllabus.

The following clarifications are to be noted following changes to the DSM.

f) Mood Disorders: Major Depressive Disorder and Bipolar Disorder

The section on Mood Disorders no longer includes Bipolar Disorder. Candidates are required to be familiar with Bipolar I disorder which is now listed as a separate disorder.

h) Schizophrenia

The subtypes of schizophrenia (i.e., paranoid, disorganized, catatonic, undifferentiated, and residual types) shall not be considered as part of the current syllabus content.

Questions in IM Psychology examinations shall reflect the above.