



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF
EDUCATION

ECT 860: DISTANCE EDUCATION

Date: SCHOOLBASED

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer QUESTION ONE and ANY OTHER TWO questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain your understanding of the following terms:
 - i. Mediated learning (2 marks)
 - ii. Psychology of the adult learner (2 marks)
 - iii. Situated learning (2 marks)
- b) Distinguish between:
 - i. Distance education and traditional education (4 marks)
 - ii. Distance learning and open learning (4 marks)
- c) Describe two (2) ways of classifying distance education (4 marks)
- d) Explain six (6) elements of distance education (6 marks)
- e) Discuss one major theory used in distance education (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the role of research in distance education (6 marks)
- b) Evaluate the role of distance education in socio-economic transformation in Kenya (7 marks)

QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the structures of distance education systems (8 marks)
- b) Analyze five (5) organizational strategies used in distance education in Kenya (12 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the major consideration made in writing for distance education (8 marks)
- b) Evaluate the major characteristics of four (4) learning technologies used in distance education (12 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (15 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the historical development of the distance education movement. (8 marks)
- b) Evaluate the future direction in the use of emerging technologies in distance education (12 marks)