



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2020/2021 academic year

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION

SECOND YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENTION)

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

EPS 200: DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

DATE: 26/3/2021

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question **ONE (1)** and Any Other **TWO (2)** in the answer booklet provided.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain why it is important for a prospective teacher to have knowledge of Developmental Psychology? (6 marks)
- b) Explain the key goals of Developmental Psychology as a discipline (4 marks)
- c) What are the underlying assumptions of Piaget's theory of cognitive development? (8 marks)
- d) Giving relevant examples, describe four principles of development (8 marks)
- e) What factors contributed to the emergency of developmental psychology as a scientific discipline? (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain **THREE (3)** theoretical approaches that explain how language is acquired in human beings. (6 marks)
- b) Discuss the factors that influence language development? (8 marks)
- c) Briefly outline language development during the adolescence stage (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Define the term personality (3 marks)
- b) Briefly explain the following three components of personality development as conceptualized by Sigmund Freud:
 - i. ID
 - ii. Ego
 - iii. Superego (9 marks)
- c) Cite and explain **FOUR (4)** defense mechanisms that you may use to cope with anxiety resulting from academic failure (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Define the term emotional attachment (3 marks)
- b) Explain the three types of emotional attachment that may develop between an infant and a care caretaker (6 marks)
- c) What are the implications of early childhood emotional attachment on later social development of the child? (7 marks)
- d) Explain the characteristics of emotional expression in Early Childhood (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Explain the following developmental problems/challenges of adolescence:

- a) Identity crisis
- b) Choice of friends
- c) Drug abuse
- d) Adolescent suicide
- e) Emotional problems